

REFLECTIONS

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SERVING THE LORD

By Pastor Brian De Jong

In Paul’s instructions to Christian slaves in Colossae, we discover some very good advice that applies equally to all men. The Apostle writes as follows: *“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”*

Now these verses remind us of a basic fact – that we are servants of the Lord Christ. He is our Master, and to Him we owe all allegiance, devotion and service. Hence, we are not our own masters. We don’t even belong to ourselves. We have been purchased with the precious price of Jesus’ blood, and He has taken possession of us. We are His, and belong to no one else – not even ourselves. He is not merely **the** Lord Christ, He is **our** Lord Christ.

This text also tells us that we have work to do. We have been saved in order to serve. God did not make us alive so that we could kill time waiting for eternity to start. As Paul informs the Ephesians, *“we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”*

I’m also encouraged by the wide range of service that the Lord approves. *“Whatever you do...”* There are many forms of service and they reflect the variety of callings, gifts and abilities that Christians receive from the Lord. Your service may look very different from mine, but that doesn’t mean that I’m right and you’re wrong. You may have a very different type of assignment from the

Lord– so whatever work you do, do it heartily unto our God.

Did you catch the manner in which we are to render our service? It is summarized in that one adverb “heartily” – with all your heart, soul, and strength.



Not half-heartedly. Not as an outward show, but from the heart and unto the Lord. Our purpose and goal is also in view – as for the Lord rather than for men. We must give our service as a freewill offering to the Lord, and for His honor and glory alone. We are seeking

to please God by our service, not men. So all that we do is done with an eye to satisfying our Master.

Finally, we see from this short section that our service is not in vain. There is a reward that God has prepared for us – an inheritance that He will bestow upon His good and faithful servants. Not surprisingly, the Apostle strikes the same note in his instructions to the Christian slaves in Ephesus. In Ephesians 6 we read, *“With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,⁸ knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.”*

So how will you serve the Lord at Grace Church? What will be your niche? How will you work heartily for Him? There are many needs in our body, and many opportunities for ministry. Perhaps an elder or a deacon (or even the Pastor) can help you discover your place of service.

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- *Pine Haven Men’s Chorus, 2nd*
- *Meadowview Manor Ministry, 30th*

The Glorious Head of the Church

By R. B. Kuiper

The relationship of Christ to the church is so varied and rich as to defy adequate description. To name but a few of the numerous aspects of this relationship, He is both its founder and its foundation, its savior and its owner, its preserver and its hope, its lover and its beloved, its righteousness and its holiness, its Head and its King.

Without fear of contradiction it may be said that no aspect of Christ's relationship to the church looms larger in Holy Writ than the fact that He is its Head. As such He is transcendently glorious. And His body, the church, cannot but partake of His glory.

ITS FEDERAL HEAD

At the beginning of history God forbade Adam to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and threatened him with death if he did eat (Genesis 2:17). The unmissable implication was that, in case he remained obedient, he would be permitted to eat of the tree of life and thus would be rewarded with life eternal. Theologians have these facts in mind when they say that God established with Adam the covenant of works. Not for a moment may it be thought that it was a covenant between God and Adam as a mere individual. In this covenant Adam was the representative, the federal head, of all his descendants. Therefore his first sin affected the whole human race. God imputed the guilt of that sin to all men. "By the offense of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation" (Romans 5:18).

Long before man fell, even before the foundation of the world, the God of all grace had made provision for his salvation. In the quietude of eternity He ordained the covenant of grace. In this covenant He provided another Adam, another representative or federal head, to accomplish all that was necessary for the redemption of His elect. Not only was the second Adam to make full atonement for their sin, He was also to do all that the first Adam should have done but failed to do. By His

perfect obedience to the divine law He was to merit eternal life for those whom the Father had given Him. God would impute to them His righteousness. By the obedience of one would many be made righteous (Romans 5:19).

How much more glorious is the second Adam than the first. The first was of the earth earthy; the second was the Lord from heaven (I Corinthians 15:47). The first, although created good and in the image of God, was capable of sinning; the second, although sorely tempted, could not sin. The first did sin and thus brought death upon the race of humanity; the second became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and thus guaranteed eternal life for the new humanity, the church of God. The first was made a living soul; the second was made a quickening spirit (I Corinthians 15:45). It may well be for these reasons that Scripture speaks of the Saviour as the *last* Adam rather than the *second*. He did all that the first Adam failed to do. He wrought perfect righteousness and life eternal. No additional Adam was needed or ever will be.

ITS ORGANIC HEAD

Scripture tells us repeatedly that Christ is the Head of the church and that the church is His body. The apostle Paul reminded the Ephesian Christians of their duty as members of Christ's body, the church, to "grow up into him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). And the same apostle, after telling the believers at Colosse that "the body is of Christ," warned them against "not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God" (Colossians 2:17, 19). The gist of these passages is that the relationship between Christ as the Head and the church as His body is organic.

Our Lord gave expression to the same truth by means of another metaphor. He spoke of Himself as "the vine" and of the members of His church as "the branches" (John 15:5). It goes without saying that the relationship of the vine to the branches and of the

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branches to the vine is organic.

The organic union of Christ and His church is a pro-found mystery. Therefore he who seeks to describe it must exercise the greatest care to speak soberly. On the one hand he must indeed aim to do justice to the intimacy of this union, but on the other hand he must beware lest he completely identify Christ and the church.

C. G. Trumbull, a modern mystic and advocate of The Victorious Life once wrote these words: "At last I realized that Jesus Christ was actually and literally within me; and even more than that: that He had constituted Himself my very being . . . my body, mind, soul and spirit. . . . My body was His, my mind His, my spirit His, and not merely His, but actually a part of Him. . . . Jesus Christ had constituted Himself my life — not as a figure of speech, remember, but as a literal, actual fact, as literal as the fact that a certain tree has been made into this desk on which my hand rests" (*The Life That Wins*, pp. 13, 14).

This is amazing language and a gross exaggeration. It does away with the distinction between Christ and the Christian. It asserts that the Christian's individuality has been abolished and that he has become a part of Christ. Applied to the church, this can only mean that the church has ceased being the communion of believing men and women and has become Christ Himself.

What, then, does it mean that Christ is the organic Head of His church? It means that the church has no life apart from Christ and receives from Christ whatever life it has. It means that the church was originated not only by Christ, but also from Him, and cannot continue to exist for even a moment apart from Him. It means that the church in all of its members lives and operates only through Christ. It means that one and the same Spirit, even

the Holy Spirit of God, dwells both in Christ and in His church. It means that the life which Christ has imparted to the church and keeps imparting to it is His very own.

What glory for the church!

ITS RULING HEAD

Implicit in the Scriptural teaching that Christ is the Head of the church is His rule over the church. This appears clearly in the words: "For the husband is the

head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything" (Ephesians 5:23, 24). For that reason Scripture speaks of Christ as the King of the church. Referring to Christ and the church, God declared: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion" (Psalm 2:6). And Paul described the church as the kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13).

How does Christ rule His church?

He does it through the instrumentality of men, the officers of the church. Ministers, elders and deacons represent Christ as prophet, king and priest respectively. Particularly to the ruling elders has Christ committed the government of His church.

However, it is a fact of the greatest moment that, while He does *delegate* authority to them, He never *transfers* to them the authority which is His. After all it is Christ Himself who governs the church through its officers. Therefore those officers may never presume to legislate for the church. Their sole task is to declare and apply the laws of Christ without ever adding to them or subtracting from them.

Christ governs the church by His Word and His Spirit. This is not to say that no member of the church ever violates His Word or resists His Spirit. Sad to say, that happens all too often. However, Christ does

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keep adding members to His church by the irresistible grace of His Spirit operating in their effectual calling through the Word. And it is also true that He so controls the living members of the church by His Word and Spirit that, in spite of their many remaining imperfections, they delight in His law after the inner man and render to Him the beginning of perfect obedience.

Not only is Christ Head of the church, He is Head over all things. God “gave him to be the head over all things to the church” (Ephesians 1:22). As such He is in a position to protect the church against the onslaughts of the world, to fulfill His own promise that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church, and even to cause the wrath of its enemies to contribute to its final triumph. Satan himself cannot so much as stir without His permission, and He will see to it that all the machinations of the prince of darkness against the church redound to its glory. Therefore the church sings:

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same;
And He must win the battle.

This glorious Head of the church Scripture describes as seated “on the right hand of the Majesty on high” The Glorious Body of Christ (Hebrews 1:3). And the seer on the isle of Patmos

saw Him in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks “like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength” (Revelation 1:13-16).

How glorious a Head! What glory to be His body!

Taken from The Glorious Body of Christ by R. B. Kuiper, Chapter 14.



Comments on Finances

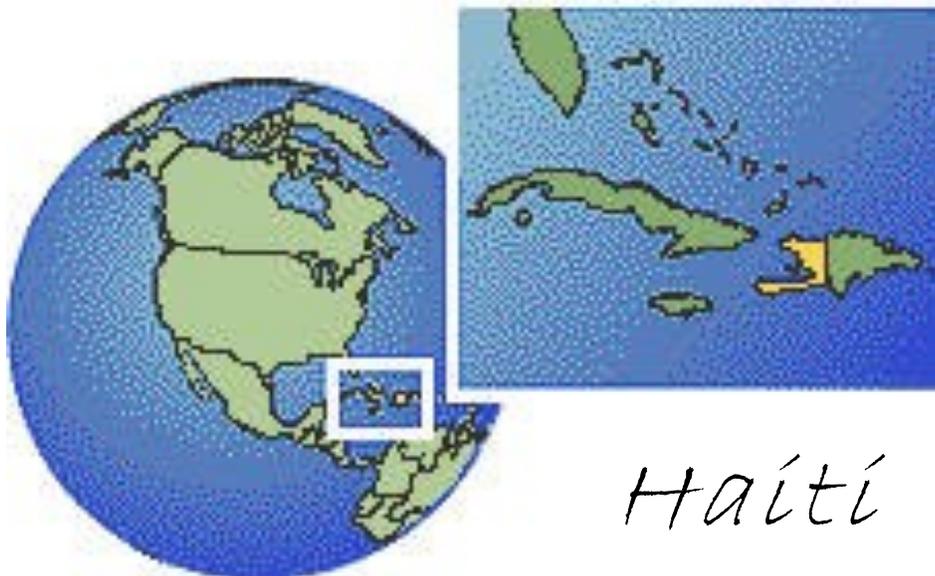
by Joel Moody

General Fund receipts for January totaled \$10,439.06 as compared to the budget of \$10,793.04. General Fund disbursements for January totaled \$10,894.41 as compared to the budget of \$10,793.04. Through the end of January, the General Fund decreased by \$161.76.

Benevolence Fund Receipts for January totaled \$1,085.26 while the budget was \$1,429.17. Each month, \$450.00 is sent to Worldwide Outreach for the General Missions outreach of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. In addition, approximately \$192.00 is sent each month to the Midwest Presbytery's Church Extension Committee. For March, \$600.00 will be disbursed towards the support of Rev. Karl

Thompson who ministers to the Menominee Indians in Zoar in northern Wisconsin. Remember to pray for Pastor Karl Thompson as well as the other ministries that our church helps to support through your gifts to the Benevolence/Missions Fund.

If you wish to direct some financial support to the travel costs of Don De Troye, Chris Kaeiser, and Ken Koehler, please mark your gift for "Haiti Missions Project". These men will be assisting with the building of a Missions Center located on La Gonave, an island off of the mainland of Haiti, which our denomination is supporting. This building will house the Hopps as they minister to the Haitian people.



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March Birthdays



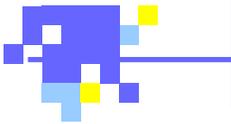
Happy Birthday!!!

Social Fellowship Planning

by Roger Arndt

The Social Fellowship Committee will be planning a meeting soon and would like your help! If you would be willing to participate in the planning or if you have any suggestions, the committee would love to hear them. Please contact Roger Arndt or Pastor Brian.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Pine Haven Men's Chorus, 5:00 p.m.	3 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. <i>Theology Class,</i> 3 p.m.	4 Pine Haven Study, 1:30 p.m.	5 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	6	7	8 Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.
9 Missions Sunday	10 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	11 Pine Haven Service, 6:30 p.m.	12 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. <i>Theology Class,</i> 3 p.m.	18 Pine Haven Study, 1:30 p.m.	19 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.	25	26 Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.	27	28	29
30 Lord's Supper (a.m.) <i>Meadowview Manor, 2 p.m.</i>	31 Women's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.					

Unlocking the Mystery Magazine

By Pastor Brian De Jong

Shortly after the first of the year, I received a magazine in my mailbox addressed to **RESIDENT**. On the back cover were apocalyptic images and the words “Keys to Happiness... Unlocking the Prophetic Code... Adventures in Prophecy.” Being a curious fellow, and answering to “**Resident**,” I examined the magazine to see what it was all about.

I scanned the front and back covers for some identifying information. I saw several pictures of a smiling evangelist named Ric Swaningson. I also identified the location for the meetings – the “Prophecy Seminar Center” in Sheboygan. Not being familiar with the Prophecy Seminar Center, I still had no idea who was promoting these materials.

Inside the magazine were a variety of articles that covered topics like “Your need for God” and “True Heartfelt Repentance.” On page 30 was a list of “Frequently Asked Questions,” and my question was posed – “Who sponsors these meetings?”

The answer was simple but unrevealing – “Adventures in Prophecy is responsible for its content and its ministries.” They did vehemently deny any connection to the Jehovah’s Witnesses or the Mormons.

Below the Table of Contents on page 3 in very small print was yet more generic information. This magazine was apparently printed by “Happiness Christian Ministries” in Portland, Tennessee. Even their website is very generic, and provides few clues as to their identity. But the key that unlocked the mystery was found in this sentence on p.3: “Original text written in the 1800s by Ellen Gould White when millions from all denominations were searching for a more personal walk with Christ.”

Who was Ellen Gould White? She was one

of the founders of the Seventh Day Adventist movement. Her teachings stressed the importance of healthy living, and she advocated vegetarianism. Among her followers was Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, the inventor of corn flakes. The Kellogg’s cereal company in Battle Creek, Michigan was an outgrowth of the teachings of the Seventh Day Adventists, and helped advanced her agenda to replace the traditional American breakfast of bacon and eggs with vegetarian breakfast alternatives.

If the evils of breakfast sausage were their only quirk, we might dismiss the Adventist movement without another thought. But the teachings on healthy living are only one plank in their platform.

Their other teachings are far more significant, and worthy of careful scrutiny.

As their name suggests, this group believes that the correct day to worship is the seventh day of the week, and not the first day. Therefore Christian churches for 2000 years have been in error when they gather on Sundays for worship. Accord-

ing to Adventist teaching, Sunday worship is an error introduced by the Roman Catholic Church and codified by Emperor Constantine. They believe that Sunday worship is a sign of apostasy, and if you’ve ever talked with an Adventist about the proper day of worship, you know how tenacious they can be.

As the mystery magazine indicated, another Adventist distinctive is their view of the end times. To a certain extent they share beliefs made popular by dispensational Premillennialists such as C.I. Scofield. Yet there are unique end-times ideas taught by Ellen White, such as the idea that Sunday worship is the “mark of the beast” mentioned in Revelation 13. Those resisting the apostasy of Sunday worship are, according to White, “sealed by God” and will be fiercely persecuted by those in league with the beast. In this way the end-times doctrines mesh with their



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strict adherence to Saturday worship.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of Seventh Day Adventist teaching is their view that Mrs. White was a modern day prophetess who received visions from God. Some Adventists go so far as to say that her writings are inspired (though not infallible), and are authoritative for their movement. Although not all Seventh Day Adventists hold to the inspiration of Ellen White's writings, her teachings are typically held in high regard, and she is widely considered to have exercised the spiritual gift of prophecy.

This leads us to two questions.



First, is the Seventh Day Adventist movement a legitimate protestant denomination, or is it a cult? Most scholars and experts will stop short of calling the SDA church a cult, but it is hard to affirm that it is a genuine protestant denomination. When this very question was posed to the "Q&A" section on the OPC website, the answer was much the same – "it's a hard call."

The second question is equally difficult – what about these people from "Happiness Christian Ministries?" Are they Adventists? By their own choice, they leave us guessing! So much for the mystery magazine!

The Cheque Book of the Bank of Faith by C. H. Spurgeon

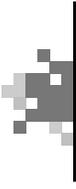
by Samantha De Jong

The Cheque Book of the Bank of Faith is an excellent devotional book which focuses on God's promises, may be just the resource you are seeking. Pastor Spurgeon explains the foundational premise of the work in his Preface. "A promise from God may very instructively be compared to a cheque payable to order.... It is not meant that [the Christian] should read it over comfortably, and then have done with it. No, he is to treat the promise as a reality, as a man treats a cheque." A believer must personally receive God's word as true and believingly present the promise to God in prayer, he continues, just as he would endorse a check, and later present it at the bank. Though God may not answer every prayer immediately, Spurgeon assures readers that, "God has given no pledge which He will not redeem, and encouraged no hope which he will not fulfil." Subsequent pages contain a short



reading for every day of the year. Each focuses on one promise from God's word, explaining its meaning and applying it to the believer. What better way to spend the next year of your life than by meditating on the promises of God?

C. H. Spurgeon's personal experience of persecution gave him a heart of sympathy for every afflicted Christian. "Oh that I might comfort some of my Master's servants," He writes. "I would say to them in their trials, 'My brethren, God is good. He will not forsake you: He will bear you through. There is a promise prepared for you in your present emergencies; and if you will believe and plead it at the mercy seat through Jesus Christ, you shall see the hand of the Lord stretched out to help you.'" Whatever difficulties you face in this year, may you find hope and strength in God's promises, through the words of C. H. Spurgeon in The Cheque Book of the Bank of Faith.



Malawi News

By Rev. Ivan De Master

The Church in Malawi is thankful for the help we have been able to supply. The need for food for the families of the churches is being helped by the money that was sent. Pastor Tembo and the elders registered families that needed help and they registered 600 families. They were able to purchase food for 450 families with our help. Some families still did not receive help. The new crops will be ready in April.

There were 4 students we have been helping to attend Theological College. Peter is in his last year. Herman returned to school but the elders questioned his gifts and no money was given for his education this year. (I trust that he will heed their counsel and can satisfy their concerns.) Mabvuto did not return this year because of illness but expects to continue next year. Mike returned but has since come home. He explained that the courses were too difficult for him. Christopher is another student in his last year and permission was asked to use some of the funds sent to help him. He is expected to seek ordination in the Associate Presbyterian Church. Recently I learned that another student, Foster, is interested in the denomination. We hope to meet all of these men when we are in Malawi this summer.

Last week I booked my flight to Malawi for this summer. I plan to go with Rev. Doug Clawson of the Foreign Missions Committee. He has been asked to assess the situation for the missions board. We will leave July 24 and return August 14. This will

give us 3 Sundays in Malawi and the 2 weeks in between to teach in the presbyteries. It is expected that we will be going into Mosambique this time. We will likely visit the theological college to learn about the training the men are receiving. It will be good to have Doug Clawson there since he has visited the other mission fields and is able to compare the situations.

I would not be able to do this without the support of Grace Church. The funds, the prayers, the encouragement has been a great help. This was not expected as I approached my retirement years. May this result in the building of Christ's Church and the glory of his name.



JUST WHOM WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE LIKE?

By Don Schlernitzauer

*“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness! Why should the nations say, ‘Where is their God?’ Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. **Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.**”*

-- Psalm 115: 1-8 (ESV)

I once had a friend who asked me if I thought a mutual acquaintance was looking more and more like George Washington. I asked why that should be and he said, “Because she worships the almighty dollar.”

These opening verses in Psalm 115 present the same message in a more eloquent fashion. They also present an amazing contrast between our God in v. 3 and the false gods of vv. 4-7. The living God does all that He pleases; the false gods can’t do anything.

But v. 9 points to an equally important reason why all men should be careful of the object of their worship. Men who make idols with their

own hands (or minds) will over time, as they trust those idols for their significance, become like those idols. Oh, they may not take on the likeness of a football or a can of Budweiser or a stock portfolio, but their affection for the image of these things will more and more obscure and replace the image of God in which they were created. They will become like them.

Does not the Bible reveal a principle that God Himself has laid down—that men take on the likeness of what they worship? Did not Cain in murdering Abel become like the evil one he served according to 1 John 3: 12 and John 8: 44? Did not the Pharisees in rejecting Jesus as the only way to the Father in their lies become like their father, the Devil (John 8: 44)? Did not Judas Iscariot in his betrayal of Christ not only serve Satan (Luke 22: 3), but he also reenacted his betrayal of God, for which Satan was cast out of heaven.

But now the good news! In 1 Corinthians 15—the resurrection chapter—Paul tells us why Christ reigns and why He is to be worshipped. But he also adds these words in v. 49, “Just as we have born the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.” In our resurrection newness, every worshipper of Jesus Christ will bear the unmistakable image of Jesus Christ. We will have become like Him—the One we worship--when we see Him as He is (1 John 3: 2). Oh, the amazing grace of God!

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks an hour ahead on Sunday, March 9 for Daylight Savings Time!



Young Reflections

A page designed especially for the children of Grace Church (by Samantha De Jong)



Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? When the sun starts rising earlier in the morning and setting later in the evening, that's a sure sign that spring is on the way! This time of year we love the sunlight, because it's a promise of warmer days in the future. The Bible says we should love the light for another reason too. Jesus said He is the light of the world. If we are His followers, we should be lights too. Ephesians 5 says, "...Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord." Would you like to be like a bright ray of sunshine to those around you? Then find out from God's word how to please Him, and apply what you learn to your life!



TEXT TANGLE



Do you ever wonder why your mom is so concerned about how you write? Well, here's why. Below is a wonderful verse from Psalm 145. However, odd spacing of words, and lack of punctuation and capitalization makes it almost impossible to read. Correct the verse and copy it onto a separate paper to win a prized form the Treasure Chest!

**“thelo rdisg raciou sand compass ion ates lowt oange randr ichi nlo vet
Relo rdisgo odtoal lheh ascom passion ona llheh asma de”**

Mystery Animal

Can any of you young detectives identify this mysterious creature?

Howdy, sstranger! How are you, thiss ssplendid Sspring day? Don't be sscaresd of me; unlike ssome of my coussinss, I'm harmlessss to humans. Actually, I'm a little nervouss myself. Ussually, I would have sslithered away when I ssaw you coming, but ssince I'm cold blooded, this frossty weather makess me ssluggish. I don't like to boasst, but ssome say I'm sstrikingly beautiful. God dessigned my sskin color to sshow off my ssupple, 20-inch-long body. Do you ssee my sspectacular sstripess? There'ss one sstraight down my sspine, and two along my ssidess. Between the sstripess, my black and brown sscalaless make a checker-board pattern. Would you like to ssee my family? I have sseventeen offsspring. They are sso cute! Ssince they're sso ssmall, they sswallow earthwormss. When they get bigger they'll swallow frogss and fish like I do. (Our sstretchy jawss let uss eat without chewing.) Well, I musst get back to my brood, and ssee if they're sstill ssafe. Ssee you ssoon!



Hearty Split Pea Soup

- ★ 1 pkg. (16 oz.) dried split peas
- ★ 2 cups diced fully cooked lean ham
- ★ 1 cup diced carrots
- ★ 1 medium onion, chopped
- ★ 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- ★ 2 tsp. oregano
- ★ 1/2 tsp. salt
- ★ 1/2 tsp. pepper
- ★ 5 cups boiling water
- ★ 1 cup hot milk

In a 5-qt. slow cooker, layer the first nine ingredients in order listed (do not stir). Cover and cook on high for 4-5 hours or until vegetables are tender. Stir in milk. Serve.

I doubled it and put it in a 10-qt slow cooker for 4 & 1/2 hours.

Ashley Boss



“There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen, that it is from the hand of God. For who can have enjoyment without Him?”



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Lord Jesus Christ.

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★ Did you know that the life of Richard Cameron was the topic of the Did You Know in the last issue of Reflections and that this the is the second part?
★ Did you know that the authorities had put a price of 500 marks on Richard Cameron’s head for his work for the Gospel in Scotland?
★ That on July 22, 1680 he and other Reformers were attacked by a troop of dragoons from whom

they defended themselves bravely and at which time Cameron was killed?

★ That before they commenced the fight Cameron prayed, “Lord, spare the green, take the ripe?”

★ That his head and hands were sent to be displayed at Edinburgh and that his father, imprisoned for spreading the Gospel as well, was compelled to see them?

★ That his father’s words were, “I know them,... they are my son’s... It is the Lord— good is the will of the Lord, who cannot wrong me nor mine, but hath made goodness & mercy to follow us all our days.”

★ An enemy after seeing them said, “There’s the head and hands of a man who lived praying & preaching & died praying & fighting?”

★ That Grace Church has a member who is named for this man—can you guess who?

★ That there is a good biography to read called The Lion of the Covenant: the Story of Richard Cameron that has much more about this godly man?

Info found in The Scots Worthies written by John Howie, and <http://chi.gospelcom.net/DAILYF/2001/07/daily-07-22-2001.shtml>

Cleaning the Church

Have you thought about volunteering to help clean the inside of the church building? On the bulletin board in the hallway is a sign up sheet. If you think you would like to assist, please sign up for a week or two. There is an easy-to-follow list of things to do to tidy up the building (also located on the bulletin board). If you need help finding supplies or the vacuum

cleaner, or if you have another similar questions or concerns, please speak with Megan Boss. Thanks to all who have contributed their time towards this thus far!!

