

terpretations of the Scriptures; neither is it accepting some creed indorsed by some Conference or Assembly. It is heaven born and blood bought, and only effected by being in Christ in the deepest and fullest sense. Collective unity will be the natural result of complete individual oneness with Christ, and collective fellowship must follow individual fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. I Jno. 1:7-9.

There is but one body of Christ, and all Christians are members. By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, I Cor. 12-13. Dispositions, traditions, customs and selfishness must be purged by Gods "tempting together" process. I Cor. 12-24. and each fit in his ordained place in the body, I Cor. 12-18. According to the Scriptures, we are quickened together, raised up together. sit together, assembled together and all strive together for the faith of the gospel. We are joined together, fitly framed together, built up together, knit together, and will finally be caught up together, so who must be the author of confusion and division among us. Casualty is in evidence where there is strife and envy. and every evil work. The carnal mind is not subject to God's law of love and self-denial, but the old man can be crucified and the Christ-life lived and shown to the world. Gal. 2-20. Self-seeking, self-pity and self-praise and kindred elements place so many so far from the Bible teachings of self-humiliation, self-denial, self-sacrifice and self-crucifixion, that the beauty and trust of sacrifice and service exemplified by Christ, lose their attraction and beauty.

The golden rule and golden texts of Jesus' teachings would be a panacea for the confusion and division that curses the cause we love so well.

The two great commandments, the offer of complete deliverance from the love, powers and penalty of sin, and every man looking more to the happiness of others than to himself, would solve the problem of oneness with Christ and all the saved. The gospel was intended to unite, to heal, to produce a brotherhood, to make the religious world one. The spirit founds life in love, and produces unity and brotherhood in the deepest realms of human living, in purpose and effect, sounding the death knell to every spirit of jealousy and rivalry

Self assertion is the hot-bed of divisor. Self-giving is the oven of unity. A Christian must learn to get along well with those who are in Christ. The reason we can't get along well, we want to govern instead of serve. The greatest among us are those who are the servants of all. The individual is never so small as when he is trying to be big. A group of religious people is never so small as when it is trying to be big. In trying so hard to save, it loses itself, buried in the grave of its own narrowness. The self assertive attitude genders strife. The self-losing attitude is the Christ-way to Unity. There is only one place where we can be unified, and that is around the person of Christ. In Him is found complete reconciliation.

The Universal Joy

By Edgar Cooper Mason

Bethlehem! O Bethlehem!
Crowned with heaven's own diadem!
Ay, in thee was born a King,
Moving angel choirs to sing!
Song of peace, good will on earth,
Through our Saviour's lowly birth,
Sung to shepherds, telling them:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem,"

As the shepherds on the plain
Heard the News and glad refrain;—
As the Wise Men from afar
Thrilled with joy to see His Star;—
Still the wise and lowly may
Find the same sweet joy today,
If, with all the heart of them,
They but come to Bethlehem!

Of all joys of Christmas time,
Voiced in song and ringing chime,
Filling every human heart,
Lighting every home and mart;—
Of the Christmas hopes and joys
Of our happy girls and boys;—
He's the Source of all of them,
Who was born in Bethlehem.

Let His joy fill every heart;
Let all gloom and fear depart;
Let the world rejoice and sing:
"Christ, of all our joys the Spring."
Men, your hearts in praises lift
God's all-embracing Gift;—
Spring from which all blessings flow,
As from Judah, long ago.

would we be today. We can't help ourselves; we haven't the grace, we can't save ourselves. Just as the good Samaritan lifted the man on the wayside, just so Jesus has lifted us up, poured in oil and wine, bound up bleeding and wounded hearts. We go to heaven not on our own merits but through the grace of our Lord. As the good Samaritan took the man to an inn and left him in care of the inn-keeper just so our Lord has left us in the care of the Holy Spirit; He is watching over, guarding and guiding us. When Jesus comes again the manifestation of the sons of God will be brought forth in all their fullness.

PRAYER

This is the link that connects us with God. This is the bridge that spans every gulf and bears us over every abyss of danger or of need. How significant of the apostolic church? Peter in prison, the Jews triumphant. Herod supreme, the arena of martyrdom awaiting the morning to drink up the apostle's blood—everything against it. "But prayer was made unto God without ceasing." And what was the equal? The prison opened—the apostle free, the Jews baffled, the wicked king eaten of worms—a spectacle of hideous retribution—and the Word of God rolling in greater victory.

Do we know the power of our super-natural weapon? Do we dare to use it with the authority that commands as well as asks? God baptize us with holy audacity and Divine confidence. He is not wanting great men, but men who will prove the greatness of their God.—
Rev. A. B. Simpson.

Not All the Words of All Mankind

Robert Krumly

Not all the words of all mankind,
However nobly said,
Could have brought Lazarus to life
When he was three days dead.

Not all the words of all mankind,
However great and wise,
Can lift a sinner from the dust
Not all the words of all mankind,
However grand and grave,
Could have restored the blind man's sight
Or stilled the stormy wave.

Then let Thy Word, O Son of God,
Suffice this heart of mine,
And let me count no word as true
If it conflicts with Thine!

—Sunday School Times

Oneness of Christ

By A. B. Stanberry

Much has been and is being said and done by many advocates of Christian unity. There is much yet to be done, before the New Testament standard is reached in a practical way. The divided condition of the children of God is a matter of regret, and a subject for humble, prayerful consideration.

For any group of people to say "Our Movement" is the only body of people to whom the oracles of God have been committed, would be the last word in egotism and bigotry. To even say "WE" are the nucleus around which must be gathered the one church without spot or wrinkle, would be simply sharing the claim of a hundred other bodies of Christian people who possess about equal faith and works, each using the same texts of Scriptures to prove their superior claims. The life of sectarianism depends largely upon the ability of the leaders of these bodies to keep their followers believing these false claims.

Division among Christians is denounced in unmistakable terms both by Christ and the Apostles. Disagreements in the home, in the local church, or in the church in general, is both discouraging and detrimental. It is both pleasant and profitable for brethren to dwell together in unity. When the early church gathered together with one accord the place was shaken when they prayed, and great numbers were saved. Because of the present divided condition, much of the time, money and energy of the church is wasted, and the world is robbed of two of its most convincing witnesses, a united church, Jno. 17:11-21 and the true test of discipleship. Jno 13:34-35.

Unity and love are the mainsprings of all gospel truth. If these elements of truth exists and operate in us we will never become sounding brass or tinkling cymbals.

Unity is a product of the Holy Spirit. It is not affected by rallying around some man posing as a great leader, accepting his private in-

SEPT 17 '89 CHURCH ROUND UP..ALVIN,,TX.
BRO BENNIE'S EXPERIENCE AS A COWBOY..

IT WAS ON A THURSDAY AFTERNOON, ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS, A TELEGRAM WAS
HANDED MY FATHER, STATING FOR HIM TO COME HOME..HIS FATHER WANTED HIM TO
HEAR A "HOLINESS PREACHER". THE MINISTER'S NAME WAS D.S. WARNER, THE
FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH OF GOD HOLINESS MOVEMENT. MY FATHER ENJOYED THE
WEEK END AT HOME, AND LISTENED TO THE PREACH -ED WORD. ON SUNDAY AFTER-
NOON, ON THE WAY BACK TO THE DEPOT, TO RETURN TO SCHOOL, HIS FATHER ASK,
SON, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MINISTER, AND HIS MESSAGE? MY FATHERS ANS
WAS,"WELL, FATHER THERE IS EVERYTHING IN IT OR THERE'S NOTHING IN IT"
MY FATHER WAS SOON CONVERTED, AND TRAVELED SOME WITH THE FOUNDER OF THE
CHURCH OF GOD..ANDERSON, IND.. LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON, I TOO WAS PERMITTED
TO TRAVEL WITH THE FOUNDER OF ALL PENTECOSTAL, FULL GOSPEL PEOPLE..LIKE
MY FATHER IVE SPENT MY LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF A PULPIT WHERE GODS SUPREME
SPIRITS ARE MANIFEST. THIS PAST MONTH, SPENDING TIME SEARCHING CHURCH
HISTORY, TRYING TO PLAY MY PART, AS A WILLING COWBOY HELPING OUR (OUTFIT)
ROUN UP & BRAND A FEW . I'M NOT A GOOD COWHAND, JUST A WILLING COW HAND???
----- ITS BEEN DUSTY & DIRTY..I SHOULD HAVE ASK BRO "GAYLON" FOR MORE
KNOW-HOW..ONE PERSON COMPLAINED.."SOME PEOPLE JUST DONT LIKE A BRAND BURNED
IN THEIR HIDE.. ONE SAID "I'M TOO OLD, TRYING TO BE OLDER, & ENJOYING IT"
ANOTHER SNORTED & SAID "I'M TOO OLD, IN THIS WORLD OF CARE..IVE NO TIME TO
STAND & STARE
ONE SAD STORY, WAS"" THE SADDEST PARTING I EVER KNEW, WAS
WHEN I TOLD MY TALENT,""GOOD-BYE"
AN OLDER DOGGIE REVEA:ED A SECRET.." I HAVE WILL POWER.. I HAVE WONT POWER,
I NEED SUPREME POWER
A HOT IRON BROT OUT A SUCCESS STORY..
" I'M DOING NOTHING, & MAKING A SUCCESS OF IT"
ONE EGO BENDER SAID" SOME PEOPLE WONT CONFESS THEIR FAULTS, BUT
I WOULD IF I HAD ONE"
NEXT YEAR, WHEN ROUND UP TIME COMES, I THINK ID RATHER BE THE "BOSS"
RIDING THE RANGE COMES IN THREE PACKAGES..
I..BRAWLS...2BOREDOM...3FREEDOM..
MY SOLO, SISSY & LOLA BELL, BACKGROUND.."CIRCUIT RIDIG PREACHER"
I..The circuit ridin preacher used to ride across the land
With a rifle on his saddle, & a Bible in his hand.
He told the prarie people all about the promised land
As he went riding, singing down the trail. Leaning--leaningg..

The circuit riding preacher traveled thru the mire and mud
Told about the firey furnace, and of Noah & the flood
He preached, the way to heaven was by water & by blood
As he went riding, singin down the trail..(Theres power..in the bloodetc
SO, PUTTING THE EXPERIENCE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF VALUES, WE ARE MADE
HAPPY IN THE LOVE OF A GOOD PSTOR, HIS WIFE AND SON,EDWIN WATERBURY.....

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BRO JOE DEWEES 90TH BIRTHDAY..HEMPSTEAD TX...JUNE 4 1989

I

WE CAN TRAVEL NORTH OR SOUTH,WE CAN TRAVEL EAST OR WEST
WE CAN ALWAYS FIND THE FRIENDS WE LOVE THE BEST.
TIME ALONE CANNOT ERASE,BUILT IN SMILES UPON HIS FACE
MUST HAVE BEEN A GIFT OF GODS REDEEMING GRACE.

CHO...GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH, GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH
GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH, BRO JOE IS MARCHING ON....

II

BRO JOE, WE CALLED HIM BY, HE COULD MAKE YOU LAUGH OR CRY
FROM THE PULPIT WITH THE BIBLE IN HIS HAND.
LIKE GODS BOOK,"HES JUST THE SAME" STILL PROCLAIMING JESUS NAME
JUST A FEW, SHORT NINETY YEARS AGO...HE CAME.

III

HE WAS HEMPSTEADS FAMILY MAN, MARY,HIS DEVOTED WIFE
SHOWED THEIR CHILDREN HOW TO CHOOSE AND DO THE "RIGHT"
PARHAM,,MARY JOEAND CLAUDE, JAMES And ELVE DEAN AND JOHN
SOON, WILL SING AGAIN THEIR ""GLAD REUNION SONG""

'can be sung to tune..tramp,tramp,tramp'

"As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country"
Proverbs 25:25