

FALL 2018

TIDINGS

CHRIST'S SANCTIFIED HOLY CHURCH



LAYING UP OUR TREASURES IN THAT HOME ABOVE

- Bro. Bernard Collier

Campmeeting is the beginning of our church fiscal year and we have just come away from one of the best Campmeetings ever. There were, twenty nine prayer and worship services, with more than twenty sermons bringing twenty eight seekers to God in a seven day period. What a wonderful week that began with the first Saturday evening service with Brother Brian Collier preaching a wonderful opening sermon, and Brother Jeff Price delivering a wonderful Saturday night closing sermon.

Everyone should get a set of CDs or DVDs, and you can extend Campmeeting throughout the year ahead. (*Recordings are also available online at www.cshc.org, under the "Sermons/Singings" tab.*)

Now with those sermons to encourage us and God's grace to sustain us, may we realize that "we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Once we have repented and received forgiveness for our sins that we have willfully committed and then sought God and obtained our pentecost, a sanctifying, born again experience, we then begin to build for eternity. God has prepared a mansion for the sanctified, but we must furnish that mansion. The furnishings for our mansion in heaven are the holy living in our service to God (and man) while in this life. We sing that we are "laying up our treasures in that home above", and another song says, "we are carrying timber to the building, hallelujah" !

Each one of us is individually responsible for what we do with the hearing of God's word. Our spiritual house that we are building is built on the foundation that God has laid. "let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon, for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:10 & 11)

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"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

- REVELATION 3:18

UPCOMING

- 10/6 - 10/7: Raleigh, NC
Feastmeeting Services

- 10/13 - 10/14: Chincoteague, VA
Feastmeeting Services

- 10/27 - 10/28: Columbia County, GA
Feastmeeting Services

- 11/3 - 11/4: Old Trap, NC
Feastmeeting Services

- 11/10 - 11/11 Terry, MS
Feastmeeting Services

- 11/22 - 11/24 Thanksgiving Work
Weekend Services at Campground

*And so today there's power still
The half has not been told
Of Christ who saves and Christ
who heals
With something more than gold.*

*O praise the Lord for Pentecost
The Holy Ghost foretold
He'll come to all who do believe
With something more than gold.*

- T.P. HAMILTON

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To be Sanctified is to have God manifest in the flesh and we do not commit sin. However as we build for eternity, our works are those of "Gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble." (1 Corinthians 3:12). Gold, silver, precious stones, is the spiritual life we live in our service to God and man while in this life and will be the furnishings in our heavenly mansion. The wood hay, stubble are not sins, but are our service to self and worldly pleasures that we do in this life and may hinder our spiritual growth and rob God of our time, our thoughts and our "studying to show thyself approved unto God." (1 Timothy 2:15)

At this point, may I ask, which of these should we attempt to increase in our lives (gold, silver, precious stones)? Which should we seek to decrease (wood, hay, stubble)?

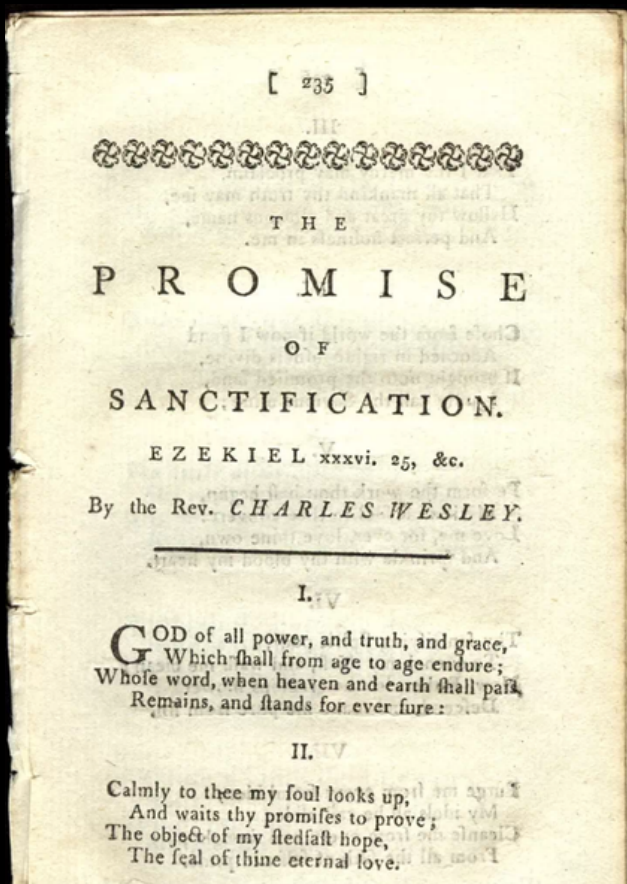
Brothers and sisters, the "gold, silver, precious stones" are the "fruits of the spirit" (Galations 5:22) that we sow in this life and are accounted unto us for eternity to enjoy in our heavenly mansion. I'm convinced, the good things of our life here will be some of the furnishings of our eternal home. Will you have shown enough love to provide tapestries of love for any drapes? Enough patience to others when in difficult situations to upholster the recliners? Enough "fruits of the spirit" to stock the pantry? For long eternity, are you willing to have meager furnishings in your mansion due to a casual and slack spirituality while here in this short life? Or would you rather have your mansion fitted in splendor with an abundance of gold, silver, precious stones, of holy living?

It's not any wonder that we are exhorted to, "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us". (Hebrews 12:1) God has given us His "treasures in earthen vessels", and His will is for us to use His spirit to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" Let us live to lay up treasures for our heavenly home and not on earth, "where moth doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal".

May we each one consecrate more of ourselves to God.

Love you all,

Brother Bernard Collier



A BIT FROM HISTORY:

- Left, "The Promise of Sanctification" by Charles Wesley, from the book _____ published in _____.

- Below, more verses of the same song.

That I thy mercy may proclaim,
That all mankind thy truth may see,
Hallow thy great and glorious name,
And perfect holiness in me.

Thy sanctifying power pour,
To quench my thirst and wash me clean;
Now, Father, let the gracious shower
Descend, and make me pure from sin.

Open my faith's interior eye,
Display thy glory from above;
And all I am shall sink and die,
Lost in astonishment and love.

Now let me gain perfections high!
Now let me into nothing fall!
Be less than nothing in thy sight,
And feel that Christ is all in all!

IN YOU I FIND MY IDENTITY

Take a look at your most frequently used social-media site. It asks you to identify yourself: name, age, birthday, photo, bitmoji, likes, dislikes, and so on. You become your profile, and your profile is how others identify you in the world of social media. You can enhance the good things or hide the bad things about yourself. Don't like how you look in that photo? Don't post it. Proud of that honor roll child? Let your followers know. These patterns of self-promotion or self-camouflage, purposefully or not, create an identity that is not completely you.

But how does God see us? So many Bible stories illustrate the futility of hiding from God or exalting ourselves. He sees us as we are and knows us to the depths of our soul. Even the hairs of our head are numbered, and he understands our thoughts and intentions. Wow! He tells us we belong. "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine" (Isaiah 43:1). We are His children. "But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (St. John 1:12). We are special to God. "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:"

(1 Peter 2:9). He loves us. "But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

The enemy of our soul would have us feel confusion, failure, or weakness. He would have us compare ourselves to all the pretty online profiles and feel inadequate. He is out to "kill, to steal, and to destroy" (St. John 10:10) and would want us to doubt our identity as God sees us. He would have us be distracted by the whims of the world and what others think.

In the song "You Say" by Lauren Daigle, she illustrates the struggle of not measuring up and needing a reminder from God of her identity.



*I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me
I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum
Of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am,
Because I need to know*

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
When I don't belong
Oh You say that I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe*

*The only thing that matters now
Is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity
Taking all I have and now
I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure God
And You'll have every victory.*

Let your identity be found in God and how He sees you. The Bible is filled with messages better than any text we could receive. His promises are sure and show us our purpose in life, the definition of real beauty, and the depth of true love. Delve into God's Word, un-plug from distractions and plug-in to the Bible. Let His words speak to your heart and reveal your identity in Christ that doesn't change when everything surrounding you does. And in the measure of eternity, "the only thing that matters now is everything You think of me."

- Sis. Heather Clelland


PARTING THOUGHT:

Have you ever gone out and spent time and money on something only to come home and realize you had it here all along and didn't need it after all? Such a waste. I think of those who have been raised to know God and taught the word then go out and "live" life wasting it in sin and trying to find something that is not what they need at all. Come home and see that what you needed had already been given to you. It was always God. Not people, not things, not money, not experiences, but God and a real life saving and life changing relationship with the one who created you and gave you breath.

- Sis. Risha Cross

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THEREFORE IF ANY MAN
BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A
NEW CREATURE: OLD
THINGS ARE PASSED
AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL
THINGS ARE BECOME
NEW.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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