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"Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Matthew 24:44

WONDERFUL JESUS

By Dorothy Miller

I am glad, glad, glad for Jesus! Glory to His name! More than that, I am glad for JUST JESUS. Is that enough? JUST JESUS? In this highly mechanized age, is it enough to have JUST JESUS? Oh, Glory to God!

Oh, I'm so thankful that He brought me to the Faith Homes so that I could learn about JUST JESUS. Praise His wonderful Name.

I was reading a very familiar Scripture in 1 Corinthians that was a blessing to me. 1 Corinthians 1:30 – "Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Just think! It is from God, that we have our life IN CHRIST JESUS! GLORY TO GOD! What a wonderful Heavenly Father, to take care of us so well, to make Jesus Christ to be our very life! "That, according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in the Lord." This is a quotation from Jeremiah. It's a wonderful verse. Jeremiah 9:23 – "Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD which exercises lovingkindness (mercy), judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, saith the LORD." Oh, that is so wonderful! Glory be to God!

Now Paul, in 1 Corinthians, beginning with the second chapter, says, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony (or the mystery) of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Save Jesus Christ. If that was his goal, I should think it ought to be ours also. JUST JESUS. ONLY JESUS.

You know, God gave us Jesus Christ. He gave Him FOR us. And now He wants to give Him TO US. That is the thing. He wants to GIVE YOU JESUS CHRIST. He belongs to you. And of course, we cannot accept Him unless we realize that we do not belong to

ourselves; we belong to Him. We must be utterly and simply and eternally HIS. And then He can come to us. And oh, that is what He is teaching us all the time, isn't it? He wants to come, He is just trying to come to us, He is pushing His way, He is wooing us, He is drawing us up. If we would only give Him our attention, and our time, and just realize that GOD is drawing us all the time, that we might see Him!

And when I think of that – SEEING JESUS- I do not think of Him as being at the right hand of the Father, of course, He is there, but HE IS IN US. The Lord has been teaching me all these years, that my thoughts, when I think of Him, when I see Jesus, I SEE HIM IN ME. And He is there, MIGHTY, and He is in my Life, and He is everything that I need. One time when I was reading the 23rd Psalm, "He has prepared a table before us in the presence of our enemies," the Lord seemed to show that that table is within us, in the presence of our flesh. And whatever we need is in there, in Jesus: patience, love, longsuffering, kindness – EVERYTHING is in Jesus Christ, and He is IN US. Just yield to Him, and it will come forth. He is longing to BURST FORTH FROM YOU, Glory to God!

So, when I say, "See Jesus," it means: see Him within. See Him there, the Ruler, and the Mighty King, just our wonderful Jesus. And, so life is really uncomplicated, it is really simple, because, as the Bible says, "a fool even need not err therein," it is so simple. And we are not fools, are we? You would not say you are a fool, would you? But even if you were, you would not need to err therein, because the way is so simple. And it is this way: Just recognizing Jesus within. Loving Him, praising Him, being the vessel; only Christ in you, coming forth. Oh, wonderful Jesus! He is wonderful! I praise Him!

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World Changing Events Are Coming

The humbling of Israel in a nationwide REPENTANCE is what the world is coming to – although neither the world nor Israel knows that. Pride and coveting lust have blinded the minds and hearts of Israel and the world. The New Adam, The Son of God, came into the world and Israel, meek and lowly, the image of the Father of Mercies, but they did not know Him nor receive Him. He came unto His own (nation) but His own received Him not. And so, Israel and the world combined to kill Him "And they crucified Him."

Jerusalem, "The city of God," emerges now rising as a nation among the political nations which compose the "World". No other place has ever been called by that name. God took away His peace from Jerusalem, the proud and perverse and stiff-necked people. As Jeremiah 16:5 gives it, "For I have taken away my peace from this people, says the

Lord, even LOVINGKINDNESS AND MERCIES." The ancient language expresses it, "THE MERCY AND THE COMPASSIONS." But, oh Glorious Lord, "I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies." Zechariah 1:16 (and many calls). "The Peace of Jerusalem" for which we are to pray, Psalm 122:6 depends upon "The Mercies and Compassions".

"The-God-of-the-whole-earth-shall-He-be-called," says, "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with GREAT MERCIES will I gather thee" (Great Mercies = Fulfilling Mercies"). "In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment; but with EVERLASTING KINDNESS (mercy) will I have mercy on thee, says the Lord Thy Redeemer." Isaiah 541; 5-10-17. Selah.

We are in "the last days" of Isaiah 2, and "the mountain of the Lord's house is appearing in the tip-top of the mountains." The REPENTANCE of Israel is coming, for "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and THE LORD ALONE SHALL BE EXALTED IN THAT DAY." Glory to the God of the whole earth.

Bro. Rex Andrews
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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share

And I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.

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"YOU HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE"

It takes patience and faith to walk with God. To have patience also means to remain under, or to remain in one place. Without jumping out. If Christ is the Vine and we are the branch, then we must remain connected to the vine to maintain life. This requires patience, endurance, and steadfastness.

Patience is being worked out in our lives in many ways. We may benefit in everything we do. The menial chores, every action,

every thought, every endeavor that is done unto the Lord, as an offering or incense is working out patience in our daily lives.

We cannot do the will of God without patience, or enjoy to the full what is promised, for Hebrews 10:36 tells us we have need of steadfast patience and endurance.

As we continue to remain under and walk with God in faith, hopeful patience is being worked out in us.

In tribulation, suffering, pressure, affliction, and hardship we should rejoice because it is these things that produce in us patience and unswerving endurance.

"In your patience, possess ye your souls."

Mary Thomas
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VICTORY

Poet: Francis Pott

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell!
Alleluia!

Lord by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee!
Alleluia!

Faith Homes News

A new handicap ramp has been installed at the meeting house. It now goes along the side of the house and is entered from the rear of the building. The old ramp has been removed, a new rail put in place, and grass will be planted as the weather allows.

On Palm Sunday there will be a potluck meal after the service for all to attend. We are looking forward to an enjoyable time of fellowship and good food!

A small memorial service was held in honor of John Innes, the brother of Carol Innes, at the Allure Nursing Facility. Carol and many Faith Home friends were in attendance.

Our guests have been Kevin, Jennifer, Ryan, and Quinn Teachey, WI; Chris, Amy, and Sophie Sod, WI; Oscar and Lisa Fuentes, WI; David Terry, MO; Ryan Peterson, OH; Victor, Guadalupe, and Angelino Jardon, IL; Calvin and Marilyn Hughes, WI; Liz Flannery, WI. We are very blessed. Bless you