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The apostle Paul declares in Hebrews 1:1-2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." No longer does God speak to the fathers, who rule the family, as He did during the first age of the world, known as the Patriarchal, nor does He limit His religion to that of a race as He did during the second dispensation, known as the Mosaic. But today He speaks through His Son, Jesus Christ, the High Priest, Prophet, and King, as He invites men of all races to "come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved." Since God does not deal with men as He did in ages past, we must concern ourselves primarily with the question, "What does God require of men today?"

The third dispensation, in which we now live, has been called the Christian dispensation because the Prophet, Priest and King is Christ. This dispensation comes as the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham given in the Patriarchal Dispensation and found in Genesis 12:3, "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The law of this dispensation is called a covenant, and is that covenant which Jeremiah prophesied in the Mosaic age and found in Jeremiah 31:31-33, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah." Paul tells us this side of the cross of Christ in Hebrews 8:6-13 that this prophecy has been fulfilled.

One of the greatest stumbling blocks of peoples understanding of the Bible is their belief that God's law of the Old

Testament is just as binding as that of the New Testament. But the error of this stand can be seen when we find that the law must be changed when the priesthood is changed, for we read in Hebrews 7:12, "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law." In the same book, the ninth chapter and eleventh verse, we are made to understand that Christ is now our High Priest. He is not, however, a priest after the Old Testament order of the household of Aaron. We find, also, that each individual Christian as a child of God is a priest, I Peter 2:5. Therefore, since Christ rather than the seed of Aaron was made High Priest, and each child of God rather than various ones of the tribe of Levi is a priest, then the law of necessity, had to be changed. Not only was it necessary that the law be changed because the priesthood was changed, but we find that one of Christ's very purposes in coming was to fulfill and take away the law of Moses that He might establish His own. Paul says in Hebrews 10:9 that Christ came to take away the first law that He might establish the second law. He accomplished this by nailing it to the cross as we find in Colossians 2:14, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." It should be simple then for us to see that the laws pertaining to the Patriarchal and Mosaic Age are no longer in force. The apostle Paul adds this forceful argument in proving that the law of Moses is no longer in force, that we are now under Christ in Galatians 2:21 and Galatians 3:21. "Is the law then against the promises of God? God for-

bid, for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law," Gal. 3:21. "I do not frustrate the grace of God, for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain," Gal. 2:21. When men realize this they can begin to unravel their troubled minds in understanding the Word of God.

However, another point of stumbling is that people have thought that all the happenings during Christ's life are binding on us today. But Galatians 4:4-5 teaches us that Christ was born under the Old Law, lived under that law, and according to Matthew 5:17, finally died under the law to fulfill it. Therefore, everything that hapened before his death was in the Mosaic Dispensation. In fact the New Testament or covenant could not be put in force until after His death. The writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 9:16-17, "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth." This fact is demonstrated by the laws of our land. The will or the testament of a man cannot be put into force until after his death. It matters not what his actions might have been during life, the will or testament after his death guides his affairs. This one thing, however, we should keep in mind, and that is that the teachings of Christ during His life were meant to lay the groundwork for the Church or Kingdom brought into force by His will or testament after His death.

The Christian dispensation differs from other dispensations in that the law or covenant given applies to all nations. That middle wall of partition of the law of Moses has been broken down as Paul says in Ephesians 2:14, all men are reconciled to God in one body, Ephesians

2:16, and Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:23, that body is the Church. Now that Christ is the high priest, He stands ready to make intercession for all peoples. He said in Matthew 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." Then the consummation of the effort for unity of all people is to be found in these words of Paul in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Since Christ is the High Priest, Prophet, and King as Peter says in Acts 2, we must obey His words. Moses prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:15, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." Peter uses this very same prophecy in Acts 3:22-23 to teach that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. No longer are we to listen to Moses or Elijah, who were authority in days past, but unto Jesus Christ, who has all authority in Heaven and on earth, Matthew 28:19. The mistake that people make today in turning to the words of the Old Testament for authority is the same mistake made by Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration, when he saw Moses and Elijah standing with Christ. He thought it would be good to build three houses of worship, one for each of them, but God answered by overshadowing them with a bright cloud and saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Therefore we plead with you today to hear Christ. We fail to handle aright the word of God when we try to obey the commandments of God given to people of other times. Since Christ has died for our sins we can not expect to have salvation when we do other than

that which the inspired apostles have commanded us to do.

Today we plead with you to believe on God and His Son for "without faith it is impossible to please Him," Hebrews 11:6. We do not expect to perform rites of cleansing and purification of the Mosaic Law, but according to the words of Paul God commandeth all men everywhere to repent, Acts 17:30. We would not plead with you to wear the robes or religious inscriptions of the past ages, but simply to believe and confess. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation," Romans 10:10. Our plea is not for you to make a sacrifice of a lamb or some animal unto God, for Christ is our sacrifice, but to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For Peter says baptism does now also save us, I Peter 3:21.

Then we plead not that you return once a year to Jerusalem, but that you

"continue stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42. This is what is required of men as we stand this side of the cross of Christ. Let us give thanks unto God for such love, in that He gave His Son, and thanks for such a Son who became our King, High Priest, Prophet, and Saviour.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my Lord;
All the vain things that charm me
most
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His
feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and all things found therein. He created man in His own likeness, and from man God made woman. He placed this man and woman, Adam and Eve, in a beautiful garden, called the "Garden of Eden." In this garden there was placed everything that the human being could possibly want. It was a perfect place. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat of the fruit of any of the trees in the garden except of the tree in the midst of the garden. That tree was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It was not unreasonable for God to command them to leave the fruit of that tree alone, for He had created them and placed them in this beautiful garden and had given them the right to use it. God laid down a law, "of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Genesis 2:17.

The law was made, and all that Adam and Eve had to do was live in that garden and receive all the blessings of God. But that wasn't enough for them. No, they had to listen to that old serpent, the devil, and try the Lord by transgressing the law. The serpent didn't change the word of the Lord much. Just one little word. Why, we say today, just as they probably did then, "It won't hurt to change the word of the Lord just a little." Well, that old devil said, "Thou shalt not surely die." What happened? Well, Adam and Eve did like millions are doing today. They listened to that devil, the one that caused all the sorrow and misery in the world, and turned from God, the one who had created them and given them every blessing. They ate of the fruit of that forbidden tree. They transgressed the law

of God. Well, we can't say that God was unjust when He turned them out of the garden and doomed them and all their seed to physical death. They were separated from God and His fellowship. God had commanded and warned them of the punishment if they broke the commandment. So the fruits or wages of that transgression was death.

But let us travel along a little further in the history of this old world and the man that inhabits it. In the days of Noah, God looked down on the earth that He had made and the men He had created. He saw that man was continually transgressing laws of God; the anger of the Lord was raised and God said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground." Yet, in all that wickedness, God's all seeing eye found one who was righteous. You know his name—Noah. Well, God told Noah to build an ark, three-hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high and pitch it inside and out with pitch. What was the purpose of this ark? Why, it was to be a vessel of safety. If man was to be saved, he must enter into this ark. Well, all the 120 years Noah spent building this ark, he was preaching to his friends and neighbors. He pled with them to turn from their wickedness. I can almost hear the jeers they must have hurled at him. "Old Noah is crazy. He thinks there is going to be a flood. He thinks you won't be saved unless you are in that ark of his."

You know the story: How, when the ark was finished, God had Noah and his family go into the ark with the animals that God commanded him to put into the ark. Then God broke up the fountains of the deep and opened the windows of heaven, and the earth was covered with water. "And every living

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thing was destroyed that was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and they that were with him in the ark." Genesis 7:23. Again man had transgressed the law of God, and again the recompense was death.

Then there is another story that we know so well. That is the story of Saul, the first king of Israel. When Saul was first found, he was an humble young man, who hid himself among the baggage to escape publicity; but as king of Israel, and with the blessings of God, he became a puffed up and proud ruler. He gave not God credit for the victories that the Israelites won, but paraded before the people as the mightiest of men. This, God tolerated so long as Saul obeyed the commandments of the Lord. In the fifteenth chapter of I Samuel, we find that God commissions Saul to take the army of Israel and to destroy the land of the Amalekites for their interference in the journey of the Children of Israel from Egypt. God told Saul to destroy everything that belonged to the Amalekites and every living thing in that land.

So here goes old King Saul, a man that at first had been humble, but is now proud and haughty, down to fight the Amalekites. While Saul is in the midst of that battle he decides to destroy only the vile and refuse things and to keep the best of the sheep and cattle. Then he decides that since he is king of Israel, he can do anything he wants. So, he saves Agag, the king of the Amalekites. He wants to take this king back to Israel to show off as his prize. Yet, God said for them to destroy everything, but Saul obeys only that part of the commandment of the Lord that pleases him. He was like many men today. We say, "I don't see why

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God wants this or that done, so I'll do just as I please."

Well, after the battle, Saul starts home with his spoils and on the road he meets Samuel, that great man o God. Saul immediately said to Samuel "Blessed be thou of Jehovah: I have performed the commandment of Jehovah." Yet while he speaks, Samuel can hear the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the cattle. When Samuel asks Saul about these things that he brought back, Saul begins to lay the blame on the people. He says, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto Jehovah they God." I Sam. 15:15. Human nature is alike, whether walking the streets of Jerusalem 3,000 years ago, or standing in your city today. We say, "That man made me sin." or "That woman made me sin." No, my friends, no one can make us sin.

So, because of Saul's transgression and the shifting of blame, Samuel says, in I Samuel 15:22, "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." And Samuel reveals the punishment of the Lord for Saul's disobedience. He tells Saul that his seed shall not inherit the throne, so his kingly lineage is brought to death. Although in a different way, that transgression of God's law again brought death.

But let us turn over to the sixteenth chapter of the gospel according to Luke. Jesus tells this story. "Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day; and a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; yea, even the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into

Abraham's bosom. And he cried and said Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water; and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things: but now here he is comforted, and thou art in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they that would pass hence to you may not be able, and that none may cross over thence to us. And he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house; for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. But Abraham saith, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead." Luke 16:19-31.

What had happened to that rich man? He had transgressed the law of Moses by refusing to help those in need. What was his reward? He was punished by eternal death.

We could mention many more, but each time, from Genesis to Revelation, transgression of the laws of God were punished by death, either physical or spiritual, which is eternal.

John says, in I John 3:4, "Sin is transgression of the law." So death was the punishment of Adam and Eve because they sinned. And because the people in the time of Noah sinned, they all died save Noah and his family. Both Saul and the rich man were punished with death because of sin.

The apostle Paul sums it all in Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death."

I'm sure that, as Paul penned those words, he thought back on these very incidents that we have studied today.

"The wages of sin is death." There is not a thing more feared by every person than death. The grave is a symbol of fear to the masses. Yet, the apostle John says, in the first chapter of I John, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Then are we all doomed to death? The outlook is dark indeed, but there appears one ray of light. Let us go back and finish Paul's statement. "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Then, if we follow sin, we can only expect to receive death, but to follow Christ there is eternal life. The very purpose of Christ's life on earth and his death on the cross was to save you and me, with millions of others, from our sins. The angel of the Lord, speaking to Joseph, in Matthew 1:21, said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is He that shall save his people from their sins." And again in John 3:17 we read, "For God sent not the son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him."

There immediately arises the question how can we be saved by Christ? I am sure that there is not one in this audience that wants to be lost. We must obey the commandments of God and Christ. We must not change the law as did the serpent; nor scoff as did the people in Noah's time; nor do just what we want to do, as did Saul, but we must come as one wanting, above all, salvation from our sins. We must be willing to put aside pride and prejudice, and accept only the commandments of the Lord. In Hebrews 5:9 we find the inspired writer speaking of Christ, "Though he was a son, yet learned He obedience by the things which he suffered; and having

been made perfect, He became unto all them that obey Him the author of eternal salvation." Then we must obey him.

He says in Mark 16:15-16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

The commandment given by His apostle, the inspired Peter, on the day of Pentecost, is just as binding today as it was 2,000 years ago. Christ is still the author of eternal salvation unto all of those who obey. Therefore, we must obey those words of Acts 2:38, "And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." This is the hope of all who stand without Christ, but to all of those who have rendered obedience to the fundamentals of the gospel, we have assurance of remission of our sins through Jesus Christ. John, writing to those that had obeyed the gospel of Christ, in I John 1:9, says, "If we con-

fess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Since we all sin, why should we hesitate to obey the gospel of Christ, when we have found by the word of God that "The wages of sin is death."? Suppose someone told you that you had a deadly disease, and that there was no hope for your life unless you followed the doctor's orders. I am sure that there is not one of us that would spare money or time in obeying the doctor's orders. Yet, when we come to religion and the death of our souls, we lose interest, or maybe we want to do only what we want, not what God has commanded. There is no greater disease than sin. for it destroys the very soul of man. So why should we not accept the free gift of God? Christ calls unto all to come accept his word and receive life eternal. He says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

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So many men try to become God, but it is a miracle of miracles when God becomes man.

In Matthew the first chapter we find the story of how that Christ, who was on an equality with God, became Jesus the babe of Bethlehem. It is a thrilling story of how Joseph was engaged to Mary, and how that Mary, the virgin, brought forth a child and it is such a human story of a divine happening. When Joseph learned that his espoused wife, Mary, was with child, he was troubled as would be natural. I imagine he spent many a troubled night and finally came to the conclusion, as recorded in the 19th verse, to put her away privately. But the scripture says in Matt. 1:20-24, "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." After the angel appeared to Joseph, he seemed to be at ease, and determined to do that which the angel had requested: take Mary for his wife.

Someone may ask, "What was there said by this angel that made Joseph believe the angel?" Perhaps two things: first, that the angel said "that which is conceived in Mary is of the Holy Spirit." Somebody says, "I know what number two must be, and that is that

he was to be named Jesus." Many had been called Jesus before the coming of the babe of Bethlehem, and many have been called Jesus since that day, but the fact that the angel quoted from the prophet that said His name shall be called Emmanuel must have startled Joseph. Did you know that that name occurs only three times in the entire Bible? Two times in prophecies of the Old Testament foretelling the birth of the babe of Bethlehem by a virgin, and this time when the angel acquainted Joseph with the nature of the child of his espoused.

"And His name shall be called Emmanuel" which the inspired writer said means God with us. That is just what Jesus of Nazareth was, God with us.

I suppose it has been the wish of all men that God should be with us. Perhaps you feel as Napoleon did about God when he was on one of his voyages to Egypt. As he was pacing up and down the deck one night, he heard two men discussing God's existence. One avowed that there was a God, the other denied it. Napoleon addressed them, and pointed to the firmament of Heaven and said, "Who made that?" The psalmist, David, uttered similar words in Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work." Yes, we can see all about us the evidence that God is, but that is not actually seeing God.

We have longed to not only see God, but to also hear Him talk. Have you not often thought of the questions you could ask God about the creation and about life itself? I doubt that there is a scientist living who would not give all that he had to be able to sit at the feet of God and learn of the mysteries of life and nature. Perhaps then, the

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greatest yearning of all mankind has been to know the God of creation; to know as a friend, the one "in whom we live, move, and have our very being." But man with all his seeking and yearning could never accomplish by himself the seeing, hearing, or knowing of God.

To make these things possible, it took a miracle on the part of God. This was the miracle of Matt. 1; Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born of woman. In Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, we find the fulfillment of these three basic yearnings of man. When we see Christ, we see God the Father. In John 14, Christ tells His apostles that He must leave them but that He goes to prepare a place for them that they might follow knowing the way. Thomas was puzzled, and said that they knew not where Christ was going, and how could they know the way? "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me ye should have known my Father also; and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." In these few verses we find Christ telling his apostles, "If you have seen me you have seen the Father, and if you have heard me, you have heard the Father, and if you know me you know the Father."

Therefore, we can see in Christ the nature of God. We can see God's never ending stand against transgression of

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His law, when Christ so severely rebuked the Pharisees and Scribes in Matt. 15 for trifling with God's word. He said in the 6th verse, "Ye have made void the word of God because of your traditions. Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you saying, 'this people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.'" God has never moved from His curse of all men who would transgress His law or change His word.

We hear similar words spoken by the inspired apostle Paul in Gal. 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

Yet on the other hand, we can see in Christ the love and the mercy of God, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The love of Christ while suffering on the cross also reveals the love of God, as He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Someone says, "It is hard to reconcile the wrath and the mercy of God. But the apostle Paul reconciles both in the 22nd verse of the 11th chapter of Romans, 'Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.'"

But not only can we see the nature of God in Christ, but we can hear the words of God from the lips of Christ by the inspired word of the Bible. It is not men nor just Jesus of Nazareth, but even God Himself who says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," Mark 16:16. It was God speaking through Christ who said, "Except ye

repent you shall all likewise perish." Then if we are to hear God we must hear Christ, not the words of Moses or Elijah.

God made this plain in no uncertain terms in Matt. 17th chapter, when He, speaking out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him." However, not only can we see and hear God through Christ, but we can also know Him by obeying the words that we hear. Some one says, "Can I not know Him except by obeying His words?" Inspired John said in I John 2:3-4, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Does this not all seem so very simple, that we can see God's goodness and God's wrath, and that we hear the words of God by the words of Christ, and know Him by obedience to His commandments. There is nothing mysterious nor difficult about this, yet millions today fail to see, hear, or know Him. The natural question comes, "Why?" Because men are wilfully blind, deaf, and unresponsive to Christ.

First of all, we are blind to Christ in that we close our eyes and refuse to see and feel His power. We are, so to speak, closing the heavy iron gates of our mind. Perhaps you will remember the saying of the old feudal baron when he was asked to get into some fortified place, "Can the sun get in? When the sun can get in I can go." And so it is with Christ's power. But so many of us have drawn the shades to the windows of our mind, shutting out God's light—Christ, God with us. When men open their hearts, Christ can go into the citadels of sin and idolatry, and overthrow the power of sin.

But not only do we close our eyes,

but we shut our ears to the words of Christ, instead of hearing that which Christ has commanded, we thirst after the philosophies and theories of our fellowmen. This I cannot understand. If Christ be God with us, then let us turn our backs on the writings of men, and hear the words of God and God alone.

Then it is so hard to know that there are men who have seen, by faith, the power of Christ, who have heard His words, and yet know Him not because they have refused to obey His commandments. You cannot know Him without loving Him, you cannot love Him without obeying Him, for He Himself said in John 14, "If a man love me, he will keep my commandments." There are those of you in the audience today who have not seen, heard, nor known God, and yet He is at your fingertips through the Bible, the word of God. Will you not turn to Christ, God with us? Hear Him and obey Him today. To obey Him means that you must believe Him with all your heart, "for without faith it is impossible to please Him." It means that you must repent for Paul says that "God commandeth all men everywhere to repent." It means that you must be willing to confess the name of Christ before men, for Christ said, "He that confesseth me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in Heaven, but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven." It means that you must be willing to be lead down into the waters of baptism, to be buried with your Lord, that you might come up a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord. For Christ speaking to the apostle Paul, on the road to Damascus, said that it would be told him in Damascus what he should do. There Paul was commanded, "Arise and be baptized washing away thy sins calling on the name of the

Lord." But it means more than this, it means continuing faithfully into death in worship and service to God.

Surely if Christ is God with us we can at least open our eyes, tune our ears, and obey His words. There is no place to deny that God is, but there is a place for us, by faith to see, hear and know God when we have received Christ by obedience, we can say with assurance God is now here.

There was a little child who found the truth of our text today, but her father hated the truth that God is with

us. Though he would have given his life for his child, he said, "There is no God." One day the father became ill, and the child prayed for him. Her father had had a paper printed inscribed with these words, "God is nowhere." When the little girl came in and saw the paper over her father's bed, she took the same letters and spelled, God is now here.

My friends, today you may believe with assurance that God is now here, in your heart and your life if you will but hear and obey Christ who is God with us.

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Aberdeen, Wash.	KBKW	1450	10:00-10:30 p.m.
Abilene, Texas	KRBC	1470	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Albany, New York	WKXW	850	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Albuquerque, N.M.	KOAT	1450	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Amarillo, Texas	KFDA	1440	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Anniston, Ala.	WHMA	1450	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Auburn, Alabama	WAUD	1230	check with sta.
Austin, Texas	KNOW	1490	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Bakersfield, Cal.	KPMC	1560	10:00-10:30 a.m.
Baltimore, Md.	WFBR	1300	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Bangor, Me.	WABI	910	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Baton Rouge, La.	WLCS	910	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Battle Creek, Mich.	WELL	1400	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Beaumont, Texas	KFDM	560	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Beckley, W. Va.	WVNR	620	1:30-2:00 p.m.
Big Spring, Texas	KBST	1490	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Birmingham, Ala.	WGSN	610	10:30-11:00 p.m.
Bloomington, Ind.	WITS	1370	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Boise, Idaho	KDEM	1340	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Bridgeport, Conn.	WNAB	1450	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Brownfield, Texas	KTFY	1050	check with sta.
Brownsville, Texas	KVAL	1490	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Brunswick, Ga.	WGIG	1440	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Butte, Mont.	KOPR	580	11:00-11:30 p.m.
Casper, Wyo.	KVOC	1230	10:30-11:00 a.m.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	WMT	600	7:30-8:00 a.m.
Centerville, Miss.	WGLC	1580	check with sta.
Chattanooga, Tenn.	WDEF	1370	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Cheyenne, Wyo.	KFCB	1240	12:00-12:30 noon
Chicago, Ill.	WENR-WLS	890	2:30-3:00 p.m.
Cleveland, Ohio	WJW	850	11:15-11:45 p.m.
Clovis, N.M.	KCLV	1240	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Cody, Wyo.	KODI	1400	12:00-12:30 noon
Coffeyville, Kans.	KGGF	690	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Columbus, Miss.	WCBI	1340	check with sta.
Columbus, Ohio	WCOL	1230	9:30-10:00 a.m.

Louisville, Ky.	WKLO	1080	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Lubbock, Texas	KFYD	1340	4:00-4:30 p.m.
Ludington, Mich.	WKLA	1450	1:00-1:30 p.m.
McAlester, Okla.	KTMC	1400	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Madison, Wisc.	WIBA	1330	8:00-8:30 a.m.
Memphis, Tenn.	WMPS	680	9:00-9:30 p.m.
Miami, Fla.	WQAM	360	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Milwaukee, Wisc.	WMAW	1250	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Minn.-St. Paul, Minn.	WTCN	1280	7:30-8:00 a.m.
Mobile, Ala.	WABB	1480	6:30-7:00 a.m.
Monroe, La.	KMLB	1440	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Montgomery, Ala.	WAPX	1600	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Muskegon, Mich.	WKBZ	850	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Muskogee, Okla.	KBIX	1490	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Nashville, Tenn.	WSIX	980	4:00-4:30 p.m.
Nenah, Wisc.	WNAM	1280	8:00-8:30 a.m.
New Orleans, La.	WDSU	1280	1:00-1:30 a.m.
New York, N.Y.	WJZ	770	12:30-1:00 p.m.
Oklahoma City, Okla.	KTCO	1000	9:30-10:00 a.m.
Olean, N.Y.	WHOL	1450	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Omaha, Neb.	KCIL	1290	5:30-6:00 p.m.
Paris, Texas	KPLT	1490	9:00-9:30 p.m.
Pasco, Wash.	WPKW	1340	3:30-4:00 p.m.
Philadelphia, Pa.	WFIL	560	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Phoenix, Ariz.	KPHO	1230	11:00-11:30 p.m.
Pittsburg, Pa.	WCAE	1250	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Pocatello, Idaho	KEOI	1440	9:30-10:00 a.m.
Portland, Me.	WPOR	1450	9:00-9:30 a.m.
Portland, Ore.	KEX	1190	10:30-11:00 p.m.
Provo, Utah	KCSU	1490	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Providence, R.I.	WFCI	1420	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Quincy, Ill.	WGEM	1440	8:00-8:30 a.m.
Rawlins, Wyo.	KRAL	1240	12:00-12:30 noon
Richmond, Va.	WRNL	910	1:30-2:00 p.m.
Riverton, Wyo.	KWRL	1450	12:00-12:30 noon
Rochester, N.Y.	WARC	950	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Rolla, Mo.	KITR	1490	8:45-9:15 a.m.

Craig, Colo.	KRAI	1230	check with sta.
Cumberland, Md.	WDYK	1230	8:00-8:30 a.m.
Denver, Colo.	KVOD	630	5:00-5:30 p.m.
Des Moines, Iowa	KSO	1460	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Detroit, Mich.	WXYZ	1270	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Durham, N.C.	WTIK	730	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Eldorado, Ark.	KDMS	1290	1:00-1:30 p.m.
El Paso, Texas	KEPO	690	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Eureka, Cal.	KIEM	1480	check with sta.
Fargo, N.D.	KFGO	790	7:00-7:30 a.m.
Flint, Mich.	WFDE	910	10:00-10:30 p.m.
Florence, Ala.	WJOI	1340	9:30-10:00 a.m.
Florence, S.C.	WJMX	970	10:30-11:00 a.m.
Fort Smith, Ark.	KFSA	950	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne, Ind.	WGL	1250	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Fort Worth, Texas	WBAP	570	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Gadsden, Ala.	WGAD	1350	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Graham, Texas	KSWA	1330	check with sta.
Harlan, Ky.	WHLN	1230	check with sta.
Hartford, Conn.	WTHI	1230	2:30-3:00 p.m.
Hot Springs, Ark.	KTHS	1090	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Houston, Texas	KXYZ	1320	8:00-8:30 a.m.
Huntsville, Ala.	WHBS	1490	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Jackson, Miss.	WSLI	930	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Jackson, Tenn.	WTJS	1390	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Jacksonville, Fla.	WPDQ	600	8:30-9:00 p.m.
Johnson City, Tenn.	WJHL	910	11:30-12:00 noon
Johnstown, Pa.	WCRO	1230	7:00-7:30 p.m.
Kansas City, Mo.	KCMO	810	12:30-1:00 p.m.
Klamath Falls, Ore.	KFLW	1450	4:30-5:00 p.m.
Lawrence, Mass.	WLAW	680	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Lincoln, Neb.	KFOR	1240	10:30-11:00 a.m.
Little Rock, Ark.	WGHI	1250	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Longview, Texas	KFRD	1370	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Los Alamos, N.M.	KRSN	1490	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Los Angeles, Cal.	KECA	790	3:00-3:30 p.m.

Rome, Ga.	WLAQ	670	1:00-1:30 p.m.
St. Louis, Mo.	KXOK	630	9:15-9:45 p.m.
Salisbury, N.C.	WSAT	1280	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Salt Lake City, Utah	KUTA	570	7:30-8:00 a.m.
San Angelo, Texas	KGKL	960	1:00-1:30 p.m.
San Antonio, Texas	KMAC	630	9:00-9:30 p.m.
San Francisco, Cal.	KGO	810	3:30-4:00 p.m.
San Luis Obispo, Cal.	KATY	1340	3:30-4:00 p.m.
Santa Fe, N.M.	KTRC	1400	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Saranac Lake, N.Y.	WEAV	960	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Seattle, Wash.	KJR	950	3:30-4:00 p.m.
Shreveport, La.	KRMD	1340	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Sioux City, Ia.	KSCJ	1360	10:30-11:00 p.m.
Spokane, Wash.	KGA	1510	3:30-4:00 p.m.
Springdale, Ark.	KBRS	1340	6:00-6:30 p.m.
Springfield, Mass.	WSPR	1270	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Springfield, Mo.	KWTO	560	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Syracuse, N.Y.	WAGE	620	12:00-12:30 noon
Tampa-St. Pete., Fla.	WSUN	620	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Texarkana, Texas	KCMC	1230	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Topeka, Kans.	WREN	1250	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Torrington, Wyo.	KGOS	1490	12:00-12:30 noon
Tucson, Ariz.	KCNA	1340	5:30-6:00 p.m.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.	WJRD	1150	9:30-10:00 p.m.
Tulsa, Oklahoma	KRMG	740	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Valdosta, Ga.	WGAF	910	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Washington, D.C.	WMAL	630	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Waterloo, Iowa	KXEL	1540	5:30-6:00 p.m.
Wheeling, W. Va.	WKWK	1400	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Wichita Falls, Texas	KFDK	990	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	WILK	1450	8:00-8:30 p.m.
Wilmington, Del.	WILM	1450	2:00-2:30 p.m.
Winston-Salem, N.C.	WAIR	1340	1:00-1:30 p.m.
Worcester, Mass.	WAAB	1440	3:00-3:30 p.m.
Worland, Wyo.	KWOR	1490	12:00-12:30 noon
Yuma, Ariz.	KYMA	1400	check with sta.

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