Christ seeking for a worker.
an ambassador for him
Script. Isaiah 6:1-8. Mt. 73
text v. 8 "Whom shall I 76
send and who will go for us?"
Ezekiel 22:30 "and I sought
for a man among them, that
should make up the hedge
and stand in the gap before
me for the land, that I should
not destroy it."

Intro.
Jesus was always seeking
to save that which was lost.
but He was also ever
seeking for those who would
be workers together with him in
seeking to save the lost.

I The need is so great. Matthew 9:37
It's hard to find good
workers.
Israel, a backsliden nation.
The voice of the Lord crying
God cries over the lost.
Jesus wept over city of Jerusalem
Ezekiel — without someone to stand
in the gap all would be lost

II a gap was left when Warren went away, Sherlene Clayton, ~~Damon and Brenda~~ now Sir Fortuney Byron Herbert

III Jesus said "The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."
Jesus said "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

IV We must be willing to go or stay, let us stand in the gap. and say Lord Here am I use me. at school, at work, in the church we are the light of the world.

Conclusion If we fail the souls will die without God.

The High Cost of Safety

Mark 9: 42-50 Mt 73

The strongest teaching on hell is to be found in the works of Jesus himself.

I The Offending Hand

V 43

Meaning a snare to you the hand represents the things you deem

Colored porter a close friend but leads you to sin

II. The Offending foot V 45

Illust. Chaplain going to stage show

Illust. father moving to another city to save son.

If we are tempted to go places that are wrong we should do something about it

III The Offending Eye.

v 4-7

1. The most precious part of the body must be plucked out rather than to go where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

The Holy Incense
(Prayer) MT. 1973

Psalm 141
V 2 "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice"
Intro. The whole world is particularly concerned about the use of forces, both old and new. Wind, water, light, heat, electricity, steam atomic but the greatest force is prayer. It is the only thing that man can use that will affect two worlds at the same time.
Illust. Moses, with flood at red sea.
Elijah at mount Carmel.
Daniel.
George Muller, fed 2000 children Bristol England.

Acts 12:1-12
Prayer of the church
for one of it's number
Peter. angel
Paul and Silas.
Earthquake.
Disciples - The place
was shaken.

David's prayer was
like Incense.
Illust. Incense, before being
used was pounded - ground to
pieces. God takes that
imperfect prayer dissects
it and makes it conform
to His perfect will, before
He answers it.

Incense takes fire to bring out the fragrance.
. prayer must have the Holy Spirit of God to bring it to heaven.

Illustr. at Clifton Springs Sanitorium New York.
no dancing, or cardplaying or fancy dressing.
Chapel holds 300. Doctors nurses and anyone else come every morning for prayer. and every evening.
Iron telling about the influence of the place.
I want this same thing.

Conclusion Prayer sweetens the air, makes companionship more enjoyable and lovely.
Prayer can change your life and mine

Dio Kingdom of influence.
Lest Esther. 4: 14. M.T. 73
"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
V. 16 If I perish I perish.
Into a beauty contest was held many years ago. An orphan girl won it. Her courage was just as great as her beauty.

~~Esther~~ Tell story of how Hadasah cousin of Mordecai the Jew came to be Queen.
~~Haman plotting to destroy~~ all the Jews because Mordecai would not bow to him.

I Esther realized her responsibility to God when Mordecai said "Think not that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews."

II In order to save ourselves we must care for others.

III Each of us have our little kingdom

1. Family, friends, neighbors.

Satisfied

Script Read: Ecclesiastes 1; Song. 2 3 3. M.t. 73
Text Psalm 17:15
"I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

I The things of Earth do not satisfy.
Illust. Cigarette ads.
Man from the cradle to the grave is seeking satisfaction.
Ans to prayer.

1. Pleasure is vanity
2. Laughter is mad
3. Riches are vain
4. Sermons and property useless
5. Honor Wisdom and strength
Acting on the word.
2. All who set their heart on this world have met with Bitter disapointment.
Example = Rich man.
3. The nature of the soul
Only God can satisfy the soul made by God.

II God has made provision for satisfaction in this life.

(a)

1 Pardon abundant - removing guilt.

2 Joy unspeakable - Joy of God's Presence.

3 life eternal - Security

4 Love everlasting - Love Genuine -

b. Only God can satisfy the conscience. Only the blood can avail.

c. Only God can satisfy the ~~heart~~ heart

the earth passes.

God Remains.

III Full Salvation cannot be realized till we awake with His likeness

1. We shall be like Him.

2. The Trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise.

3. 1 The the eye shall be satisfied.
2 The ear with hearing
3 the heart with loving

Are you a citizen of heaven or earth

What Will you do with Jesus.

Math: 27: 22.

Mt. 173

Pilate chose to please the people and let Him be crucified
Herod wanted to see a miracle

The Jews rejected Him because they were jealous of Him. and because they would not humble themselves
they got Him Crucified
they mocked Him. Soldiers mocked him
Committed unpardonable sin
The Disciples forsook Him for fear

Judas betrayed Him for money.

Peter Denied Him because he didn't want to be associated with Him.

Mary, and John stood by to cross.

Pilat was the judge
you are also a judge
What will you do with
Jesus.

youth for Christ.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7. 29 Oct. Mt. 73

V. 1 Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth.

Intro The importance of remembering God.
We often remember God on special occasions birthdays, anniversaries etc. Christmas

I Remember before bad habits have a grip on you Example, Mother

II Remember before your heart gets hard.

III Remember while you still have the beauty & strength to give. God Christ, Girl who wanted

to give her mother fresh
spring flowers

IV Remember while
there is yet time.
Behold now is the accepted
time today is the day
of salvation

V Remember because
Jesus called for the
children.
Suffer little children
to come unto me
forbid them not for of
such is the kingdom
of heaven

Borderland Christian

"Bring us not over Jordan"
Numbers. 32:5 MT 8-73
Script 32:1-5
Deu.
Reuben, Gad & half tribe of Manasseh,
two and One-half tribes
requested not to go over.

I A Strange Request.
A God's fate was Common
B God delivered them from
Egypt that he might bring
them in.
C. Thousands died from
of Unbelieving

II. A Shortsighted request
A thought more of cattle
than of Christ.
B Decided preferred
home to Christ.
Country of the Backsliders

III a selfish request.

A Semeses first
God gave them their
request but sent
leanness to their
soul.

B first to build
houses first to go
into Captivity.
far away from house
of God and spiritual
help.

1. Failure to go all the
way discourages
others. V. 7.

2. It endangers our children
lot.

3. It endangers our own
soul. He that saveth
his own life shall lose it

our choices should be
away from materialism
and toward a closer
walk with God.

Faithfulness M.T. 3-73

Script. 1 Co. 4:1-2. It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful

text Rev 2:10 c
"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Intro. One of the prime virtues of a strong character is faithfulness. It is of supreme value in the life of the individual, in home, in the church. It is better to be faithful than to be talented.

I We must be faithful to God.
A in Worship.
1 word
2 communion
3 praying
B. Stewardship.
1 time
2 talents
3 tithes offerings

C. Devotion.

II We must be faithful to others.

A Household of faith.

B. To outsiders.

1 Beyond it.

2 Love ye unite testify do good

3 not slothful in business.

III We must be faithful to ourselves.

A. Do not stumble over lives of others.

1. Not Jesus.

B. Do not depend on feeling alone

Christ. Moody tells of man who would not chop wood until he had perspired.

c. Do not wait to start until you have strength to go through.

1. Use what you have and God will renew your strength.

2. Illust. steam engine creates more power as it travels.

3. God promises to be with the faithful (Ps. 31:23) "The Lord preserveth the faithful"

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Danger of Denial.
Script John 18: 15-27
M.T. 4-1-73
Intro. Peter was a M.T. 5-76
sincere earnest Disciple
he never did anything half way.
When Jesus said: "you can't
follow me where I am going."
(13: 36) Peter said, "He would
lay down his life for His
sake" and meant it. But
Jesus knew Peter better than
Peter knew himself. "The
cock will not crow, till
you have denied me three times."
I. The cause of Denial.
a. Peter did risk his life
for his Master.
used sword in garden
b. He loved his Master enough
to follow to the high
priests house. John let
him in and he denied
the Lord three times.

II Consequences of Denial

3 gospels say he remembered Jesus words and wept bitterly. Friday and Saturday were dark days but on Sunday Jesus forgave him.

III The Cure of Denial

Pentecost made the difference. acts 15:8-9

He was able to face the Sanhedrin unafraid and accuse it members of crucifying Israel's Messiah

Acts. 4:8-12

Pentecost can make the difference in your life too

Three Great Mothers M.T.

Prov. 31:10 – Scripture May 73

M.T. 6-76

The Mother of Moses

Ex 2:3 And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

A Princess to be called the son of Pharaohs daughter

The Mother of Samuel

1 S. 2:19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

Point out desire for children, no desire for abortion here

The mother of Jesus,
Jn 19:25 Now there stood
by the cross of Jesus his mother

On looking Back. Mt. 6-73
Text "No man having put 74
his hand to the plow and
looking back, is fit for
the kingdom of God. - Luke 9:62.
Intro Jesus wants to test
his disciples.
One wants to go home
first and say goodby to
his friends
Plowing takes skill and
work. Illust.
I Some have been aroused
but midfurrow have stopped
some never to start again.
II Some surrender their religous
impressions because they
do not want to give up
their friends and comforts.
Illust Naoman's servin
maid

III Some want to take one more look at sin.
They give up special sins but go back to them.
The cigarette, the bottle cursing and profane language

IV Some want ease from spiritual anxiety.

V a vast number that look back never start again.
It is a serious thing to crucify the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame.

Pile of Stones Speaking.

Script. Joshua 4: 1-7 M.T. 673

Tomorrow is Memorial Day
What does it mean to us.

I Children of Israel wandered
40 years in the wilderness
crossing Jordan was
great victory.

II Memorial of stones
on the west side of Jordan
and in the midst of Jordan.

Memorials in this life.
Church altar
Family altar.

Memorial of Church attendance

Memorial of Lord.
Memorial of Compassion
We all are leaving memorials
in this life.

Memorials of faith
" " Courage.

My Pastor, Bro. Hunn
My Brother in Christ
Jesus

Paul's memorial.
I have fought a good
fight.

Freedom M.T. 7-73

Script Romans 6-18-23

text V 22 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto Holiness and the end everlasting life.

Galatians 5:1

Intro Freedom comes at a high price sometimes. The early signers of the Declaration of Independence led by John Hancock paid dearly for their Freedom. Patrick Henry said: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Nathan Hale

I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country

To keep this nation free
has been a struggle that has
cost thousands of lives
and untold suffering but
it has been worth it.
Emancipation Proclamation.

II Jesus made it possible
for us to be set free
It cost His life
He is still liberating
men and women today

III Keep free
A. Stand fast.

B Don't get into bondage
again.

C. It cost much for
our nation to be free
but it is worth it
It will cost to stay free in
Christ but it is worth it

Scripture Isaiah 35 Mt. 9-73
text V 8 Mt. 78-79
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and an highway shall be there
and a way, and it shall
be called The way of holiness;
Intro. God said, Le 11: 45, 1Pe 1:16
Be ye holy, for I am holy.

He 12:14 Follow peace with
all men and holiness, without
which no man shall see the
Lord. By Adam Clark.

Holiness defined. That state of
continual sanctification, that
life of purity and detachment
from the world and its lusts.
Straight is the gate and narrow is the
way that leadeth unto life and few there
be that find it
I Holiness is a way of the Lord
for. Paul said the joy of the Lord
Jesus, the joy of joy set before
Christ. The happiest people
I have ever known have been
those who were filled with
the Holy Spirit

Illust. Two great men of God. Cowper and Spurgeon. After a hard days serious work went out into the country for a holiday - built flowers and thanked God for laughter.

II Holiness is a way of faith. Heb. 11 Heros of Faith

Illust. Steven full of faith and the Holy Ghost

III a way of humility God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble. James 4:6

III Holiness is a way of purity. Matt 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

All fornication let it not once be named among you

IV This way leads to Glory.
V 10

V A way of faithfulness
Be thou faithfull unto death and I will give a Crown of life. Rev 2:10

1 Thess 4: 3,4 For this is the will of God even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.

The Big Cover-up MT. 74

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Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Intro. The Watergate Cover up. As only one of the efforts of men to try to hide wrong doing.

1. Adam and Eve hid themselves among the trees of the garden.

2 Cain was asked. "Where is thy brother" He said I know not. am I my brothers keeper.

3. Joseph's brothers

4. David's sin.

Conclusion

Ec 12:14 "For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Lu. 12:2.
For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed neither hid, that shall not be known.

Confession and forsaking is the only way.

Illust. women in bank
worker in a plant.

Blessed is the Man" by
Scripture Matt 5:1-16 P. 162
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The Book of Psalms begins with the words. "Blessed is the man." This is the keynote of the psalms and is a sense of the whole Bible

Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount Ch's 5-7 By saying. "Blessed are..." If we want God's blessing, we can find out here who it is that is blessed.

Verses 3-12 the Beatitude from the Latin word for blessed. There are 8 main beatitudes there give the basic teachings of what man should be to be pleasing God.

I V 3 "Blessed are the poor in Spirit"

A. Kingdom of heaven is

1. First step to God is a confession of Spiritual Poverty.

II "Blessed are they that mourn.
Weeping over sins and having
a Godly sorrow for them.

III "Blessed are the meek
V 5. Inherit the earth
True meekness is submission
to God's will, not demanding
our own rights.
Enjoy the good things so
much more.

IV Blessed are they that hunger
V 6 and thirst after Righteousness
For they shall be filled.

V "Blessed are the merciful
V 7.

VI "Blessed are the pure
in Heart
V 8.
Filled with the love
of God.

VII "Blessed are the Peacemakers
V 9 children of God
allow rain to fall on the
just and unjust

VIII "Blessed are the persecuted
V 10 "For righteousness sake.

The blessedness of Desiring God.

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Mach 5: 12

Text. V 6. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Intro. Hunger and thirst are the two strongest instincts of the physical body. a healthy person feels the need often for food and drink.

In the spiritual "as the hart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after thee O God.

How can this hunger and thirst be satisfied.

1. The sincere milk of the word.

Bread of life Jesus.
Listening to the word preached
study at home. Memorizing
scripture.

Prayer is nourishment
to the soul.

Praise is a satisfying
petition to the soul.
It is a good thing to give praise unto
the Lord. Thinking.
Pastor Thinking.

Phil 4:8
Finally, brethren, whatsoever
things are true, whatsoever
things are honest, whatsoever
things are just, whatsoever things
are pure, whatsoever things are
lovely, whatsoever things are
of good report; if there be
any virtue, and if there
be any praise, think on these
things

The Blessing of Giving

Text John 3:16 MT. 12-16-73 Long live of you best to the master

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at this season of the year giving of gifts is imposed every where in this country and in many other christian countries.

Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

without giving no true happiness can be achieved in this life

1. Prodigal Son. Home. children. mother and Dad sacrificing for us. Illust. Boy at Easter buying money for mothers watch.

2. Wise men presented to God Frankincense and myrrh.

3. Shepherds. fell down and worshipped him

4. Bible. says. "you should present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service" Rom. 12:1

"But the Lord looked on the Heart." I Samuel 16:7 MT74

How searching are the eyes of God.

Illust. Adam "Where art thou Elijah in a cave." What dost thou here.

Character is what God sees in you.

"Character is what a man is in the dark."

"What you wish you were that is your ideal. What people say you are that is your reputation. What you know you are. that is your Character

If you will not drink wine even at the table of an esteemed friend they say you are a fanatic. If you will not encourage a vile story they say you are a cold-blooded hypocrite. If you will not laugh at a profane funny story they say you are self-righteous. If you carry your Bible you are a Pharisee.

¶ To be an overcomer is real character in God's sight.

A mark or sign engraved on a plate of stone or metal is lasting.

The marks of a man or woman of God are

deep in the character
"To him that overcometh
I will give a white stone,
and in the stone a new name
written, which no man
knoweth save he which
receiveth it."

Character is not built
like a house but is
engraved deeply day
by day as time
goes by and determines
our usefulness to
God and others.

Co-Workers With God

Text 2 Cor. 6:1 326 ~~MT~~
1 Cor. 15:58 MT 74
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"We then as workers together with Him beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Because of the Resurrection of the Christian

Intro: Paul has more to say about Christian workers than any other N. Testament writer. He refers to ~~them~~ himself as a worker together with God.

Illust. a boy working in his fathers business until a sign in put up. Brown and son.

I motive of our Work.
1 Cor 10:31
"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."
A. Paul addresses slaves who had recently been converted.

II The manner of our work. Col 3:23
"Whatsoever ye do do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."
Paul tried to implore relationships between slaves and masters.
Work is the way of the Christian.

III The measure of our work.
A. Steadfast, immovable

Constant, firm - dependability

He does not work just when the boss is watching
He does not perform shoddy work.

Illust. Man instructed to build a house when finished given the key to it.

B. The workman's heart must be in his work.
not a clock watcher

C. A bounding
Illust. Working in fields. Early and late
reward. Going fishing

D. Not in vain
They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.
Daniel

Conclusion
How to do this work.
I can do all things through
Christ which strengthened
me. Philippians 4:13

SS Superintendent Bro. Frostner
. all.

Piano, Organ with Bro Bowman
P. 333 Wonderful Grace of
Jesus.
July 6
Call Him

The Go of the Gospel

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Script. Matt. 28:16-20

Text: V 19,20

Jesus, our example went in search for the lost. His mission was primalary to the Jews, the lost sheep of the house of Israel but he did not pass up the gentiles either. His main interest in them was to make disciples of them them send them out to tell the rest of the world.

Less than one-third of the world is evennomina Nominally Christian. And even with this overoptimistic statistic, the picture has been so globomy that experts have predicted that if population trends continue, by the year 2000 not one-third, but only one-firth of the world will call themselves Christian.

A consultation on the gospel and frontier peoples reported recently that there are 202 entire ethnic groups in Latin America among whom no missionaries, foreign or national, are at work. Thirty-five percent of Africa's people are unevangelized. But the most unevangelized contiment of all is Asia.

Korea, one of the most successful mission fields of the modern missionary monement, is still, by definition, "unevangelized." Only 10 to 13 percent of th the Korean people are Christian. What does that make the rest of Asia, Where almost half of all the world's people live but is only two percent Christian?

Korea may be stitistically unevangelized, but its church is growing at one of the fastest paces in the world, it doubles its membership every ten years four tives the population growth.

Don't let anyone tell you that the day of the missionary is over. It may be just beginning. New armies of Christians from Asia, Africa, and Latin America are rising to join in the work. One recent, partial count put the number of missionaries from these "mission field" countries at 3,400. A new dimension of mission is breaking out across the world

However there are still 35000 of us from North America alone. and the need is growing.

David Livingstone said, "Without Christ, not one step: with him, anywhere!" That's what the hope of the world, Jesus Christ, should mean to us.

The importance of the Truth
That our Lord Jesus is Coming
again. 127 MT. 74
I Thessalonians 1:9,10. I The 2:19
"For what is our hope, or joy,
or crown of rejoicing? are
not even ye in the presence of
our Lord Jesus Christ at his
coming."
Intro. The coming again of
our Lord ~~Jes~~ is mentioned more
times in the New Testament
than there are ch.
318 times in 260 ch.
One who made a life-long
study of the doctrine said it
occupies one in every 25 verses
from Matthew to Revelation.
also in the old Testament
by far the greater part of
the prediction concerning christ
in the Old Testament are
not connected, with His first
coming to die as an atoning
sacrifice, but with His second
coming to rule as King.

I God commands us to comfort one another 1 Thes 4:13-18.

A. Blessed Hope.

Titus 2:13 Paul says, "looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

and in II Peter 3:11 "Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat."

B. The last prayer in the Bible is also the cry of every intelligent Christian heart, "Amen; Come, Lord Jesus" Rev. 22:20.

II Unbelievers are waiting Him to Come.

II Pet. 3:3, 4. In the last days mockers shall come mocking, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming?

for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the Creation."

A. Illust. As a bride flirting with other men does not long for the return of her husband, so our attitude toward the coming again of Jesus Christ is a good index of our spiritual state.

III The fact that our Lord Jesus is coming again encourages us to be watchful, prayer, and abiding in Christ.

Jesus said "Therefore be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24: 44.

VS 45, 46. "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath set over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

B. A warning. Jesus speaks to his disciples Luke 21: 34-36 "Take heed to yourselves lest haply your heart be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that day

come on you suddenly as a
snare; for so shall it come upon
all that dwell on the face of
all the earth. But watch ye
every season making supplication,
that ye may prevail to escape
all these things that shall come
to pass, and to stand before
the Son of Man.

III Be looking. "Let your loins be
Luke 12: 35, 36. girded about," "and your lamps
burning; and be ye yourselves
like unto men looking for their
Lord when He shall return from
the marriage feast; that when
he cometh and knocketh, they
may straightway open unto him."
V. 36. A special blessing for
those "Whom the Lord when
He cometh shall find watching."
B. The Holy Spirit in Heb.
9: 28 tells us that "to them
that wait for Him," shall He
"appear a second time apart from
sin unto salvation."

Script Jeremiah 8: 18 9: 2

Sept 1 22 Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Into Balm was used as a healing oil in those days. Spiritual health is more important than physical health. An average of 22,000 people in the United States commit suicide. And estimated 75,000 persons between the age of 15 and 24 attempt. 4,000 succeed.

There is no peace saith my God to the wicked. They are like the troubled sea driven by the winds and tossed.

Israel had provoked God with
her graven images, and strange
vanities.

The disciples, with were
asked by Jesus. "Will ye also
go away?" Peter said,
"Lord, to whom shall we
go. Thou hast the words of
eternal life.

Love and peace the theme
of the day.

Jesus said peace I leave with
you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give
I unto you, let not your heart
be troubled, neither let it
be afraid.

The world is seeking today
as though there were no healing
in God.

Hoping after other Gods meditation
etc.

Jehovah Witnesses offer no hell fire.
Occults in Calif. more people in insane asylums

Jesus said Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.

Conclusion The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

ye shall seek me and find me
when ye have searched for me with
all your heart.

There is no peace saith my
God to the wicked.

The pathway of the just
is as a shining light that
shineth more and more
unto the perfect day.

Peace I leave with you
my peace I give unto you
let not your heart be
troubled neither let it be
afraid

Is there no balm in Gilead
is there no physician there.
Jeremiah 9

Come unto me all ye that
labor and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest.

The Joy of the Redeemed

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Jesiah 35:10

and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Coming home

overseas

Rev. Stanzin P. Heffline

Once a wreck on the Atlantic

twenty-two days drifting

with oars.

food being destroyed

no fire.

roped to mast

off New foundland coast

praise God from

from

The life abundant

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Script Reading. John 10: 9-11

1 Jn 5:12 "He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Intro. life is something only God can produce whether it be physical or spiritual

1 the mystery of human life

2 the mystery of spiritual life. Illust. Nicodemus

I Jesus come that we might have spiritual life.

A. Something dead is not of much value. The Soul is dead in sin and must be revived resurected.

II Jesus came to give abundant life

1. Physical life to be abundant depends on good health
a. nutritious food, Sunshine Physical Exercise.

2 Spiritual life depends upon certain rules for health.

A. Prayer - Pray without ceasing.

B. Godwork. - Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against God.

C. Praise. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

D. Witnessing. 'Go ye and teach all nations'! Ye are my witnesses.

E Love one another."

E Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord.

Conclusion: God wants us to have good health red blooded christians If we neglect our bodies we will suffer. If we neglect our soul we will suffer.

OLD TIME RELIGION

Feb. 76

Text: Jer. 6:16
"Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old path.
Eph. 2:20 "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

Introduction: Many do not know what is meant by old time religion, neither do they desire it.
It is the good way. Jesus said
Old time religion is:
I. An experiential religion. Way of Repentance and Confession of sin
Not a hope so or think so, But a know so religion
Illust. Isaih in the temple touched with a coal off the alter.
Paul on the road to Damascus
Brings joy and satisfaction

II. An Unworldly Religion.
Moses. Choosing rather to be among the people of God
Jesus Said Love not the World
Paul writing come out from among them and be yea seperate. Brings Curios ones

III. Is apposed to all false teaching and teachers.
Elijah and the 400 prophets of Baal.
II John 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.
IV. Old time religion meets with greatest op osition from those who have a form of godliness
Christ Paul and today.

V. It gives men a great concern for the lost. A passion for souls.
Moses.
Jeremiah, 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountan of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
Paul, Romans 9:3 "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

VI Way of Holiness and freedom from sin
Follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Saving our Families

Text Gen. 7:1 MT 74

I The conditions under which Noah lived

II Noah was just and righteous

III Noah had a family

III Noah was a preacher of righteousness. He preached and lived right.
If we would save our own we must work for others

IV His work was not accepted. But his family was saved.

V Come thou and all thy house God says God shut the door

IV Someday God will say come thou and all thy house. get on the gospel ship.

V The door will be shut.

VI flaming fire will sweep over the earth will part of your family be left behind. or will all be an unbroken circle around Gods throne.

Suffering for Others

Heb. 9:22 "Without the shedding of blood is no remission."

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Intro. Jesus Suffered for us.
the act of substitution is no novelty but comm.
Illust. men enduring.
to keep home of surgeons.
Salesmen going from door to door..
Mother with child. sick night that mother has sat up with that sufferer.
Mother. after raising a large family have only strength enough to die
Son gets on the wrong road. mother remembers every birth day. mother dies. My poor boy.
Men going to do battle Heart break rides, Iwo Jima for country. Substitution

Doctor —

Missionaries

Jesus. left heaven

Memorial Day Message

Luke 22:19 "This do in remembrance of me." MT 74

Intro. Memorial Day tomorrow was first started when two women place wilt flowers on the graves of both northern and Southern Soldiers Graves throughout the U.S. will be beautifully decorated.

Precious memories will flood the soul. bitter anguish of some hearts. life has never been the same since.

Not all have good memories

Not Not

I Remember Jesus.

1. His Concern
2. His Faithfulness
3. His compassion
4. His obedience
5. His love.

The shining way MT 74
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Prov. 4: 14-19

V 18 The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness."

1 John 1. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."

Intro. There are two ways mentioned here. The way of the just and the way of the wicked.

Light characterized the way of the just. Darkness the way of the wicked. The gloom of Communism.

wicked cast out into outer darkness

The light of the sun.
The light of the stars
The light of the light house.
The beacon light for airplane.
When Jesus comes
The people that sat in
darkness have seen a great
light. They that dwell in
the shadow of death. upon
them hath the light shown.
The nations of earth
are groping as a man in
the dark to find peace and
happiness. but are not
finding it. So it is with
men today outside of Christ
Illustr. Bro. Honey.

lives of saints
Steven.

Dawning of the
day.

Illust.
light in a window
when you are lost
follow it until you
are inside the house.

Walking on the Waves. P 293
Scripture Matt 14:28-33 MT. 74
Text V. 28

Intro: Life today is a bit "Wavy. Sometimes unstable, unsteady, like the rolling waves of the ocean
Can we make it across life's sea? Sometimes it seems we are walking on the water as Peter did.

I Peter's Faith.
The disciples were in the boat by the master's command. yet the winds were contrary.
A. Christian life sometimes not always easy.
It took great faith for Peter to say. Bid me to come to Thee.
Jesus said "He that believeth on me shall he do and greater works.

II Peter's Fear. V 30

as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus all was well. When he looked around he began to sink.

III Peter's Rescue. V 31.

Jesus was near.

He did not let him down when his faith was weak.

Confession of Sin Brings
Relief Morgantown 1-74

II Sam. 12, & 13 393

"And David said unto Nathan
I have sinned against the
Lord"
Like Samson "He wist not that the
Lord had departed from
him."
David's sin was a great
tragedy.
We see from this that it is possible
that a man of God
1 Can be blessed with so many
blessings that he feels nothing
should be denied him
Can truly know the Lord yet
2. Can sin in older life.
3 "Wherefore let him that
thinketh he standeth take
heed lest he fall (1 Cor
10:12)
4. Can forget his own sins
for a while. But sin
will find you out. "Be
sure your sin will find you
out," Num 32:23

5. Can hate the sins of others yet excuse his own guilt.

6. Can be shocked by the two edged sword of the word of God. "Thou art the man."

7. Can cause others to sin and be guilty of the same crime.

8. Can be forgiven of his sin and yet others who were involved may go to their grave without repenting.

9. Can cause a lowest of woes in others altho he himself is forgiven.

2 Sam 12:14 judgement on David's house. (2 Sam 12:10) ammon's murder, absalom's death as a rebel, adonijah's execution as a traitor.

amnon forced sister tamar.

10. Can cause the enemies of God to blaspheme Him because of his sin and cause others to lose confidence in God.

11 Can seek a new creature by receiving a new nature.
Ps 51: 2, 10

12 Can glorify God for his forgiveness and cause other sinners to be converted.
Ps 51: 13.

13. Can know a broken and a contrite heart God will not despise

14 ~~Can~~

Forgetting and Remembering.

Script. Philippians 3:13, 14

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Intro. In order to be a happy fruit bearing christian there are some things we must forget. Some things we must remember.

Forget

I Past mistakes and failures

A. Even God casts our sins in the sea of forgetfulness

B. Do not brood over your inabilities and inadequacies go on faith.

II Forget about what others will say and think

A. Even Jesus couldn't please the people.

III Forget about what others have said that hurt you you will only hurt more if you think about it.

Remember

I To look to Jesus in every time of need.
He said come unto me. Cast your burden on the Lord.

II Remember to prayed Study the word
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
Study to shew thyself approved unto God

III Remember to give thanks.

~~III~~ IV Remember others.
Love thy neighbor as thyself.

III. Remember the church.
Jesus suffered and died
for the church.

1. Remember to support the
church.
A. Prayers; talents, tithes
offerings, ~~&~~ attendance

B. Forsake not the assembling
of yourselves together

His name shall be called Wonderful
Scripture 9:6-7 MTI-74

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all the names given to Jesus have a deep significant meaning but this morning I am am thinking of the first name mentioned here. Wonderful

Down through the ages He has been wonderful

1. In the beginning was the word and the word was God, all things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men

II. The wonder of the incarnation what a wonder that he condescends to earth to be born as a baby.

3. The wise men wondered as they came following the marvelous star
4. Shepherd came in awe & wonder to the stable the night He was born
5. Learned men wondered in the temple
6. Men wondered at the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth
7. Mary wondered at his words and pondered them in her heart.
8. Miracles of healing, casting out devils, changing the hearts and lives of men and women everywhere.
9. At the cross the centurion said "truly this was the son of God"
10. The resurrection
11. The ascention

Conclusion
He is still the Wonderful
Jesus.

How Christians live
Script. Phil 1:27-30 ? 2644 Sermon
text R.S.V. "let your manner 74
of life be worthy of the
Gospel of Christ."

In 1611 KJV. a person's
Conversation was his whole
life and Conduct in word
action, and behaviour

1. Steadfastly "stand firm
in one spirit.
A Dependable.
1. not fickle
2 Constant.
a never wavering.
b Reliable.
B. Refusing retreat.
1 When hard.

C Firmly established in
Spirit.

II Unitedly. "With one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel"

A. Harmoniously.

1 Teamwork for goal

2 Goals of Christian

a United in love for Christ.

b United in bringing a person to Christ.

III Fearlessly, "and not frightened in anything V 28.

A Never give up.

1. Christianity exists because men fought on.

2. Struggle could not scare them off.

3. Defeat discouragement

4. Never abandon hope.

B. Christian is master of himself and of the situation because God is with him

Conclusion.

When Christianity first come to Philippi the people saw paul beaten and imprisoned for the faith. He was writing as a prisoner in Rome.

They recognized that any general chooses his best soldiers for his hardest tasks and that it is an honor to suffer something for Christ.

Story of the French oldest. soldier and young recruit. "Come Son." you and I will do something fine for France"

Paul says "The battle is on — let us do something fine for Christ.

a presence in the Darkness

Mark 6: 45-52 Song 372 Jesus is always there

Into life has its dark hours M.T. 1-74

but for the Christian there is a light in the darkness - Jesus. the light of the world.

I The light V 49

Jesus had just fed the 5,000 the people wanted to make him King He went to the hillside to pray alone. It was a crisis in His life, and he needed communion with His Father.

Disciples ship. Wind contrary 3 or 4 miles from shore about ½ way across the lake. rowing hard.

4th watch. 3 to 6 A.M.

saw Jesus walking on the water and were terrified.

II. The Sound (V 50)

"Immediately" Jesus came to their rescue - "He talked with them." - Comforted by His voice and words. "Be of good cheer; it is I be not afraid." means in the Greek. Be of good courage.

It takes courage to face life dark hours. But that courage comes when we realize that Christ is there with us!

III The Silence (V 51)

When Jesus climbed into the boat "the wind ceased!"

Jesus always comes to us in the dark, foreboding hours of life. But often we do not recognize Him at first.

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Text: Gen. 7:1.
And the Lord said unto Noah, come thou and all thy house into the ark.

about 4,300 years ago. A gracious invitation

Intro. God was about to send the flood on the wicked world; today we are facing the greatest crisis of the ages.

The dearest place on earth should be home

I. God desires that men should be saved by families.
A. home should be built on Godly principles
B. To have the whole family saved brings greatest joy and hapiness.
Illust. A sinking ship. Swiss family Robinson.
S Burning house. Illust. the family in livermor

II. It is the great responsibility of parents to see that the children are saved.
1. By giving God the preeminence in their lives and homes. When one allies with the Lord
2. By instructing their children; teaching them obedience, and setting a good example before them. when they walk by his way

LLL. Noah's family was saved by going into the ark.
1. The ark was the only refuge; if one of noah's sons had said "I'm not going in" or plenty of time," he would have been shut out and drowend. So today.
2. There was room for all so today, but there is no time to be lost,
3. There was safety for all not one was lost. God has done all, that all may be saved more He cannot do.

Hezekiah
man of God. Mt. 74
S. R. Isaiah 37-14-20

text
38:16 "O Lord by these things
men live, and in all these
things is the life of my spirit"

Intro. Began to Reign
25 years of age.
14 years later faced.
Sennacherib king of
Assyria.
Charged.
offered 2000 horses if
he would be able to put
riders on them
37-14 Laid the letter
of threats out before the
Lord.

v36-38. 185,000 killed
by an angel.

God honors those who
honor Him

Thanksgiving #31

Script Reading Psalm 103 Domicoming book 14

text V 2 Bless the Lord O MT

my soul and forget not 74

all his benefits.

Pilgrim

Illust Boy bringing home a loaf of bread. asked where he got it, "Baker, the flour miller, farmer, God.

Illust at Sheol. W hat make the wind blow.

So many blessings slip into our lives unnoticed like the snow flake, the dew drop.

Illust man in Sonora Calif. leading mule out up steep principal street. Stumbles over a large stone. find it is 25 lbs of Gold worth $12,800.

Pat of Gold Under Stone

Thankfulness does not
come from the pocket but
from the heart.

Blind preacher in scotland
Raised he had thanked God
for the rose but not the
thorn

Former
fowl in the storm
Gave thanks in the presence
of them all.

Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift

Mother's Day message.

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Prov: 31:10-31

R.R. 38

Into a Ruby is the most valuable of all gems. yet a virtuous woman is worth more.

Great men, may have had Great mothers.

Moses Mother.

Ex. 2.

Hid Moses 3 mo

refused to be called the son of Pharaohs daughter.

Hannah mother of Samuel.

I Sam. 1, 2 ch.

Mary Mother of Jesus.

a sword to pierce through her heart

Called Into Holiness

1 Thess 4:7 Mt. 7:5

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness - but unto Holiness.

Intro: God never asks the impossible
God wills it
God Demands it
be ye holy. Heb. 12:14 Follow peace with all men and Holiness without which no man shall see the Lord

I. Not called to Uncleanness.
many ways of being unclean.
A all comes from the heart
B you can judge your own heart by.
1. the kind of stories you read.
2. the programs the Radio or television
3. the company you keep.
4. the things you love.
C. not called sin in thought word and deed every day
1. any thing you love more than God
any one you love more than God
any way more than God's way
is spiritual fornication.

Called to Holiness.

A to make a complete surrender.
1. time, talents, wills
2. Only then will God make us holy.
B. To be used as God sees fit.
1 Our hearts made pure.
2. Our mind thinks pure thoughts

right motives

4 The root of bitterness spoken of. Strife and envy. Pride, jealousy, and most fits of anger.

5 It is a heart made perfect in love by the infilling of the Holy Spirit

6 before pentecost. Disciples would to do things by strife and envy. Call down fire from heaven, rebuke them. They follow[illegible] Who should be the great[illegible]

3 After they were filled with the Holy Spirit humble minded.

Character Building

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Text. Matt 12:35. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure ~~of the heart~~ bringeth forth evil things.

Introduction. The mind is like a bank. We cannot draw out what we have not put in. Every time we make a deposit of a good thought a good deed, a good attitude, we build upon balance in the good story.

I the mind is more than on the surface.
A like an iceberg. 7/8 is below the level of the water.
Much of the mind is in the unconscious state

II The deep mind must be cleared than you can begin to store up good things.

III It is possible to build up a good store from day to day. or an evil store.

Illust. Small boy at home cursing at a young girl.
Dirty stories at school.
Every evil thought if nurtured or wrong attitude doesn't just pass through the conscious mind, but goes down into the unconscious mind and lodges there. jealous, lustful or resentfulness drops down into the unconscious mind and lodges there. When a temptation or crisis comes it pushes itself upward to the conscious mind and emerges in outward action

When a seemingly good
man goes wrong, we say,
"How could he do it?"
the reason was that it was
there all the time and
just come to the surface.

III What are some of the
things that effect us.
our Books
our T.V. and Radio
Catch yourself humming
tunes.
fust, murder, unfaithfulness
adultry.

Church services, Bible Reading
Songs, Prayers, Messages.
Revivals, Camp meetings
Dr. Jong took his vacation
at camp meeting
Start your day with
thoughts of God and others
and the God of peace will
be with you.

The Christian Warfare.

Ephesians 6: 10 – 24 M.T. 79

Intro.
The christian life is a warfare.
We must strive to enter in.
Striving against sin.
Jesus Christ is the captain of our salvation. His leadership can be trusted

I Our Enemy

1. The Devil.
   a. Satan about seeking whom he may devour.
   (b) Sometimes as an angel of light. Camaflaged in the guise of a saint.
   c. Deceiver. accuser, liar,
2. The fallen angels.
   (a) 1/3 of angels.

3. Sinners, backsliders.

II God's side.
a Armor given.
1 the whole armor.
Illust. A minister of the Al. S. Helped with two.

B Go and get all the protection God has for you.

III Truth a protection - girdle
(a) "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

IV Breastplate of righteousness.
(a) Jesus blood will clean from all unrighteousness.

V Gospel shoes.

VII Shield of Faith (above all)
"This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith

2 Stop anything the devil has to throw at us.

VIII Helmet of Salvation.

IX Sword of the Spirit
the word of God.

1. Rom. 8. 28

Isa. 59: 19.
When the enemy comes like a flood.

1 Cor. 10: 13
There hath no temptation taken you.

Heb. 4. 15.
Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are.

X Prayer and Supplication.

Conclusion.

Paul said: I have fought a good fight I have finished my course I have kept the faith henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day and not to me only but to all that love his appearing.

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Cost of Desciplesship.

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Script. Luke 14: 25-33

Jesus had just told the story of the man who made a feast and on bought oxen, a piece of ground, married a wife.

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Hate here means that we should hate the things they do if they have evil way and try to keep us from following the Lord

Illust Boy who became a Christian and opposed by father

Illust Wife who sat in the car and followed him while husband preached.

Illust many a wife has been beaten for praying going to church etc.

Hating your evil self.

Just as he who "loseth his life in this world" really keeps it unto life eternal," so he who "hates" his friends really loves them with a deeper, more abiding, and more unselfish affection.

Here we see the need of entire sanctification which on our part is a complete surrender of self and entirely yielding ourself to him. V 33

At the last supper Jesus was facing the cross. The disciples were disputing about selfish greatness

after the resurrection Jesus
met Peter at the sea
shore the question 3 times
lovest thou me more
than these.

as we commemorate the
Lords supper let us
examine ourselves and
if we are not completly
yielded lets do it right
now and forever.

Rev. 17:14
and they that are with
him are called chosen and
faithful.

Luke 16:19-31

Do mission pay. P. 304 Mtd 75

Mt 28:19 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Mk. 16:15 and he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Lu. 24,47. and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem

Christ's last word of the Great commission was not preach but go. In Luke Jesus merely was only the beginning of the preaching of the gospel worldwide.

I Condition for effective work found in Jesus words "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. and ye

shall be witnesses unto me
both in Jerusalem, and in
all Judea and in Samaria, and
unto the uttermost part of
the earth.

I They were scattered abroad

II Paul's vision at Troas
Ac 16:9 and a vision appeared
to Paul in the night; There stood
a man of Macedonia, and prayed
him saying come over into
Macedonia and help us.

IV Church at Rome spread
Christianity to many nations
of the world.

England David Livingstone
R.R. story in Philipines
1934 Boys from Calif.
1941.
now 1974 5,615 av S S attendance
along about this time 1934
Bro. Soltara went to Mexico.
now 6 423 members, 587 baptized
1974.

We now have 218 full mission
our church had 139,355
members in 1974
men U.S. Canada and Br. Is.
94,635
gave $589,398 for missio
1974 $6.22 per mem o

In Korea 100 years ago
there were almost no
Christians in 1940 there
were 35,000 and today
there are 3,000,000

Christ coming
Mt. 24:14 and this gospel
of the kingdom shall be
preached in all the world
for a witness unto all
nations; and then shall
the end come.

We must go search for
the lost.

Double minded Christians

3 Script. Rom 7: 14 - 25
8: 6 - 9

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1 James 1: 8. "a doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways."

2 James 4: 8 "Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded

Intro This double-mindedness is the biggest problem among christians today there is the carnal mind that would do the will of the flesh and the spiritual mind that would do the will of God and holiness.

This sets the struggle of the converted person before he is sanctified Holy. If you won't to go on you can go on struggling but you can find deliverance R. 8: 1.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

There is a terrible conflict
Rom 7:19

V 22 Paul bursts forth with delight in the law of God.

There is a God who knows of my struggle and it is not his desire that I go on in this struggle

We need to become God conscious

Lane depend on I

Paul writing to the Cor. 1 Cor 3:1
and I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 Cor. 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Jesus prayer for His Disciples
John 17: 9, 17. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Carnal mind must be taken out.
Rom. 8: 6, 7 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritualy minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

Deliverance.

Traits of carnal mind.

1 Cor. 3:1-3 and I brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual but as unto carnal, even as babes in Christ.

V. 3 For ye are yet carnal for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and division are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

How to be delivered.

Rom 6:6 Old man crucified

V 18, 22

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God's Ladder

M.T. 79

Script. Genesis 28:10-22

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Intro The mayor of Cleveland Ohio wants the longest ladder in the world. The present record is eight stories high. He wants it in order to be able to rescue anyone who may be trapped high up. The people in early days on the south wanted a tower to reach to heaven. I often called Jacobs ladder but really God's ladder.

A How did it get there

1 Just as good as Esau
2. married heathen wives
3 worshiped idols
4. no time for God.

B. Every ladder I have seen has been raised up from the Earth by human effort.

C. This ladder come down. There is no way to build a self made ladder to heaven and God. Many have tried and failed.

II God still has his ladder

Jacob was alone only his staff. His sins had found him out. Hated by his brother

A God still sees the lonely despised person who is suffering because of their own wickedness and He still lets down his ladder.

III Jacob's attitude was fine.

A. He realized he needed to make some promises to God. He didn't deserve God's blessing. Repeating sin

1. He was greedy for gain and promised God a tenth

B. Jacob had a long ways to go before he could recieve the full blessing of God. Finally acknowledging his true nature.

IV God's Holy angels come to rescue.

at end poor beggar

God's Wonderful Cool

Script. Isaiah 40: 11 MT 75

"He shall feed his flock like 2 Cor 2:15
a shepherd: He shall gather
the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and shall gently lead those
that are with young."
Luke 12: 32 "Fear not, little
flock; for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you
the Kingdom."
John 10: 11 "I am the good
shepherd: the good shepherd
giveth his life for the sheep."
Ps. 23. "The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want.

Intro. Out on the hill sides
down in the valleys in
the land of Canaan were
the shepherds. They knew the
heat, cold, storms and with

the wild beasts were
the shepherds caring for there
sheep.
Night Jesus was born. Watching
over these flocks by night.
David had to fight a lion
and a bear.
Let us see how the Lord
watches over us. He never
slumbers or sleeps.

I The shepherd leads.
goes before
Jesus went the way before us.

II The shepherd seeks.
always seeks the best pasture
What is best for our soul.

III The shepherd cares for the
entire flock
Not our little flock

A. The lambs.
up in his arms the
children

B. Those that are with young.
Young mothers families,

C. Seeks the lost sheep.
feeds with love.

IV Protects from danger
Shepherd feeds his lefs for the sheep.
yea though I walk through
the valley of the shadow
of death I will fear
no evil for thou art
with me.
I won't have to cross Jordan
alone.
V Fear not little flock
I will give you the
kingdom.

Going Forward. M.T. 75

Script. Ex 14:13-15.

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.

I out of slavery

II In faith.

III Forsaking the world.
Follow after Holiness

IV obedience

Illust. Johnathan and arms bearer.
no protection of armour

Jesus said He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven.

Remember Lot's wife

Demas

Home of the Soul MT 75

Script John 14 : 1 - 3

text V 3 "I go to prepare a place for you"

In this life the it seems the most wonderful feeling is love, the most loving person is mother, the dearest place is home. Christ. Christ mother and Christ

But in the spiritual life God is above and beyond all this God so loved that he gave his son. Now he has gone to prepare an eternal home for us.

19 centuries he has been preparing a home for his bride the church. preparing a place for a prepared people.

We must prepare by being born again John 3 : 3 - 7

and a pure heart Matt 5:8
made so by the sanctifying
blood of Christ (Heb 10:29.
and the baptism of the
Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).
Crucifying the "Old man"
(Rom 6:6). and walking
in the way of holiness "For
without which no man
shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14)

Special Rewards.

1. Eternal immunity from sin
Glorification
2. A Robe of righteousness
Rev 6:11 White linen.
3. A crown of life Rev. 2:10
Death can never come.
4. A Crown of glory (II Pet 5:4)
one that fadeth not away.
5. Being in the personal presence
of the Lord.

I will grant to sit with me in my throne Rev. 3:21

6. Beautiful mansion John 14:2-3

7. Every necessary expense.

How we long for our eternal home. Homecoming - how glorious that will be. When the farmer has plowed his last furrow, and the dairyman has made his last round; the sailor tied his last rope knot and the engineer made his last run; when the housewife has prepared her last meal, and the nurse served her last weary day; when the factory worker has finished his last toilsome task, and the banker has cashed his last check, the mailman delivered his last letter, and the barber cut his last head of hair, the cobbler stitched on his last sole and the mechanic made his last repair; when the grocery man has sold his last

groceries and the customer
paid his last bill, the poor
man spent his last dollar
and the rich man made
his last will; when the
preacher his preached his
last sermon and the layman
prayed his last prayer, and
the last sweet anthem of
praise arises from the spirit
filled choir; when the works
and industries of earth are
silent and the records of
time are all in, and life's
busy wheels come to a
standstill and its troubles
and toils to an end; when
the work of God's chosen is
finished and their heartaches
and sorrows all over. What
a glorious home coming morning
when we start for the radiant
shore.

We leave for our eternal home in different ways.

1 In peace ful sleep.
2 From the battlefield
3 From a bed of pain
4 From stoning to death as stephen.
as moses dragged through the streets of Alexandria
as Jube hanged on a tree in Greece.
others burned at the stake
Jonas lay full of sees untill the angels carried him home.

Moses the man God Chose

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Script. Ex. 2 : 1 – 4

M.T. 75

Children we say are often the victim of circumstances. Population control not a new thing. Kill off the boys as soon as they are born.

I Moses mother did what she could.

II There came a time when she had to let him make his own choice.

III When he came to years he refused to be called the son of Pharaohs daughter choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

IV Moses had a lot to learn. Tried to deliver his people in the wrong way.

V Backside of the desert. away from the wealth and splendor of Egypt.

VI as a leader he depended on God. God a real concern for His people.

~~V Sinned by taking~~

VII God had the great honor of receiving the ten Commandments from God.

VI. Sinned. must we bring forth water out of the rock.

Confession. God still has a plan for your life. follow it.

More Blessed to Give than to receive.

Script: acts 20:32-38. M.T. 75

Text V 35. --- It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Intro. Paul set a great example of giving He refers to the example of Christ. Who for our sake he become poor that we through his poverty might be rich.

The world says the greatest thing is to get, christ says the greatest thing is to give. you cannot out give God. Give and it shall be given unto you

Illust. The classic story of Silas Marner.

Words of John Kennedy.
ask not what your country can do for you - but what can I do for my country

ask not what can my church do for me. But what can I do for my church.

I Giving is a sign of maturity
Babies cry give me give me give me.
must learn to give to others or be miserable.
Albert Princess who never laughed.

II Family life is a lot of giving.
husband, wife
give love, give home, give respect.

III Christian life
For God so loved that he gave.
1. First thing you must do is give yourself to Jesus.
2. Second surrender your whole life to him. Let the Holy Spirit fill you. cleansing you of self and give you power for service.

C. Find a life of service
1. Maybe as a missionary

Maybe as a minister
Maybe as a teacher
But all witnesses and sharing
with others.

Examples
a God so loved that He gave

Examples mother and afflicted child
Father and mother weeping wrapped
clothes to hold us children
Mother froze in the snow

What can I give Him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise man
I would do my part.
yet what can I give Him?
Give my heart

Our Lord's second
return
Scripture acts 1:1 11 Long P. 470 MT 75
Christ 1 11 infallible proofs
Introduction 40 days after
the resurrection being seen
by many people He ascended
into heaven in the sight of his
disciples. The promise return
will be faithfully kept.
Second Coming
Jesus Christ will
return
Let us look at some things
concerning this
I To be personal
The same Jesus
Spoken by angels

II Visible Day. "Behold he cometh
and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all
kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."
Rev. 1:7 "And then shall
they see the Son of man coming
in a cloud with power and
great glory."
Heb. 9:28 "So Christ was once
offered to bear the sins of many;
and unto them that look for him
shall he appear the second time
without sin unto salvation."

III Rising
Matt 24:27, 39 "For as the
lightning cometh out of the
east and shineth even unto
the west; so shall also the
coming of the Son of man be."
"But of that day and hour
knoweth no man, no not the angels
of heaven, but my Father only."

IV Be ready
Luke 12:40 "Be ye therefore ready
also: for the Son of man cometh
at an hour when ye think not."

The Saints in the Storms

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Acts 27:23
For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve

Intro What we can be and what we can have riding the storm.

V. 7 Sailed slowly many days.

V9. Sailing now dangerous.
a We can commit all to the Pilot

V14. not long a tempestous wind.

V20 all hope was taken away

276 on boat
May have been 4 saints on board

It took 20 strong men to open the gate when God got Peter out of jail.

Whose I am

Peace right in the storm.

365 fear not's in the Bible one for every day.

Divine preservation all on the ship saved because of Paul

When he saw the brethren
he took heart.
We need the touch of
others

The Sin of Ingratitude

Script Luke 17:11-19 Ev. 4 MT. 75

Intro What is the most inexcusable sin? The sin of ingratitude perhaps.

I Ten men in need.
Jesus heading toward Jerusalem for the last time. Lepers stood afar off as required by the law. Lev. 13: 45-46.
In desperate need
Calling loudly.

II Jesus called back. "Go show yourselves unto the priest" only the priests could pronounce them clean Lev. 13.
Obediently they started but as they went they were cleansed.
Obeying Jesus always brings blessing.

He healed them all

III Only One man Thankful
enough to express gratitude
with a loud voice glorified
God," Falling on his face at
Jesus feet.
a Samaritan
Jesus asked the question
Were there not ten cleansed?
Where are the 9?
a stranger, a foreigner,
are people outside the church
sometimes more grateful
The Samaritan received
an added blessing, "thy
faith hath made thee whole."
The verb literally means "has
saved you."
It may well be that Christ
saved his soul as well as
healed his body.

No one ever thanks God without receiving more for which to thank Him.

Conclusion

David in the Psalms said oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Be thankful unto Him
a bless His name.
offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Come before His presence with thanksgiving

Show thanks to your fellow men.

Testimonies show thanks

Easter Message MT. 1975

Scripture Text I Cor. 15:55–58 88

V57 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Intro. There is a saying "Death is on our tracks."

The Bible says "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after death the judgement."

When Christ came he fullfilled the prophecy. "The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light, they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

The light of the World is Jesus.

The two men on the way to Emaus said "We trusted that Jesus would have been he that would redeem Israel."

Darkness was on the earth when Jesus was dying rejected of men

Darkness comes upon every soul that rejects him.

When we reject the light of the world there is nothing left but darkness

When we reject the prince of peace. there is nothing left but war and trouble.

When Judas betraged him it was night

II Victory over death

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A World Without Christmas.
Script. Isaiah 9:2 - 7

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Intro. Would you like to live in a world without Christmas a world to which Christ had never come? What kind of world would it be? Let's turn back the pages of history about 2,000 years and see what kind of world it actually did come into.

I A World of Slaves.

3/5 of the world were slaves. bought and sold in the open market much like animals. a master could have up to 20,000 slaves.

Jesus came to set the captive free. all men are bound by sin. (1 John 8:33). "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" is the good news brought in by the christian era.

II In non-Christian countries man enjoys very little individual freedom. Slaves of the state.
Illust. Visitors in Moscow see little joy. sad faces

III Freedom from fear

In totalitarian governments the individual has no voice in the government. Only one candidate to vote for.
Under atheistic communism such as we will, we can find only slaves.

IV Freedom from the greatest slavery.

Have you ever heard anybody testify, "Once I was a slave to drink, or drugs, or gambling or any other addiction until I got a college education, or government subsidy, or a lottery prize, or a girlfriend or boyfriend, Then I acquired peace and joy of heart."

Only christ can do this He can transform sinners into saints. Beauty for ashes.
Illust. Lib pure out of a sows ear

Illust. Jewish man sent to Puerto Rico. found dirtiest city, a real hell. 2 years latter went back and found houses and streets perfectly clean and taverns gone out of existence. He went and found the missionary and gave him a generous gift.

III Rights of Children.
Herod with a single decree killed all the infants of Bethlehem.
Jesus said. Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

IV Christ and Women.
In Muslem and Non-Christian Countries. She does not have a will of her own. Marriage is nothing more than merchandising of flesh.
The Coming of Christ did so much for women. Perhaps this is the reason more women are christians than men.
Women first at the tomb.
But at the cross.

To show what God is like.

VI One day Philip said to Christ "Lord, show us the Father, Christ answer: "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip, he that hath seen me hath seen the Father (John 14:8, 9).

Christs coming was to show us Gods personal love and unlimited interest, showing love a compassion. gave all.

VII No Christ, No Hope.

No stable of Bethelehem
no Calvary, no empty tomb.
no risen Christ, no hope of eternal life, no reunion with loved ones who have died in the faith, no new birth, no transforming of a sinner to a saint.

a World without Christmas is a world without hope.

The Blessing of Purity

Math 5:1-12 Mt 1-7

Text V 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

Many stories have been told of fiery Dragons that troubled a land of ugly monsters that must be destroyed before the sweetness of peace and safety could come.

I The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.
The lion of passion.
The serpent of envy.
The fox of deceit.
The monster of pride
Dr. Jekyll and mister Hyde.

II Purity of the Gold.
The diamond.
The pearl.
What we want is the Real thing

the Snow. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.
Tho your sins be as scarlet.

It God only can make us pure.

I Tim 5:22
"Keep thy self pure"!

If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

The children for be careful little eyes there a Father up above that is looking down in love. So be careful little eyes what you see

When there is something wrong
with any part of the body
the whole body suffers.
The body tries to make
the best of it.

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" Prov. 15:3

THE EYES OF THE LORD

MT 1-95

Text: II Chron 16:9 The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong.

Intro. We sometimes think God only sees the evil with His eye. But God uses his eyes for other things as well.

To Strengthen.

To direst Psalm 32:8 "I will guide thee with Mine eye"

To Deliver "Behold the wye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him . . . to deliver" Psalm 33:18,19.

To protect Psalm 34:15. "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous".

To heal. "He saw his wife's mother laid . . . He touched her hand and the fever left her" Matt. 8:14,15.

To provide. Matt 9:36 "when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them"

To Comfort. Luke 7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her". Her only son raised to life.

To commend Luke 21:1,2. "He saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites"

To Lament Luke 19:41:"When He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it"

GOD'S PROVISION FOR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION 2-75

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Text: I THessalonians 5:23,24. "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. "

Introduction Nowhere in the New Testament is there any suggesti n that a believer must harbor sin in his heart and life as long as he lives. Rather, The whole New Testament rings with a sense of freedom from sin." Fallen man is completely redeemable, and sphere of this victory over sin is the present life. GodIs initiative in sending His Son to this world, and in Baptizing the church with the Holy Spirit, guarantees the possibility of full salvation. The full redemption of man is more than a patching up process. It is a complete deliverance ffom the guilt of sins committed and the power of inbred sin.

THE MAKING OF THE PROMISE

Luke i:73-75

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham. That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Holiness is not an afterthought, a new religious theory, but it has always been part of God's plan for man.

<u>All the days of our life.</u>

THE Instrument of the Promise

Mathew 3: 11-12.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner, but he will burn up the chaff with unguenchable fire.

The emblem of fire speaks of the cleansing of the old nature. purging never means forgiveness. It signifies separation of the chaff from the wheat of the impure from the pure.

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE THE SACRIFICE OF THE SON.
Ephesians 5:25-27
Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT
John 14:16-17,26
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. . . But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, what soever I have said unto you.

Dwellteh with you, and shall be in you.
Teach you all things, and bring all things to you remembrance.

THE CERTAINTY OF THE PROMISE, THE WILL OF GOD

I Thess: 4: 3, 7-8 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication. . . For God hath not called us unto uncleaness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

The Thessalonian Christians lived in the midst of gross paganism, Sesual immorality was not a matter of shame. Polygamy was the rule. Prostitution was often tied in with religious practices. Paul made it clear that God does not condone sin at all.

It is God's will just as it is God's will for the earth to revolve around the sun. God hath called us unto Holiness, It is His command and not to be despised, for he that despisth, despiseth not man, but God.

The world's estimate of religion is Holiness. Men of the world expect that a Christian man shall be free from little tricks of gain and all crooked ways of fusiness. They expect, and rightly, that the Christian should be more gentle and patient and generous than he who does not profess to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD
I Thess 5: 23-24

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

The Thessalonians already have the peace of forgiveness. Now Paul prays that God may finish His wor by sanctifying them each wholly.

God is faithful.

Illust. Mrs Phoebe Palmer and her husband were pione reachers in the holiness movement of this country. Al though converted at an early age, her realization of God's full provision was not satisfied until sometime later. Determined to seek until she found, she gathered a few friends together to pray for her own sanctification. Her unforgettable experience is related in her hymn "The Cleansing Wave."

I see the new creation rise.
I hear the speaking blood;
It speaks! polluted nature dies
Sinks 'neath the crimson flood.

The landmarks of life.

Prov. 22: 17-29 Long. 299

Text: V 28 Remove not the 7-75
ancient landmark, which thy
fathers have set.

Intro St. Paul's cathedral designed
by Christopher Wren after the fire
of 1666. untouched ~~with~~ Hitler
bombs more than a decade
ago.

Landmarks are essential in this
life. also in the spiritual
life.

1. One ancient landmark
is that of a good conscience.

1 Tim 1 9. "holding faith and
a good conscience; which
some having put away
concerning faith have made
shipwreck"

If you have not a good
conscience you are like
the troubled sea, no peace
great peace have they which love thy
Lord and nothing

II another good landmark.

Exod. 20: 8 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy".

This day is in danger of being removed.

III Then there is the landmark of pure and simple honesty.

"Everybody does it" and devotion

"Illust. Three Hebrew children everyone bowed down to the golden image.

But they were right.

IV landmark of modesty

God clothed Adam and Eve.

Ham the son of Noah was cursed when he looked upon the shame of his fathers nakedness.

Children of Israel danced around the golden calf naked.

The priests were instructed to wear proper clothes to cover their nakedness when attending the altar of sacrifice.

1. Tim 2:9 Women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or costly array.

Isaiah 3:16-26

V Christian courtesy. Love compassion.

VI The landmark of the Shekinah Glory. the presence of God.

No substitute for this. Without this we will fail. Israel, God and fail the people.

Blessing in Dark Days.

Rom. 8:28 MT. 12-75

and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God to them who are the called according to his purpose.

I's his fact is oftentimes misunderstood.

Illus Job.

When he had Seven sons and three daughters. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels 500 yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys. every thing was prospering in a material way.

His friends misunderstood him, and considered him a hypocrite when this all was taken away.

The case of Joseph
God allowed him to suffer
the loss of all contacts
with family and friend
and thrust him into a
cold hearted world with
no reputation.
The case of Easter
Beauty honor riches.
Her finest hour pleading
for her people.

Jacobs finest hour.
when he wrestles with
the lord and prevails
by humbling himself.

Jesus said: Count it
all joy when Ye fall
into diverse temptations

Commitment to the church
Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore 174
unto yourselves, and to all the
flock, over the which the Holy M+T 76
Ghost hath made you overseers
to feed the church of God, which
he hath purchased with his
own blood.
Eph 5:25 "Christ also loved
the church, and gave himself
for it"
Intro. The church is the greatest
institution in the world.
Christ loved it so much He
gave himself for it. I love
Christ, and I am committed
to Him. Therefore I am totally
in His church.

Benefits
I as a child learned Bible
stories and memory verses.
Boys kind one to another...
I church important to my parents.
as a result I was saved

filled with the Holy Spirit

3. as a teenager those in the church helped and took special interest in me.

4. a school supported by the church settled me in the things of God

3 & 4 found a Christian companionship which fed moral & Christian character

5. filled me steady during the war years

6. I was married before the altar in a house of God.

7. Our children dedicated to God in the church.

8. youth camps, revivals and Camp meeting helped greatly in establishing our children in the faith

9. The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

Communism shall not
prevail against it
The church shall stand until
Christ comes for it. and
we shall meet in the sky
and shall ever be with the
Lord.

Conclusion Our duty
occupy till I come. Be
instant in season, out of
season. Be thou faithful
until death and I will
give thee crown of
life.

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Giving Gifts

acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Rom 6:23 The gift of God is eternal life

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

2 Co. 9:15 "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Intro. all kinds of gifts have been given this Christmas some to the ones who have everything and some to the ones who have nothing. the most valuable gift is the one that is given sacrificially Illust. Christmas hearts at Easter

1 many people are unhappy about their gifts because they do not realize the value of them.

Illus Two girls at school

Some do not think they need them.

2. Many people are unhappy the gift they gave was very expensive for them and the person who received it, did not appreciate it.
Illust. trading off gifts or throwing them away

3. The greatest gift ~~to~~ was Jesus. He become poor so many don't appreciate this great gift.
He came unto his own but his own received him not.

Herod
Shepherds
Pharisees
Publicans
Women anointing Jesus.

What are we giving in return?
Gifts of material things are
good but love is the
greatest gift of all.

Love is.

1. Faithful Ellert. Mon ordain.

2. The Lord loveth a cheerful
giver.

In as much as ye have done
it unto the least of these
my brethren ye have done
it unto me.

The Heart of Missions.

Matt 28:16-20. MT 76

v 19 The great commission

Intro. There is an old legend that when Christ ascended into heaven, the angel Gabriel asked Him what arrangement He had made to continue His work. He answered, "I have left behind 12 disciples." "and what if they fail?" asked Gabriel. "I have no other arrangement" replied the Lord.

Jesus said "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. lift up your eyes and look on the fields.

a conversation on a London bus as they passed a church that had a nativity scene with mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. one ~~woman~~ with a contemptuous expression, "they

bring religion into everything! look there! Now they're dragging it into Christmas."

I We are only getting a little taste of what it is like in heathen nations with our satan worship and spiritism.

Illust in Sierra Leone West africa. With doctor and new christian that had died. The coffin moved toward the christians. The following Sunday the little church was overflowing during the week around 60 people were saved.

Illust Wesleyan Bible College on the island of Mindanao in the philippines

Bro Meeks and boy Bassed Demon possessed.

In New Guinea walking
along the road
African Girls bought with
cattle.

II Paul at Troas
Received ~~[illegible]~~ vision
Come over into Macedonia
and help us.
Said a missionary, "We
spend our furloughs pleading
for help and trying to get
some to go as missionaries
and the people go out into
eternity without Christ
while the church at home
glibly sings missionary hymns".

III The greatest deterrent
to Communism is the
gospel of Jesus Christ
China, Indonesia

1 overseas church is organized on the average of every 12 days.

1969

236 Missionaries

30 Countries

45,689 members.

473 students in 20 Bible Schools.

107 day schools.

a Hopeless call. M.T. 76

John 5: 1-9

Pary 282

Intro. Jesus went to Jerusalem at the time of the feast of Purim. a time when great festivities were kept up, gifts were distributed to the poor etc. Jesus found a man sick in soul and body.

according to V 14 he was there because of sin. 38 years he had suffered. Sin always brings suffering one way or another.

1. He had no one to help him.

. Jesus came to him.

A. He comes to ask

II ~~Wilt~~ Wilt thou be made whole.

Illust. Mrs. Coleman

V. 14. Jesus warning
him no more, lest a
worse thing come upon thee

Jesus said when an evil
spirit is cast out he may
return and the later state
be worse than the first.

Rapture Mt. 76

Scripture I Thes 4:14 I Thes 5:2
Matt 24:32-42 Luke 21:36

Christ gives full assurance that he will come again to receive us unto himself.
1 Thes 4 13:4

His coming time is not foretold not even angels know.
I. Thes 5: Matt 24:36.
Matt 24:27-32-42

Readiness most Important

Matt 24:44 Matt 25:10
Ten virgins

Mark 13:35 Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning.
Rev. 16:15 Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garment, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.
Blessedness of being prepared.
Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Lu 12:37. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

The Stedfast Saviour

Script Isaiah 53 Long. 292
text Luke 9:51. M4. 76

"And it came to pass when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem."

Introduction: Hundreds of years before christ came to earth Isaiah, there divine revelation wrote of him. Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. despised and rejected of men. 3½ years he ministered to the people now the time was come to ~~walk~~ go to His death.

Came to be tempted of the devil.

I Came riding triumph not as a conquer but on a donkey a lowly beast of burden.

2. Wept over the city all yet lost

He said come unto me all ye that labor

II He came to eat his last supper.

He came to be betrayed by Judas

He came to weep and pray
in the garden.
He came to be put on trial
and to be falsely accused.
He came to be spit on and
to be tortured and mocked
and nailed on.
He came to save a thief
on a cross...
He came to pay the penalty
for sin and die for us all
III When he cried it is finished
He had fulfilled the last
requirement to bring salvation
from sin.

IV Paul said: 1Cor. 15:58 "Therefore,
my beloved brethren, be ye
stedfast unmovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that your
labour is not in vain in the
Lord."

V Jesus said. Take up your cross and follow me.

THANKSGIVING

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Psalm 103: 1-21

Intro: There are in the Bible more calls to praise than to prayer. But today Prayer is continually urged. It is ~~most~~ essential. It is the Christians vital breath. Aman who does not pray cuts himself off from the source of all good. A day without prayer, is a day without God's blessing. Prayer is essential. Yet praise would seem to be no less a duty than prayer. You might ask the question, where and when should we praise the Lord?

I. As we come to church.

Ps. 100: 4 says "Enter into his gates with Thanks giving and into his courts with praise, be thankfull unto him and bless his name."

Illus. Children of Israel noted for Praise and Singing!

But how do you go to church?

The Christian religion is one of joy. think of the songs.

Bible: David said: I would rather be a door keeper.

II. When we ask God for things.

Ph. 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Don't come before Him with grumbling, complaining and blaming God.

III. When something good happens.

How many times we complain about the weather but do we praise and thank the Lord for good weather.

Learn to thank God for the little things and your Day will be so much happier. while working and you can't find something than you find it praise the Lord. Instead of saying. "Of all the crazy luck. Why does this have to happen to me? I knew nothing was going to turn out right. I was born under the wrong sign. What are some other things you say?

We wouldn't think of taking God's name in vain but we are blaming God anyway.

IV. When things go wrong. 7000 sheep 3000 camels 1000 cattle

Like Job. The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not with his lips. He didn't charge God foolishly. two people you love from cursed.
Rom. 8: 28 says "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" another verse says, no good thing will He withhold to them that walk uprightly.

We need to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving as mentioned several times in the Bible. Ps. 116:17.

V. In everything give thanks 1Th 5:18
In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
Leonardo DeVinci
"The joy of the Lord is our strength," said Nehemiah to his people when he found them weeping. Neh, 8:10 they must dry there tears if they would attain anything noble and beautiful

Illust. the legend of 2 angels sent to collect thanksgivings and petetions. sent
Lord

VI. It is so easy to forget our blessings.
Illust. Letters to Santa Clause. of all the thousands of letters that reached the dead letter office before Christmas after christmas only one letter of thanks.
Jesus observed this spirit of ingratitude
The ten lepers.

Conclusion: The sin of ingraditude is one of the most most common sins today.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord for he is good for his mercy indureth forever.