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The Divine Human Family - Part 2

W. PRESCOTT

ALL IN HIM

I DO not ask this evening that you should comprehend the lesson of this hour, but I do ask that whatever the Word says may be received and believed; because it is only in that way that we can do anything with the lesson of this hour. The Jews lost one of the very best lessons, in fact the lesson of all lessons that Christ endeavored to teach them, because “they strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat,” and the same spirit would shut up our minds and hearts to the lesson of this hour.

Col. 2:10: “And ye are complete in him.” And the special thought of our study at this time will be the further development of that idea expressed in Heb. 7:9, 10: “And as I may so say, Levi also who received tithes, paid tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him.”

Our study Friday evening was to learn concerning the head of this divine-human family. “Levi paid tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him.” What did we do in him, the father of this spiritual family, this divine-human family? “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14. I wish to read three or four texts to show that according to the general tenor of the subject and at the same time following more



strictly the original text, we may read this: “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt in us.” To express the general idea that God was manifested in the flesh among men, we have the text in Matthew’s gospel, first chapter, 23rd verse. “Behold a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us,” and this is a different expression, both in the English and in the original, “Emmanuel, God with us.” But here are other texts where the rendering follows the same original and translates it “in us.” 1 John 4:13: “Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us,” not among us, but “in us.” Third chapter, 24th verse: “And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in Him and He in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us,” not among us, “in us, by the spirit which he hath given us.” “That they all may be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us.” John 17:21. R. V.

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Every one in him was chosen.
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In all these texts you will observe that it would destroy the whole meaning to say “among us,” and while it does not destroy the meaning in John 1:14 to say, “He dwelt among us,” yet it seems to me to lose sight of the very best of the meaning. “He was made flesh and dwelt in us.” That is to say that Jesus



Christ was the representative of humanity, and all humanity centered in him, and when he took flesh, he took humanity. He took humanity and he became the father of this divine-human family, and he became the father by joining himself in this way to humanity, and the flesh which he took and in which he dwelt was our flesh, and we were there in him, and he in us, just as Levi was there in Abraham; and just as what Abraham did, Levi did in Abraham, so what Jesus Christ in the flesh did, we did in him. And this is the most glorious truth in Christianity. It is Christianity itself, it is the very core and life and heart of Christianity. He took our flesh, and our humanity was found in him, and what he did, humanity did in him.

Now, let us follow the development of that idea further. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.” Eph. 1:3. R. V. That is, when he put all those spiritual blessings upon Christ when he was here in the flesh, he put those blessings upon us, because he was made flesh and dwelt in us, and we were there in him, and the time when we were blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ was when those

blessings were put upon Jesus Christ who dwelt in us; and the only question for us is, Have we enjoyed, have we received, the blessings that he gave us in him? Fourth verse: “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.” When he chose Jesus Christ, he chose us in him, and we were chosen before the foundation of the world in him; not you and I as individuals chosen above other individuals, and our salvation personally assured as distinct from others, but every one in him was chosen. Every one in him was chosen. Every member of this divine-human family was chosen when he was chosen, because we were there in him, and because he was made flesh and dwelt in us.

Sixth verse: “To the praise of the glory of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved,” and when the Father said to his Son, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,” he said the same words to every son in this divine-human family. “Thou art my beloved son in whom I am well pleased” in him, in him. Was he accepted? So are we in him. Are we accepted because of any thing that we are, or have been, or can be? No, but we were accepted in him, in the beloved. It is so, in him, accepted.

The 11th verse: “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance” in him. Did he redeem the inheritance? Did he buy back the inheritance? Did he pay the price? Did the thorns rest upon his brow in token of the fact that he bore the curse of the earth, and that he bore suffering for the earth, and that he was removing the curse from the earth, and that he was bringing back the inheritance? We obtained the inheritance in him, and so he obtained the inheritance and redeemed the inheritance, and bought back the inheritance. We obtained it, because we were there in him, and because he was made flesh and dwelt in us.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.” When the new man, the divine human man, the man Christ Jesus, was created, we were created in him. All members of this divine human family were created in him, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God aforetime prepared that we should walk in them.” Eph. 2:10. R. V. When did he prepare the good works in which we are to walk? Why, in him. What are we to do? To walk in the good works that God hath before prepared, that we should walk in them, so the Scripture says in 1 John 2:6, “He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked,” not so much as an obligation, but as a consequence. Why? Inasmuch as God prepared aforetime the good works for us to walk in why, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself so to walk even as he walked,” not as an obligation, but as a consequence, he “ought so to walk even as he walked,” because he is in him.

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Queensland Baptism

23 June 2018

“Baptism is a most solemn renunciation of the world. Those who are baptized in the threefold name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ... declare publicly that they



have forsaken the service of Satan and have become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.” Lift Him Up, p. 302.

On Sabbath 23rd of June 2018, a special afternoon service was held at Clayfield Church, where relatives, church members and many visitors came along to worship God and



to witness Natali Fuenzalida commit her life to Jesus. Encouraging testimonies were shared in behalf of Natali during the profession of faith meeting. Following the meeting, we all gathered together by the shores of Clontarf Beach, Redcliffe, for her baptism. Though it was a cool winter’s afternoon, our hearts were warm with joy as another young person followed in the footsteps of Jesus. At one point, even the way the afternoon sun shone upon the scene reminded us of the time when the Holy Spirit lighted upon Jesus at His baptism. With the sun fast setting,



we made our way back to church for the fellowshipment ceremony where we welcomed Natali officially as a member of God's church. Soon after the fellowship service and close of Sabbath, we enjoyed some light refreshments and socialising together in the church house. What a beautiful way to close God's holy day! Our prayers and support are with Natali as she endeavours to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus.

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us..." 1 Peter 3:21.

~ Jacob De Souza

Focus Singers Dinner and Concert

Colossians 3:17 "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him".

We give thanks to God first and foremost for the bountiful blessings He has bestowed upon us that we were able to put one of Focus Singers' long awaited plans in motion and to fulfill it with much success.

Sunday the 27th of May was the chosen night for something we had

never done before—a Focus Singers Concert for the public along with a healthy vegetarian four-course meal. To have these two things together at one time was something that required hard work and lots of preparation, but we thank the Lord that all involved pulled together to make it happen with great success.

With Schofield's church having their first cooking demonstrations for the year in early May we collaborated with the Elim Health Team to have them cater for our event. Our plan was to give the first invitations to those attending the cooking demonstrations, then we would canvass the local area and then advertise on social media. We set our goal to get at least 100 attendees.



With the cooking demonstration sessions finished, we were eager to start getting reservations for the concert. However, the response rate was slower than we anticipated. At one point we questioned whether we had bitten off more than we could chew. So, we prayed a little more about it and left it in God's hands. The RSVP date had come and gone. Though the number of bookings were small, we remained positive and the Lord answered our prayers. As the event loomed closer, more reservations were received.

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We now had 112 guests on our list.

It was a bonus that we had the EMC students around at the time which was a great help in making this a huge success. In the week leading up to the dinner concert, the EMC students, the Elim Heath Team and the Focus Singers came together several evenings to start on the preparations for the wonderful four-course dinner menu that the Elim Health Team had put together for the event. By Thursday evening 24th May, the Schofields function hall had its pews moved out ready for setup.

Due to the Schofields hall being unavailable for Sabbath services, combined Sabbath services were held at Wentworthville church. This proved to be a beautiful Sabbath with a great number of visitors attending. After Sabbath closing back at Schofields church, all involved in the preparations became busy either practicing, cooking, decorating, dish washing, drying, or ironing. By the



nights end, the hall was 90% setup, the Elim Health Team and their helpers were successful in the kitchen, and the Focus singers were ready.

The hall had been set up to cater for 100 guests and we had reached our 100 reservations already, but phone calls were still coming through to book in. Rather than turn anyone

down, we arranged extra tables and chairs to cater for all 112 guests we now had on our list. Out of this number we were thrilled to have about 60 guests that were either from the Elim Health cooking classes who were bringing their family and friends along with them or just interests who had seen the advertised invitation.

Starting at 6pm we were able to run a three-hour program with Focus Singers, One Glory, Hayden Wiseman, Ben Ah Mann and EMC Students presenting gospel music as an accompaniment to the meals that were served. The meal consisted of four different Entrée selections, two different soup selections, two different main selections, two different dessert selections, a green salad and a bread and spread board.

The night went without a hitch, the healthy food was very much enjoyed by all and the gospel message through music was deemed an absolute success, so much so that we were asked when we will be doing this all over again. It was an absolute blessing.

We all have different talents that can be used to God's honour and



We could not have made this event happen on our own and are truly grateful for being able to work with the wonderful Elim Health Team – Lidia Voncina, Stela Gules and Lilly Sas who played a huge part in making this a great event. And a special thanks also goes out to all the behind-the-scenes helpers for all their notable hard work, to our 2018 EMC students and the extra little hands that were our servers on the night.



On the musical side of things, we thank One Glory, Hayden Wiseman, Ben Ah Mann and the EMC students for being able to travel from near and far to contribute and assist us in presenting the message of love and hope through music. Our wish and prayer is that God continues to bless us and grants us opportunities like this again to continue spreading His gospel. May His name be forever praised.

glory. We don't all have the talent of preaching or teaching, but these are not the only talents that one must possess in order to fulfill God's mission. You may have the talent of playing an instrument or being a great cook or having great vocals or being a great writer or maybe just being great at meeting and socializ-

ing with new people. Whatever our talent may be, God wants us to use it in a way that could help and win a soul to Christ. Focus Singers mission from the beginning has been to do just that, and this time round it was an even bigger blessing to have worked together with like-minded people to make this all happen.

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:1, 2

~ Tanya Ah-ching



WA Branch Sabbath School

A Branch Sabbath School was launched in Western Australia in the suburb of High Wycombe. The group held its first meeting on May 26 and meets every Sabbath from 10 to 11 in the morning.

The group is organized by the Guildford Church, which is located only a short 15-minute drive away. Guildford Church agreed to commence its Divine Service at 11:30am to permit rostered members attending the Branch Sabbath School to return in time for the church service. This arrangement also allows more time in between Sabbath School ending and Divine Service and makes room for a 15-minute pre-sermon song service that everyone enjoys.

The Branch Sabbath School is advertised primarily via a letter-boxed flyer. About 1000 flyers are printed each quarter to advertise the study group in the local community. Guildford Church members engage in regular monthly letterbox drops following a structured plan with maps of High Wycombe to ensure that everyone in the suburb will receive an invite.

~ Gerson Robles

HIGH WYCOMBE

Bible Study Group

Subject: Prayer

- Jul 7: What is Prayer?
- Jul 14: David's Prayer Life
- Jul 21: Prayer in the Psalms
- Jul 28: The Silent Prayer
- Aug 4: Personal Prayer
- Aug 11: Prayer Meetings
- Aug 18: Public Prayer
- Aug 25: Praying for Others
- Sep 1: Limitations of Prayer
- Sep 8: Praying for the Holy Spirit
- Sep 15: Teach us to Pray
- Sep 22: Learning to Pray
- Sep 29: Prayer as a Way of Life

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Schofields Church Cooking Demonstration

7, 14, 21 May 2018

We praise the Lord for being able to present the health message to the

community another time through health lectures and practical food preparation and sampling. The classes were once again well attended by the public. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and many new ones.

We were blest to have the Elim Missionary College students here for this event, and we thank Brother Paul Michael Balbach for taking the health segment during each of the three evenings of the vegetarian cooking classes.

Here is the summary of the subjects presented throughout the three Monday nights:

How to Beat the Silent Killer – Hypertension

Definition of Hypertension:

– The amount of force applied to arterial walls, which is related to the pressure behind the blood, the quantity of blood pumped, and the diameter and elasticity of the arteries.

Symptoms of Hypertension:

– There are usually no symptoms, unless high blood pressure is severe or long standing.

Effects of Hypertension include:

– Heart attack, stroke, congestive heart failure, vision changes, kidney disease.

Causes of Hypertension include:

– Diet high in salt or low in potassium, tobacco use, excessive alcohol use, lack of exercise, obesity, genetics, changes in blood vessels, age, hormonal changes.

Seven Ways to Prevent, Treat, and Reverse High blood pressure WITH-



- Stress Management

Seasonal Allergies – Fight them and Beat them NATURALLY

Seasonal Allergies Defined: An over-reaction of the immune system in response to a substance (e.g. pollen, grass, mould, dust).

Symptoms of Seasonal Allergies include: stuffy/runny nose, sneezing, itching, sore throat, red and watery eyes, etc.

How to fight seasonal allergies naturally:

Lifestyle changes:

- Avoid contact with pollen
- Exercise regularly (in the morning)
- Sleep 7-9 hours/day
- Vitamin D (sunlight)
- Decrease Stress

Dietary changes:

- Eat foods high in Omega-3s (flaxseed, chia seeds, walnuts, spinach, soybeans, avocados)
- Use Probiotics
- Eat: Garlic, onions, cayenne.
- Drink: Plenty of water, Ginger tea, Peppermint tea
- Eat foods high in: Dietary Polyphenols (gingerol, quercetin, curcumin)
- Gingerol – ginger
- Quercetin – leafy greens, onions, apples, cherries, dark berries, olive oil, parsley
- Curcumin – active ingredient in Turmeric
- Limit processed sugars as they lead to inflammation

Natural Allergy Treatments

- Inhale Eucalyptus steam
- Steam Room/Sauna

Herbal Supplements scientifically proven to help decrease allergy

OUT Medications:

- Good nutrition – Reduce sodium intake (recommended daily amount- 1500-2300mg sodium)
- Water: Drinking 5 cups/day lowers heart attack risk by 50%
- Exercise: Isometric exercise has been shown to be most beneficial in reducing hypertension.
- Sleep: 7-9 hours/day
- Supplements: Vitamin D, Melatonin, Coenzyme 10
- Healthy Environment

symptoms (use with doctor's approval): Butterbur (*Petasites hybridus*), Stinging Nettle (*Urtica dioica*).

Coping with Stress

What is stress?

– The way the body responds to stressors (events, demands, wear

and tear).

How does Stress affect health?

– Unresolved stress leads to many illness, earlier death.

Seven Positive Ways to Reduce and Manage Stress

- Learn to say “No”
- Be Realistic
- Simplify your Life
- Master One Big Change at a Time
- Learn to Relax: Do the things you enjoy regularly, take regular vacations, spend time with family and friends, treat yourself to dinner, a massage, etc.
- Be Physically Active
- Trust in God

It was wonderful to also have the Elim Missionary College students

helping during the Vegetarian Cooking Classes. They helped in many ways: preparing samples and distributing them during classes, working at the registration desk and book shop and helping Sr Elaine Weymark after class selling goods at the Elim Store.

The food presentations were given by Lidia Voncina, Rosetta Ilic, Amy Gules, Joe Voncina, Tanya Ah-Ching, and Vivian Cosson.

Demonstrated items were: Cottage Pumpkin Soup with Sour Cream and Croutons, Cauliflower Wings with Vegan Garlic Sauce, Beetroot Salad, Blueberry Crepes, Turmeric Ginger and Fruit Smoothie, Zucchini Spinach Tofu Slice, Ginger and Turmeric Broth with Bok Choi and Tofu, Rice Pudding with Cherries, Chickpea Noodle Soup, Silky Roasted Red Capsicum Pasta, Sautéed Greens, and Coffee Walnut Cake.

If you would like to watch these presentations, they are available on YouTube; here are the links for them:

Monday 7th May 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGuF8w-puG8w&feature=share>

Monday 14th May 2018: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbvYj_J83w-g&feature=share

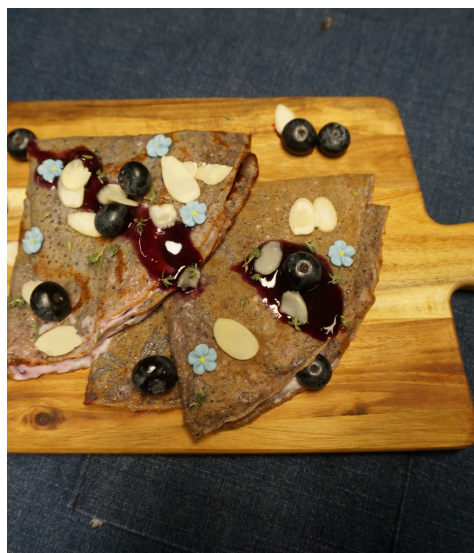
Monday 21st May 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2jb5U8Gjd-Q&feature=share>

Why not try making some of these easy delicious recipes:

Cottage Pumpkin Soup

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small or ½ large Kent or Jap pumpkin (approx. 2kgs)
- 1 onion
- 1 potato





- 1 carrot
- 1 stick celery
- 2 cloves garlic
- 6 sprigs parsley
- Water, enough to just come up to the vegetables (approximately 1 litre)
- ¼ cup cashews
- 1 tin coconut cream
- maple syrup to taste (approx. 2 tablespoons, depending on sweetness of pumpkin)
- salt to taste
- 2 bunches chives
- Turkish bread croutons

METHOD

- Wash and chop pumpkin. When cooking, use the whole pumpkin, skin and seeds.
- Cook first 8 ingredients together until soft. This constitutes the soup.
- Blend soup and cashews until very smooth.
- Add coconut cream and stir.
- Add maple syrup and salt to taste.
- Serve with sour cream, chopped chives and croutons.

Vegan Sour Cream

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup soy milk
- 1 cup rice bran oil

- ½ lemon (2 tablespoons)
- Salt to taste (1 teaspoon)

METHOD

Blend all ingredients together, adjusting lemon and salt according to taste.

Croutons

INGREDIENTS

- Turkish bread chopped into squares
- Olive oil
- Massel chicken-style stock powder

METHOD

- Toss bread pieces with the oil and stock powder until fully coated.
- Toast in 250°C oven for approximately 10 minutes until slightly brown.
- Once cool, store in airtight container. Use as needed.

Blueberry Crepes

INGREDIENTS

- Crepe batter – Makes approximately 10 large crepes
- 2 cups soy milk
- 1½ cups plain flour
- ½ cup frozen blueberries
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup water
- 4 tablespoons maple syrup
- Rice Bran oil or oil spray for coating crepe pan

Filling

- 1 cup frozen blueberries
- 1 tub Tofutti Better than Cream Cheese (200g)
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- ½ lemon juice and rind

Topping

- 2 cups frozen blueberries
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1½ tablespoons cornflour mixed with 3 tablespoons water

METHOD

Crepe:

Place all crepe batter ingredients as per order above into the blender. Blend until a very smooth batter is formed. Let it sit a few minutes.

Heat a shallow crepe pan or a non-stick frying-pan; sprinkle or spray a little oil and place approximately ¼ cup of the batter into the middle of pan and rotate the pan to evenly distribute the batter.

Let it cook until all liquid is absorbed before flicking it over with a spatula.

Remove from pan onto a flat plate.

Continue steps 2-4 until you have used all the batter, and all the crepes are stacked up on a plate. Set aside.

Filling:

Purée all filling ingredients in a food processor.

Set aside.



SA NEWS: 1st half of 2018.

The Lord calls us to reach out, to use our talents to evangelise, sharing with enthusiasm the gospel message, rather than doing our own pleasure. This is much needed here in Adelaide, a quiet, conservative, sleepy little 'town'. Most people are content with what they have and the lifestyle they have chosen, so it's very hard for most to change or even investigate something else that may be better. But the Lord knows the heart of every individual. Each one has different needs, but all need Christ. So, we are told to reach out in various ways to find those souls who are still searching for the complete and full truth in Jesus—truth appropriate for our present world circumstances.

At the end of last year, we were encouraged to attend the music camp in Sydney and learn the power of music for evangelising. Entitled, 'Light the Way', the camp was very enjoyable. Those present from all states can vouch for the beautiful spirit of unity and action experienced at that camp. Putting this knowledge into practise here in Adelaide, we have been reaching out in song to residents in nursing homes. Some of these homes are near to the church (Morphetville and Brighton), others close to our members' homes, and one is a work place of one of our members (Hahndorf). The enthusiasm put into these visits has seen the aged care facilities welcoming more visits as we are able. During some of these visits, the violin or acoustic guitar fills the instrumental gap left by the lack of a piano.



boil; lower heat and gently simmer for 10 minutes.

Combine the cornflour with the extra water until dissolved, and stir it into the blueberry mixture. Continue to simmer while stirring occasionally, until the sauce begins to thicken.

Remove from heat and set aside.

Assembling:

Place a couple of tablespoons of filling in each crepe, add fresh blueberries. Fold pancake in quarters.

Pour topping over crepes.

Serve with vegan cream (optional).

May God continue to bless the health work being done everywhere!

~ Lidia Voncina

Topping:

Combine the blueberries, water, maple syrup, and lemon juice in a small-sized saucepan. Place on stove over medium-high heat. Bring to a

We continue to have a healthy number of visitors for our Sabbath School, almost double the registered members, and far more, if children are included. Recognising that the object of the Sabbath School is the ingathering of souls, we feel the need to encourage our neighbours to come to Sabbath School and find out the interesting things we learn. Sabbath School is appropriate for all, in view of the things we face in the world today, and especially for those who love God. The children's presentations before each Sabbath sermon are always a highlight, and it's great to see young people getting enthused over the stories most of us know so well!

The last part of this first quarter of 2018 brought a great spiritual lift to our church here in Adelaide as Brother John Warncken and I re-joined the 'little company in the light'! We were both re-fellowshipped together on the afternoon of Sabbath May 26th, for which we thank the Lord. It is good to be a part of God's people that continue to uphold the truth and standards for this time, without compromise.

As we draw nearer to the end of time and the last great events of this world's history, may the 'Loud Cry' swell more and more, first in gentle tones, then in greater clarity and urgency in readiness for the great arrival of our Creator and Saviour, with His entourage of angels that are eagerly awaiting, along with us, the end of all this saga!

God bless our efforts in the final part of 2018!

~ Gary Southwell.



SA Fellowshipment

On Sabbath the 26th of May, here in Adelaide we were privileged to have Brother John Warncken and Brother Gary Southwell profess their faith in the Lord and their belief in the truths that we hold dear in the Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement. Both had previously been members of the Reform Movement, but for various reasons had resigned from church membership.

We were privileged to have Brother Paul Chapman here for this same Sabbath and for the Divine Service. He gave a powerful study on our need of connection with Christ as the true Vine. The afternoon program was dedicated to the fellowshipment service. Brother Paul also shared a very good sermonette at the beginning of the fellowshipment. Then Brother Csongor Matyas went through the principles of faith with both brethren. Both brethren also shared some of their personal testimony during their answers. We were all convinced of their sincerity and dedication to the truth. Brother Paul and Brother Csongor extended the right hand of church fellowship and welcomed Brother John and Brother



Gary back into the church of God on earth. We were all encouraged to witness this special occasion.



program. Parents and friends from around the world tuned in to the internet broadcast of the graduation program, which was the first event to be livestreamed from Elim Heights.

It is hoped that all who attended will not soon forget the messages shared on our need, our message, and our preparedness for Christ's soon return.

~ Nathan Tyler

NSW Camp

The weather was good for the annual New South Wales camp at Elim Heights. Meanwhile, we prayed for rain—the latter rain of the Holy Spirit—as we shared in the spiritual messages on the theme, “Gathered for Eternity.”

Topics such as these were presented: “Atmosphere of Heaven,” “Ripening for Harvest,” “Throwing Out the Lifeline,” and “Counsel from a True Witness.”

A highlight of the camp was the Elim Missionary College graduation, where another 16 young people completed the four-month training

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

Revelation 22:20

EMC Summary

Elim Missionary College

This year marked the 10-year anniversary of the Short Intensive Missionary Training Program run by Elim Missionary College. A four-month seminar series, the program is open to church members from around the globe. This year's program was the sixth such program and was attended by 17 students.

From Australia, Brazil, Canada, French Polynesia, Philippines, and the United States, the student body were diverse but also energetic. With an average age of just under 20 years old, they were a very youthful and lively group!

Studies included Gospel Workers, Bible Research, preparing and presenting in-home Bible studies, Literature Evangelism, Operation of the Sabbath School, Health and the Gospel, Righteousness by Faith, Church Administration, Agriculture, History of the SDARM, Health and Detox, Distinctive Doctrines, and Effective Communication.

In addition to study, students were involved in canvassing; visitation of various church groups, including teaching in their Sabbath Schools and presenting public Bible studies; two camp meetings; area visitation in Sydney, including conducting in-home Bible studies; a prophecy seminar; cooking demonstrations; a musical concert; and organic gardening practical exercises at Elim Heights Youth Camp.

Graduation time came during the NSW camp, and everyone enjoyed the special presentations, testimonies and experiences shared. Completion certificates were handed out,



with the last one making the 60th graduate of the four-month program.

It is now much quieter around the office as we get back to "normal," but we miss everyone and pray they experience the blessing of God as they seek to serve Him in the calling that He has for each one.





Dudley Foord House Visit

A great opportunity opened to present a mini Focus Singers concert at the Dudley Foord House at The Ponds where Sister Catharina Sas resides. So, on Sabbath 19th May 2018, Focus Singers along with a small number of our church members, friends and EMC students assembled for a lovely afternoon of singing and instrumental items.

We were truly blessed, as I am sure the residents, their families and staff members were also, as we all joined together in singing old hymn favourites – ‘Amazing Grace’, ‘Blessed Assurance’, ‘Old Rugged Cross’, and a few others. Some of the EMC students were able to present some beautiful instrumental pieces and the

residents thoroughly enjoyed songs that they fondly remember growing up with, such as ‘It Is No Secret’ and ‘So Let the Sun Shine In’.

To watch them smile and sing along brought a sense of joy and happiness in being able to share Jesus with them on this afternoon through songs of praise. Before we knew it one hour had passed, and our program had to be brought to an end. The residents enjoyed it so much that they asked for us to come back again, and soon. We had the pleasure of being able to meet and chat with the residents afterward, and we very much look forward to spending another afternoon of praise with them in the very near future.

~ Tanya Ah-ching

Elizabeth Olive Brittain

18/05/1933 – 9/05/2018

Our deepest sympathies and Christian love go out to the Brittain and Southwell families as they mourn the loss of their loved one, Elizabeth Olive Brittain (Southwell).

Elizabeth (also known as Mum, Nan, Betty, Auntie Betty, Bet, and Sr. Brittain) was a remarkable person, an inspiration to many. Her thoughtfulness towards others left an indelible mark in the lives of many. She will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, her kindness, helpfulness, hard-working, cheerful personality, and being a social butterfly, always looking forward to attending some social event whether it be conferences, camps, day trips, youth outings, weddings, cooking demonstrations, you name it, and she was ready to go... Often, she was the first one to register for events well ahead of time.

Her life was a life fully-spent being a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, enjoying traveling, visiting, knitting, and gardening. Music also played a very important part in Elizabeth’s life. There were many favourite hymns on her list, but these are the ones that she especially asked to be sung at her funeral: “Until Then” (which she was heard singing while doing the washing at the end of camp last year at Elim Heights), “I’ll meet you in the morning” and “We’ll Never Say Goodbye in Heaven”. What beautiful words and sentiments are expressed in these songs.

Until Then

Stuart Hamblin

My heart can sing when I pause to remember, A heartache here is but a stepping stone

Along a trail that's winding always upward, This troubled world is not my final home.

But until then my heart will go on singing, Until then with joy I'll carry on

Until the day my eyes behold the city, Until the day God calls me home.

The things of earth will dim and lose their value, If we recall they're borrowed for a while;

And things of earth that cause the heart to tremble, Remembered there will only bring a smile.

Elizabeth had a gift for memorizing Scripture; she often recited Bible verses and even full chapters. Two of her favourite verses were: Isaiah 41:10 “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” and “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” Psalms 119:165.

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We look forward to the day when Sister Brittain will awake from the sleep of death



Elizabeth and Neville (her husband), already in their golden years but both being adventurous, decided to take on the challenge of being caretakers of Elim Heights Youth Camp. They were able to spend several years enjoying the beautiful quiet surroundings of Melong and did a wonderful job as caretakers, for which we are very grateful. From there, they moved to their final place of residence at the Kings Langley Adventist Retirement Village.

We look forward to the day when Sister Brittain will awake from the sleep of death, and meet together with us again at Jesus' feet. Elizabeth will be missed by many.

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have



told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.” John 14:1-4.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor

crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

~ Lidia Voncina

Memories of Elizabeth Brittain as portrayed by her family:

Elizabeth Olive Southwell was born on 18th May 1933 in Lakes Entrance, Victoria. She was the third child of Bryce and Myrtle Southwell. Her siblings were: Norman (who died a 3-month-old baby), Patricia, Ilene (died as a young lady), Mervyn, Gordon & Clyde.

The Southwell family moved from Lakes Entrance to a number of places before settling in Eden, NSW, where Myrtle was kept busy looking after the children. Bryce, being a fisherman, had a beautiful fishing boat. Elizabeth enjoyed going on the boat with her father and has for the remainder of her life enjoyed sailing, boats and being on the water. Elizabeth's father also had a mail run from Eden to the lighthouse keepers at Gabo Island, and Elizabeth together with her sister Patricia loved to go with their Dad on the mail run. Often her father would take all the children for a ride in his boat. Elizabeth was an adventurous girl from a very young age and would give anything a go until she physically couldn't do it anymore, this included trying to keep up with some of the church young people, hiking through the track at the Three Sisters in Katoomba and ending up in a helicopter ride to Nepean Hospital with a broken hip.

Elizabeth did her intermediate school certificate in Bombala and then took a job in Bega doing

bookkeeping. When Elizabeth was 16 years old, the family moved to Hebron Missionary College. Classes used to start at 5:00am, and then in the afternoons they used to work in the paddocks and in the orchards picking and packing fruits and vegetables for the markets. It was at Hebron that Elizabeth got to know a young man named Neville Brittain, who eventually would become the love of her life.

Elizabeth also worked at the Elim Health Centre, 42 Prospect Road, Summer Hill. There she learnt how to give great massages and hydrotherapy.

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While her sister Patricia was very sick with gastroenteritis, Ilene and Elizabeth went to look after her. Unfortunately, they also contracted the disease so badly that Ilene passed away just before her 18th Birthday and Elizabeth lost all her hair. At that time Elizabeth was 19 years old.

Neville was working in WA, where he was in charge of starting up a clinic. While there, he and Elizabeth regularly corresponded. When Neville came back to Sydney for the end of the year conference, they were asked if their relationship was serious, and it was, so wedding plans were started. On the 12 April 1953, Elizabeth and Neville were married at Hebron. They began their honeymoon travelling from the east coast to the west coast of Australia



along with Elizabeth's Mum and Dad and her brothers Gordon and Clyde. Elizabeth and Neville did this trip across Australia many times after this, often in the hot summer in a vehicle without air-conditioning.

Their first son Keith was born in Western Australia on 13 April 1955. Then they moved back to Sydney where, on the 21 January 1957, Barry was born. While in Sydney Elizabeth learnt to drive and worked at Hopewood Health Centre. Then Roy was born on the 10th April 1959, then Julie on the 25th June 1961. A few years later, on 13 July 1966, Geoffrey arrived. The call then came for them to move back again to Western Australia where, eleven years after Geoffrey was born, Cathy surprised



everyone; she was born on the 21st May 1977.

In 1979, Neville answered a call for a worker in South Africa; so once again with her love of adventure, Elizabeth, Keith, Geoffrey and Cathy moved to Johannesburg. There Elizabeth went to a night school and

continued her book-keeping studies, so she could assist with the accounts, and also did a typing course. She used to type the Children's Sabbath School lessons on a manual typewriter.

After being away in South Africa for 9½ years they returned to Sydney, Australia to live close to her mother once more, leaving Geoff with his new wife behind. They moved back into the old residence next door to her mum and her sister Pat where together they helped look after Elizabeth's mum.

This pleasure was not to last long. Neville was asked to move to America to work there, but Elizabeth didn't want to leave her mum behind, so she stayed here to hold things together, taking on responsibilities

she once thought too difficult and became fiercely independent. This provided opportunities for her, Keith and Cathy to travel the world a little and visit with Neville. This added to her list of adventures.

When Neville returned, they needed to adjust again to everyday life together. However, it didn't take long, and their determination and love for each other shone through. On the day of their granddaughter Amanda's wedding to Adam, they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

After Neville had been diagnosed with stomach cancer, they worked on their bucket list of things to do together, one being to travel on the Ghan, which they did from North to South, a gift from their children for their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Elizabeth was devoted to Neville. She cared for him as his health deteriorated until he passed away on March 28th, 2014. Although she must have missed him terribly, she took on adventure after adventure ticking off her own bucket list including a cruise around New Zealand, flying to Perth on numerous occasions, and many little trips with her wonderful friends she made at the retirement village. Her last planned trip, a visit to Eden and Bega districts again for a last time, was left undone; but we will do this one for you!

Rest In Peace!

Memories of my mother

By Julie (Brittain) Stevenson:

My earliest memories started in Wallacia, as we moved there when I was 6 months old. I remember Mum working at Hopewood Health Centre, gardening, making egg and

lettuce rolls for tuck shop for school, learning to drive (with a tribe of kids in tow), teaching me to swim in the local river, teaching me to knit, amongst many other things.

When we were kids she would knit constantly! Especially in the car. All the way from Perth to Sydney and back! Click, click, click, click. That is, when she wasn't driving with dad sleeping in the back of the station wagon with half us kids and the rest of us sitting in the front with her.

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Gardening was one of her passions and she had the best veggie patch in Wallacia.

Now, one of my most memorable memories as a kid was walking into the kitchen every morning and she would be making fresh-squeezed orange juice and fruit salad. She did this all her life and enjoyed eating fruit salad till the end. She hated cooking and often said she wasn't very good, but obviously some things were pretty good as I have now handed down some of HER recipes to MY children.

Gardening was one of her passions and she had the best veggie patch in Wallacia. She broke her hip back in 2001, and I called to see how she was after she got home and was told, hang on a minute I'll just take the phone out to her as she's just stuck in the front garden, gardening with her crutches! When they moved to Roanoke/Virginia she was very excited to have her own little garden there which she named Bette's Patch; and although she had given



up growing veggies a few years ago, she had cleaned out her flower patch the week before she went into hospital with the plan to replant some more flowers.

She was very social and hated missing out on any occasion. She was comfortable with all ages, but loved to spend time with young people, especially her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren.

She was fiercely independent and hated giving up driving but, in the end, decided that it was for the best as her eye sight was failing which was not a bad thing as she always had a bit of a lead foot and really couldn't see how fast she was going.

As we all know, she was diagnosed with a liver tumor in October 2017 which we realised she must have had for some time. She elected not to have any treatment and to let it run its course. We can only be grateful that although she was tired and had a lack of appetite she lived life quite normally up to 3 weeks ago when she ended up in hospital for the last time. On the day that I took her to hospital she remarked to me that the cough that had plagued her the past 20 years had disappeared! Also, she was very proud of the fact that she had gained 2 kilos. Unfortu-

nately, the cough going was probably due to the clots she had developed in her lungs and the 2 kilos was due to fluid retention. But hey, it made her happy.

Now, I don't know how many people know, but her most used word was "sorry". I'm sorry you had to do this or that for me. I'm sorry this or that happened to you. I'm sorry you had to take time off work for me. Mum, you never once did anything that you needed to be sorry for. In the hospital we finally convinced you that no sorry was needed. It was absolutely our pleasure to be able to help you.

At this point I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank everyone who helped Mum. Her church community, the retirement village community, her family and friends and the many medical professionals. There are some though that I would like to mention in particular as she often spoke of you. Susan, who she thought of as her third daughter; Veronica, who delivered juices to her daily which gave her strength to keep going when she didn't feel like eating, and often gave her a lift to church; and Jill, who also often gave her lifts to where she needed to go. Thank you.

Also, thank you to Amanda, Cathy, Geoff and Cherylynn for being there with me and helping me throughout this whole process, doing what needed to be done.

During the last few days in hospital she mentioned a few times that she had so many visitors and it made her tired. We pointed out to her, that was because so many people cared about her and loved her. Yes, she said, and I love them.

Lastly, I must mention her quiet acceptance of her situation. Everyone must die of something, she said. Her absolute faith in the second coming of Jesus and her belief that she will once again see her loved ones made her passing very peaceful, and one of the last things she said was, "It won't be long before I see Dad again".

Mum, do you remember the conversation we had recently when I said I'm not a crier and you said no, neither am I? I can't for the life of me remember what it was in reference to, but I have changed my mind; you have brought many tears to my eyes recently.

Goodbye Mum, we will miss you xx
Elizabeth's family:

Children: Graeme Keith Brittain, Barry Brittain, Roy & Melanie Brittain, Julie & Gary Stevens, Geoff & Cherylynn Brittain, Cathy & Dave Hall.

Grandchildren: Arron, Kylie, Amanda, Shawn, Rohan, Drew, Brett, Tyla, Devan, Tahlia, Mikayla and Ben.

Great-Grandchildren: Taj, Xavier, Mia, Brae, Phoenix, Rachel, Flynn, Rosabella, Sophie, Romey, Saxon and Sebastian, Curtis, Jack, Hayden, Cooper, Chase and Cassian.

Condolences to the Allen Family

It is with deep sorrow that we express our heartfelt sympathies to the Allen Family. Brother David Allen fell asleep in Jesus on 19th March 2018.

Susanna's memories of her Dad

I always knew this day would come, but secretly I hoped it would be many more years away. I can't thank you enough for all the things you have done and taught me over the last 28 years. Your passion for life and positive attitude has helped me through many difficult times. I will miss hearing your words of wisdom. I am so glad that 28 years ago when the doctor brought you another girl you were excited even though you all thought that by the third one you would finally get a boy. We were always your precious darlings, and you treated us like princesses.

As we were growing up you spent hours with us teaching us about God and His love. If there ever was a church activity, you and mum made sure we were involved.

We shared a love of sweet foods, especially Mars Bars, and as kids we would always fight over who would go with you to the shops because we knew that you would buy us a

special treat. You always made us promise not to tell mum, but as we got older we kind of figured out she probably knew anyway.

I am so thankful for the years you brought us to work with you at the grapes and strawberries. The lessons we learnt in perseverance and doing our best are still so strongly engraved in our lives today. We were so lucky to spend each day together as a family. Lunch times were the best part of the day. Not only did it mean the day would end soon but it was a time where we would sit together as a family. We would sit on the shady side all in a line and eat our sandwiches. After you finished eating you would lay down for a few minutes and put your hat over your eyes. At the end of this mini nap you would always say, "Come on girls, this won't get the baby a frock." When decoded this meant that we better get up and get back to work.

After a day's work we would often go and play tennis or squash. You were very competitive and would never let anyone win. Not even a small little girl who desperately wanted to beat her dad at squash. I only ever came close once to beating you. I am so thankful for these lessons you taught me that if I really wanted to win or achieve something I would need to work for it.



I am so thankful for your value of education. Although your own education was limited due to your circumstances you valued education so highly to send me to good schools and help me achieve the best that I could. I want you to know that whatever I do in life, in the future you have impacted my path and helped me become the person that I am.

When I was 11 mum and Rachel went overseas, and that left me and Josie at home with you. I remember you making the disappointment of not going easier by bribing us into a trip to Dreamworld. We had so much fun that day.

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Your humour was something
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enjoyable.

Around this time, we had Michael Stoyko come and stay with us. I think he felt sorry for you not having mum to cook, so he would regularly make a baked dish. We didn't really like eating this dish, and so you would secretly throw a little bit away each day, so he would think we had eaten some. Both Josie and I thought this was the funniest and struggled to keep a straight face.

Your humour was something that made our lives so enjoyable.

Every Sabbath morning around 7am when we lived in Woombye you would play “I'll Fly Away” by Jim Reeves so loud on your surround sound it would wake the neighbourhood up. We would wish a little bit inside that we would fly away



ourselves to another house, so we could sleep in. Oh, how I would give anything to go back and hear those songs and spend a little extra time together.

Once we grew into young ladies you were always protective of us and who we hung out with. You gave us lots of right advice and guided us in the right path.

We couldn't have asked for a better dad. You spent all your time, energy and money making us happy. Well, probably a lot of money, if you can imagine taking three girls shopping at the Sunshine Plaza. But we were your precious girls, and you treated us in the most kind and gentlest way.

You taught me to play the violin, and we often enjoyed moments together. Even a few weeks ago we played for the last time together. I will cherish this moment and think about it often. Thank you for the beautiful violin you bought me in your final weeks. I will play this violin and always think of you.

Thank you for being a wonderful father-in-law to my husband and granddad to my child. Gabi loved your company and was really surprised when you said yes, he could marry me.

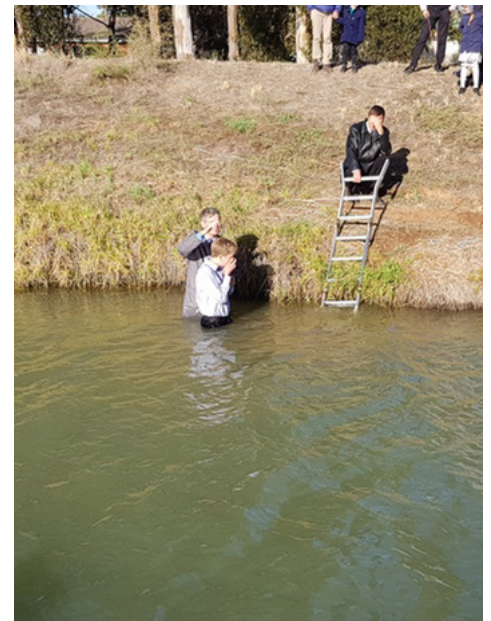


Tamara will always remember her granddad and how you loved her and spent time with her. Her excitement to visit you and be with you is a reflection on the time, energy and love you bestowed upon her.

So, Dad, although we say goodbye for a short time, just know you have impacted many lives and been such a positive influence on all that have come in contact with you. The many friends and family here today are a testament to your life.

I can't wait until the resurrection morning when together we will fly away into the clouds of glory to meet our dear Saviour and Lord.

~ Susanna Mandic



Baptism: Coleambally

12 May 2018

On Sabbath 12 May we were blessed to gather together for the baptism of Lucy and Caleb Wiseman and Sarah McMahon. It was inspiring to listen to the testimony of these youth as they committed their lives to God.

After Brother Graham gave words of advice and encouragement, we met on the banks of Channel 9, Coleambally, for the baptism. A number of students from the missionary school and visitors from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane were present to offer their support along with local church attendees.

The afternoon was spent in both vo-

cal and instrumental praise to God, followed by close of Sabbath and a shared evening meal.

We thank God for the witness these youth will be, and our prayers are with them as they begin their walk with Him.

~ Ruth Rodionoff



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So we read in Col. 2:6, “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.” In him. Now we were created in Christ Jesus for good works, and God has prepared those good works aforetime for us to walk in them, and how shall we walk in those good works which he has prepared for us to walk in? Why, walk in him. Let us read Eph. 2:6, and I will read the translation in the Syriac Version of the clause that I wish especially to emphasize, “And hath raised us up together;” and the fifth verse shows that is together with Christ, because it says, “Hath quickened us together with Christ:” “And hath raised us up together, and seated us with him in heaven in Jesus the Messiah.” “He hath seated us in heaven in Jesus the Messiah.” He was made flesh and dwelt in us, and with that same flesh of humanity he went to heaven, and when he had purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high. When he went to heaven, we went in him. When he was seated on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high, we were seated there in him. Humanity is in heaven. We, our humanity, our flesh, is there, and

we are seated there in him, because he is the Father of this family, and because every son is in him just as Levi was in Abraham, and when Abraham paid tithes, Levi paid tithes in him, although he was not born yet. And when Jesus Christ went to heaven, every child of his went there in him. When he took his seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high, every child was seated there in him; thank the Lord!

Every one of these truths is worthy of an hour’s study. The whole thought is overwhelming; what God has done for us, the human family! What he has done to bring us back to him, to restore his image in us, to redeem us, the condescension of Jesus Christ to come here and dwell in us! to take our flesh, our sinful flesh, to unite himself to the human family, to become the Father of the family, to join himself with us by birth, in those closest ties, never to be broken! That is the love of God in Jesus Christ! And he did not simply come here as an outsider, and do something, but he came here and became what we are; he dwelt in us! He gathered together in himself all humanity, and he invited the Father to treat him as the representative of humanity, and so what he did we did

in him, and are receiving the benefits of it. What we have done he did not do; but he was treated as if he had done it, and he received the benefits of that, - completely changing places with us! That was the love of God in Jesus Christ.

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**Jesus Christ to come here
and dwell in us! to take our
flesh, our sinful flesh, to
unite himself to the human
family**

We read again in Romans 6:6, Revised Version, “Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.” Tenth verse: “For the death that he died (and we died with him, he died unto sin once, but the life that he lives, he lives unto God, even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive



unto God in Christ Jesus.” He died, we died with him.

2 Cor. 5:14 expresses the same idea, and brings it out clearly in the Revised Version. “For the love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judged that one died for all, therefore all died.” Read it in Hebrews 2:9: “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” How could he taste death for every man? Because every man was in him; because he clothed his divinity with humanity; because humanity was all centered in him. Notice how many ways this is touched upon in the Scriptures. “He was tempted in all points like as we are;” the temptations of humanity met in him. “All of us like sheep have wandered, each to his own way we have turned, and Jehovah hath caused to meet on him the punishment of us all.” Isa.53:6, Dr. Young’s Translation: “Everything met in him.” “Made him to be sin,” not a sinner, but “made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin.” He took it all, he bore all our sins. See it in this same 53rd chapter of Isaiah, 4th verse: “Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet

we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted; but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. Why? Because our humanity bore those stripes, and we received those stripes in him.

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Because he was clothed with
a body, he was made flesh
and dwelt in us, and we were
there in him, and that body
of flesh was a body of sinful
flesh

See how this thought is further brought out in Romans 7:4, R. V: “Wherefore, my brethren, ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ:” “were made dead.” Notice the form of the expression, - “were made dead.” It refers to a definite point of past time when this thing all took place. Now notice further on that idea. Hebrews 10:5:

“Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me.” Margin, “thou hast fitted to me.” Syriac Version, “thou hast clothed me with a body.” He was made flesh, and dwelt in us; so we were the body, and he put us on, in order that we might put him on, because the Scripture says, “Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.” But we never could have put him on, had he not first put us on. But, Heb. 10:10, R. V.: “By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Now how was it possible that we should be made, or were made, dead to the law through the body of Christ? Because he was clothed with a body, he was made flesh and dwelt in us, and we were there in him, and that body of flesh was a body of sinful flesh (Rom. 8:3), so we may be sure it was like ours. So when he was offered, he paid the penalty of the law, but that body was our flesh, and we were there in him. And by the offering of the body of Christ, we became dead to the law through that body, because humanity (humanity in which divinity was enshrined) was paying the price. Divinity and humanity were joined in the body of Christ, and the penalty was paid. “Thou has

caused to meet on him the punishment of us all;" and we were all there in him receiving the punishment. So we became dead to the law. We were made dead to the law at a definite point in past time. We were made dead to the law through the body of Christ.

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Just as soon as we come into the family, we come into possession of all that the Father of the family did.

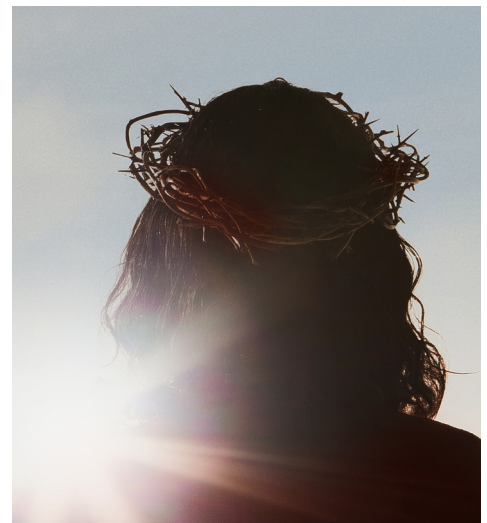
Let us read further in the sixth of Romans, seventh verse, R. V.: "For he that hath died is justified from sin." "The wages of sin is death," and when one has died, he has paid the penalty. So he that hath died is justified from sin, and the whole choice with us lies just here, Shall we prefer to die for ourselves? We were there in him and received the punishment and paid the penalty; shall we avail ourselves of that fact? or do we prefer to pay the debt ourselves and die ourselves apart from him? We can do so, but "he that hath died is justified from sin." The eighth verse: "But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." So if we accept that fact and make it our own, that we died with him, that we died in him, it is thus that we receive life in him, and through him.

Read this same idea in Gal. 2:20, Revised Version: "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live in faith, the faith which is in

the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." I read the same idea in Col. 2:11. Revised Version: "In whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ." "In whom ye also were circumcised;" do you not see this idea, that everything that he did, we did in him? And do you not see that the only question to be settled is, Are we in him? that is all. Are we in him? If so, just as soon as we come into the family, we avail ourselves of all the rights and privileges of the family. Just as soon as we come into the family, we come into possession of all that the Father of the family did. It is feebly illustrated when children are born into the earthly family. They have certain rights in all that the father has done, represented by his property. The child has certain rights and claims, and the law recognizes them. It is a feeble illustration, and yet it is in the line of thought, because when we are born into the divine-human family, and become really in him, by our own choice, it is not simply true that we have a right to certain things that he has, and has done, but all that he has done, and all that he has, belong to each member of the family. Is it any wonder that the apostle John broke out and said, "Behold,

what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God"? Then as sons and as members of the family, all that he did, ours; all that he has, ours; everything comes to us just as soon as we are born into the family, just as soon as we become sons of God.

The next question that arises is, But what about Christian experience on any such basis as this? It is all in him. If we do, it is in him, if we strive, it is in him. It is all in him, and Christian experience may be summed up in this, - what we did in him, then, without any choice on our part, he is to do now in us by our choice. Then we will have plenty of Christian experience of the right kind. All this that we did in him was without our choice or consent, without asking us if we would like it done, he came and by





taking our flesh, and dwelling in us, he did it in us and we did it in him without even asking for it, without any choice, without any effort on our part whatever.

Now his desire is that what was done then in him without any choice or will on our part, he shall now do in us by our choice and by our will, and our choice is all the time to be exercised on this point: Shall I remain in him? Shall I continue to choose him, and be in him? That is Christian experience. That is the experience set forth by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Galatians, first chapter, fifteenth and sixteenth verses: "But when it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by His grace, to reveal his Son in me." It is now a good time to say that this union by which we are in him is of that nature that it is impossible except as he also is in us. And so reveal His Son "in me."

See this thought in 1 Timothy 1:16; "Howbeit, for this cause I obtained mercy that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering." Jesus Christ showed forth all long-suffering. It was shown forth when Jesus Christ was here, and he desired that the same thing should be shown forth in the apostle Paul.

See this thought in 1 John 4:2, 3 and 4: "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus is come in the flesh is of God." Now it is not every one who confesseth that Jesus Christ did come in the flesh, but every one who confesseth, who is confessing, that Jesus Christ is come in his own flesh. But you say, It cannot mean that. We will stop a moment. Every spirit that does that is of God. Now when Jesus Christ was here in the flesh, every time the devils met him, they recognized him as Jesus Christ in the flesh. They said, "We know thee who thou art, the holy one of God." Were they of God? Does it meet this idea to say every one that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come, that he did come? The devils confessed that very thing, and that is the very kind of faith that is being pushed upon the people now. The devils believe and tremble, but they do not believe unto righteousness, and believing unto righteousness is the gospel, - is Christ in you the hope of glory, - and every one that is confessing that Christ is come in the flesh is the one that is confessing that Jesus Christ is in him the hope of glory. That spirit is of God. Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and it is that spirit

of antichrist, and it does not make any difference where you meet it, nor when you meet it. Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is an opposer; he is antichrist and is of the spirit that opposes, and it is the very essence of antichrist to deny that fact which is the basis, in the first place, the general basis of Christianity, and in the second place is the life and the all and in all of every individual's Christianity, and that is that Christ is come in his own flesh, and that Jesus Christ is in him the hope of glory.

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Amariah & Jamie Engaged

Few moments in life are as special as the day of one's engagement. Congratulations to Amariah Payet and Jamie Squires who were engaged in Western Australia on April 2. You are both very much loved by your church family, and we are so happy you two found each other. You both share a love for God and His cause, and we wish you God's guidance and wisdom as you plan your future together.

"...as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Isaiah 62:5



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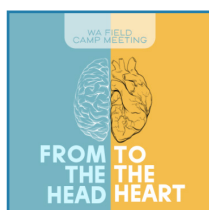
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