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TO ALL WHO LOVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

WE have been led forward another stage in our wilderness journey to the opening of a new year, and we have together to raise a song of thanksgiving to God for His grace that has kept and sustained us on our way.

I would again address a few words to you concerning Him whom, having not seen, we love, and the hope of whose return we cherish in our hearts. Let us consider anew what blessings are ours as being *called to have fellowship with Jesus*. We have not only been delivered from the wrath and judgment due to us on account of our sins, but we are justified, brought nigh to God, and made His children; and not only so—we are inseparably and eternally ONE with Christ, and, when He shall appear in glory, we shall be manifested as such. What comfort and joy our souls should ever possess, seeing that such is our portion!

But this precious truth brings with it a deep responsibility; for we are called to shew forth *now* the praises of Him who has thus blessed us; we are left here as witnesses for Him and His truth to a world that still rejects Him. How great is this privilege, but how little exercised

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by us! The devil has succeeded, alas! too well in drawing the affections of God's people away from Him, and making them build their nest here, instead of entering into their heavenly calling as "risen with Christ." Awake, dear believer, to your portion in Him. Awake to the privilege of sharing in His rejection, of bearing His cross and shame; live to Him, walk with Him, and let the world see that you have a "hope that maketh not ashamed." Let not the worldliness of the Christianity of the present day draw you within its vortex, but rise above it; set "Jesus only" before you as your example; not Christians, *but Christ*. *Now* is the conflict and toil, *soon* shall be the rest and the crown. Gird on thine armour afresh; and strong in His grace, go forth for the coming year to fight the good fight of faith, and remember for thine encouragement that victory is sure. "THANKS BE UNTO GOD, WHO GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

UNSAVED SINNER,—Thou art in deep need of a Saviour, for thou art undone and without any hope in thyself. But *in God* is thine help. He has provided a salvation for all, "without money and without price." He is calling to thee now to partake of it—to receive a present pardon for all thy sins, and a righteousness—even His own—to fit thee for His presence. Perhaps thou hast often heard the call, and as often refused; but oh! I pray thee turn not away again; for "NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION."

JANUARY, 31 Days.

5th. Last Quar. 6h 23m M.
12th. New Moon 6h 53m A.

21st. First Quar. 0h 26m M.
28th. Full Moon 1h 30m M.

MAN'S STATE BY NATURE.

1	F	There is none righteous, no, not one. Rom. iii. 10.
2	S	Behold, I was shapen in iniquity. Ps. li. 5.
3	S	By nature the children of wrath, even as others.
4	M	God saw that the wickedness of man was great.
5	T _U	All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
6	W	The whole world lieth in wickedness. 1 John v. 19.
7	T _H	All we like sheep have gone astray. Isa. liii. 6.
8	F	For there is no man that sinneth not. 1 Kings viii. 46.
9	S	All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Isa. lxiv. 6.
10	S	There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good.
11	M	The carnal mind is enmity against God. Rom. viii. 7.
12	T _U	The heart is deceitful above all things. Jer. xvii. 9.
13	W	The wages of sin is death. Rom. vi. 23.
14	T _H	They that are in the flesh cannot please God.
15	F	The way of the ungodly shall perish. Ps. i. 6.
16	S	The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit.
17	S	Your sins have hid His face from you. Isa. lix. 2.
18	M	The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.
19	T _U	Ye all have transgressed against me, saith the Lord.
20	W	Dead in trespasses and sins. Eph. ii. 1.
21	T _H	The way of peace they know not. Isa. lix. 8.
22	F	We have turned every one to his own way. Isa. liii. 6.
23	S	Who can say, I have made my heart clean? Pro. xx. 9.
24	S	We are all as an unclean thing. Isa. lxiv. 6.
25	M	The Scripture hath concluded all under sin. Gal. iii. 22.
26	T _U	If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.
27	W	Their works are works of iniquity. Isa. lix. 6.
28	T _H	Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? Job xl. 4.
29	F	Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts. Matt. xv. 19.
30	S	They set their heart on their iniquity. Hosea iv. 8.
31	S	Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways. Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

TRUE SAYINGS.

WHAT the THOUGHTS of a *natural* man are only evil (see Gen. vi. 5); that his WORDS are such (see James iii. 6, 8); that his WORKS are such (see Ps. xiv. 3); and that his THOUGHTS, WORDS, and WORKS are such (see Rom. iii. 9-18.)

Come to the *blood* of Jesus to have sin pardoned, and then come to the *arm* of Jesus to have it subdued.

Nothing but Christ and His righteousness can fit us for the presence of God.

The sinner casting himself on the mercy of God *in Christ Jesus* is as safe as any now in heaven.

God gave His Son—for what? That the believer “should not perish” for his sins, but that “he should have everlasting life” for Christ’s righteousness.

To have looked *into* the ark, the people must have taken off the mercy-seat; to see the law, without the mercy-seat covering it, is death to us.

I can truly say, I have *great need* of Christ. Thank God, I can say boldly, I have a *great Christ* for my need.

My sins brought Christ to me, and me to Christ.

Reader, you are either, *in Christ*, the object of God’s love, or, *out of Christ*, the object of God’s judgment. Which is it?

FEBRUARY, 28 Days.

3rd. Last Quar. 4h 56m A. | 19th. First Quar. 5h 6m A.
 11th. New Moon 1h 54m A. | 26th. Full Moon 0h 5m A.

REDEMPTION.

1	M	Redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ.
2	TU	In whom we have redemption through His blood.
3	W	Justified...through the redemption that is in Christ.
4	TH	The redemption of their soul is precious. Ps. xlix. 8.
5	F	Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood. Rev. v. 9.
6	S	Fear not; for I have redeemed thee. Isa. xliii. 1.
7	S	I will redeem them from death. Hosea xiii. 14.
8	M	Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. ix. 22.
9	TU	Who redeemeth thy life from destruction. Ps. ciii. 4.
10	W	Ye are bought with a price. 1 Cor. vi. 20.
11	TH	Their sins and iniquities I will remember no more.
12	F	When I see the blood, I will pass over you. Ex. xii. 13.
13	S	Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law.
14	S	Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people.
15	M	He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
16	TU	Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
17	W	Their Redeemer is mighty. Prov. xxiii. 11.
18	TH	Behold, God is my salvation. Isa. xii. 2.
19	F	The gift of God is eternal life. Rom. vi. 23.
20	S	These were redeemed from among men. Rev. xiv. 4.
21	S	Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. v. 7.
22	M	Having made peace by the blood of His cross. Col. i. 20.
23	TU	I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee.
24	W	While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
25	TH	Having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. ix. 12.
26	F	The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants.
27	S	With the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
28	S	Our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name.

CONFORMITY TO CHRIST.

LORD, I desire to live as one
Who bears a blood-bought name,
As one who fears but grieving Thee,
And knows no other shame ;

As one by whom *Thy* walk below
Should *never* be forgot ;
As one who fain would keep apart
From all Thou lovest not.

I want to live as one who knows
Thy fellowship of love ;
As one whose eyes can pierce beyond
The pearl-built gates above ;

As one who daily speaks to Thee,
And hears Thy voice divine
With depths of tenderness declare,
“ Beloved ! thou art mine.”

I want to walk as one who knows
The guilt that lurks within,
Yet rests in meek dependence
On the sacrifice for sin ;

To dwell more near my Saviour's face
Than ever yet before ;
And *then*—to lean upon His breast,
And own Him *Conqueror*.

MARCH, 31 Days.

5th. Last Quar. 5h 43m M.
13th. New Moon 8h 47m M.

21st. First Quar. 5h 54m M.
27th. Full Moon 9h 33m A.

THE NEW BIRTH.

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| 1 | M | Ye must be born again. John iii. 7. |
| 2 | Tu | Being born again...by the word of God. 1 Peter i. 23. |
| 3 | W | And you hath He quickened, who were dead. Eph. ii. 1. |
| 4 | Th | It is the Spirit that quickeneth. John vi. 63. |
| 5 | F | A new heart also will I give you. Ezekiel xxxvi. 26. |
| 6 | S | The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. 2 Cor. iii. 6. |
| 7 | S | Of His own will begat He us by the word of truth. |
| 8 | M | Quickened together with Christ. Eph. ii. 5. [God. |
| 9 | Tu | Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of |
| 10 | W | He saved us, by the washing of regeneration. Ti. iii. 5. |
| 11 | Th | A new spirit will I put within you. Ezek. xxxvi. 26. |
| 12 | F | If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. |
| 13 | S | Who hath begotten us again unto a lively hope. |
| 14 | S | That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John iii. 6. |
| 15 | M | I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. |
| 16 | Tu | Every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him. |
| 17 | W | The last Adam was made a quickening spirit. |
| 18 | Th | Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. |
| 19 | F | Every one that loveth is born of God. 1 John iv. 7. |
| 20 | S | Even so the Son quickeneth whom He will. John v. 21. |
| 21 | S | Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. |
| 22 | M | Thy word hath quickened me. Ps. cxix. 50. |
| 23 | Tu | I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. Gal. ii. 20. |
| 24 | W | Partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter i. 4. |
| 25 | Th | The words that I speak are spirit and life. John vi. 63. |
| 26 | F | <i>Good Friday.</i> Quicken me according to thy loving- |
| 27 | S | And they that hear shall live. John v. 25. [kindness. |
| 28 | S | The word of God is quick and powerful. Heb. iv. 12. |
| 29 | M | God, who quickeneth the dead. Rom. iv. 17. |
| 30 | Tu | I said unto thee, when thou wast in thy blood, Live. |
| 31 | W | So we also should walk in newness of life. Rom. vi. 4. |

FRAGMENTS.

CHRIST has taken *our nature* into heaven to represent us, and has left us on earth with *His nature* to represent Him.

The joy of the Lord is only to be retained when we walk tenderly and circumspectly; it is inconsistent, not only with the indulgence of any gross sin, but with a careless walk.

There is such a thing as the new birth; believest thou this? It is necessary to be had; believest thou this? God only can work it? believest thou this?

The cross of Christ is the Christian's crown; the reproach of Christ is the Christian's riches; and the shame of Christ is his glory.

A Christian, when he comes into the world, lives to die again; but when he goes out of the world, he dies to live again.

Never forget the three *whats*. First, *What from?* Secondly, *What by?* And thirdly, *What to?* What from? Believers are redeemed from hell and destruction. What by? By the precious blood of Christ. What to? To an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

APRIL, 30 Days.

3rd. Last Quar. 8h 48m A.
12th. New Moon 1h 48m M.

19th. First Quar. 3h 6m A.
26th. Full Moon 6h 21m M.

FAITH.

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| 1 | TH | By grace are ye saved through faith. Eph. ii. 8. |
| 2 | F | Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace. Luke vii. 50. |
| 3 | S | Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. |
| 4 | S | Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Heb. xi. 6. |
| 5 | M | The just shall live by his faith. Hab. ii. 4. |
| 6 | TU | With the heart man believeth unto righteousness. |
| 7 | W | Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts xvi. 31. |
| 8 | TH | Unto you that believe He is precious. 1 Peter ii. 7. |
| 9 | F | He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. |
| 10 | S | Faith is the substance of things hoped for. Heb. xi. 1. |
| 11 | S | Have faith in God. Mark xi. 22. |
| 12 | M | For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. v. 7. |
| 13 | TU | Believing, ye might have life through His name. |
| 14 | W | By Him, all that believe are justified. Acts xiii. 39. |
| 15 | TH | Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet...believed. |
| 16 | F | Faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. |
| 17 | S | Whom having not seen ye love. 1 Peter i. 8. |
| 18 | S | Jesus the author and finisher of faith. Heb. xii. 2. |
| 19 | M | Faith without works is dead. James ii. 20. |
| 20 | TU | All things are possible to him that believeth. |
| 21 | W | A man is justified by faith without the works of the law. |
| 22 | TH | Ye believe in God, believe also in me. John xiv. 1. |
| 23 | F | Faith cometh by hearing. Rom. x. 17. |
| 24 | S | Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. iii. 26. |
| 25 | S | For I know whom I have believed. 2 Tim. i. 12. |
| 26 | M | This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him. |
| 27 | TU | He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. |
| 28 | W | We which have believed do enter into rest. Heb. iv. 3. |
| 29 | TH | He that believeth on me shall never thirst. Jno. vi. 35. |
| 30 | F | He that believeth not shall be damned. Mark xvi. 16. |

GLEANINGS.

IT is *by* faith, not *for* faith, that we are justified.

The word of God is the *ground* of faith; the Lord Jesus Christ is the *object* of faith; God Himself is the *source* of faith; seeing Him who is invisible is faith in *exercise*; holiness is the *fruit* of faith; and "It is written" is the *language* of faith.

Faith cannot be separated from holiness, nor holiness from faith; and should the separation be attempted, neither holiness nor faith can be attained.

It is a great thing to live upon the blood; but I want one thing more,—I want to live upon *Him* who shed it.

Christ's acceptance in heaven is the measure of the believer's acceptance—"accepted in the Beloved."

The believer must first be a *worshipper*, as Abel; then a *walker with God*, as Enoch; and then a *witness* for God, as Noah.

It is not what we observe of fruits and effects, which becomes the foundation of hope; but what Christ is as our Head and representative in God's esteem. Experiences are very well in their way, but they are not so when we put them in Christ's way, and in the place of Christ.

MAY, 31 Days.

3rd. Last Quar. 8h 41m A.
11th. New Moon 4h 7m A.

18th. First Quar. 9h 30m A.
25th. Full Moon 3h 23m A.

SANCTIFICATION.

1	S	This is the will of God, even your sanctification.
2	S	I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ex. xxxi. 13.
3	M	Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. xiii. 14.
4	TU	Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
5	W	Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Peter i. 16.
6	TH	Be not conformed to this world. Rom. xii. 2.
7	F	Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. 1 Peter iii. 16.
8	S	Be ye followers of God as dear children. Eph. v. 1.
9	S	Set your affection on things above. Col. iii. 2.
10	M	Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Isa. lii. 11.
11	TU	Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. Col. i. 10.
12	W	Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
13	TH	The very God of peace sanctify you wholly.
14	F	Created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Eph. ii. 10.
15	S	He that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself.
16	S	<i>Whit Sunday.</i> By the which will we are sanctified.
17	M	Glorify God in your body and in your spirit.
18	TU	To be spiritually-minded is life and peace. Rom. viii. 6.
19	W	But ye are washed; but ye are sanctified. 1 Cor. vi. 11.
20	TH	The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself.
21	F	Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?
22	S	Sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts xxvi. 18.
23	S	Chosen unto salvation through sanctification.
24	M	Sanctify unto me all the firstborn. Ex. xiii. 2.
25	TU	I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me.
26	W	Sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints. 1 Cor. i. 2.
27	TH	The Lord hath bid (sanctified) His guests. Zeph. i. 7.
28	F	I the Lord, which sanctify you, am holy. Lev. xxi. 8.
29	S	Thou art an holy people unto the Lord. Deut. vii. 6.
30	S	Purge out therefore the old leaven. 1 Cor. v. 7.
31	M	Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us... sanctification

“ I LONG TO GO HOME.”

I LONG to go home! for I've nothing down here;
My Saviour's in heaven—my all is up there!
I've heard of my Saviour, my Jesus, my Lord,
And I know He's as precious as told in His word.
What will be my joy when I see Him up there,
If His beauty exceeds all the fame of Him here?
He is lovely! He's precious! He's all I desire!
When I think of His beauty my soul is on fire:
This foretaste of pleasure is heaven begun.
What will be its measure when my victory's won,
And I see Him, and know Him, and learn all His love,
And dwell in His fulness FOR EVER above?

SLEEP not, Soldier of the cross!
Foes are lurking all around;
Look not here to find repose:
This is but thy battle ground.

Up! and take thy shield and sword;
Up! it is the call of heaven:
Shrink not faithless from thy Lord;
Nobly strive as He hath striven.

Through the midst of toil and pain
Let this hope ne'er leave thy breast;
Soon shall come thy Lord again,
Then shall be *eternal rest*.

JUNE, 30 Days.

2nd. Last Quar. 7h 22m M.
10th. New Moon 3h 52m M.

17th. First Quar. 2h 15m M.
24th. Full Moon 1h 39m M.

THE BELIEVER'S STANDING BEFORE GOD.

1	TU	Behold, thou art all fair, my love. Cant. i. 15.
2	W	He hath made us accepted in the beloved. Eph. i. 6.
3	TH	Partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.
4	F	Whom He called, them He also justified. Rom. viii. 30.
5	S	As He is, so are we in this world. 1 John iv. 17.
6	S	Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ. Rom. viii. 17.
7	M	Your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. iii. 3.
8	TU	Without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Eph. v. 27.
9	W	Beloved, now are we the sons of God. 1 John iii. 2.
10	TH	Ye have received the Spirit of adoption. Rom. viii. 15.
11	F	Ye are complete in Him. Col. ii. 10.
12	S	The Lord's portion is His people. Deut. xxxii. 9.
13	S	He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
14	M	Our conversation is in heaven. Phil. iii. 20.
15	TU	Made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. ii. 13.
16	W	My beloved is mine, and I am his. Cant. ii. 16.
17	TH	Called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ.
18	F	Holy and without blame before Him in love. Eph. i. 4.
19	S	For we are made partakers of Christ. Heb. iii. 14.
20	S	Their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
21	M	Perfect through my comeliness, saith the Lord.
22	TU	God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
23	W	Made unto our God kings and priests. Rev. v. 10.
24	TH	Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son.
25	F	Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling.
26	S	He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob. Num. xxiii. 21.
27	S	Ye are all the children of the light. 1 Thess. v. 5.
28	M	Now ye are clean through the word. John xv. 3.
29	TU	Sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Eph. i. 13.
30	W	Arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. Rev. xix. 8.

WORDS OF GRACE.

BELIEVING the grace of God *to* us produces grace *in* us. "We love Him because He first loved us." The grace of God that brought salvation *to* us is our only source and ground of peace, communion, and strength. To lose sight of grace, or *God for us*, and to endeavour to derive consolation from anything *in* ourselves, will make us either self-righteous or desponding. "It is a good thing that the heart be established with grace."

One with Christ! "This is love which passeth knowledge." One righteousness, one peace, one joy, one throne, one kingdom, one glory! What loyalty and love are due to our royal Bridegroom! What a surrender of our hearts, and of our all, should we not make to Him who "loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice unto God, for a sweet-smelling savour."

We are justified *judicially*, by God (Rom. viii. 33); *meritoriously*, by Christ (Isaiah liii. 11); *mediately*, by faith (Rom. v. 1); and *evidentially*, by works (James ii. 24).

Christ in heaven is our standing before God; Christ on earth is our pattern.

JULY, 31 Days.

2nd. Last Quar. 0h 46m M.	16th. First Quar. 6h 48m M.
9th. New Moon 1h 38m A.	23rd. Full Moon 1h 55m A.
31st. Last Quar. 5h 6m A.	

FRUITBEARING.

1	TH	The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, etc.
2	F	The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree.
3	S	From me is thy fruit found. Hosea xiv. 8.
4	S	Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit. Matt. vii. 17.
5	M	If ye love me, keep my commandments. John xiv. 15.
6	TU	Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.
7	W	The fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.
8	TH	Every branch in me that beareth fruit He purgeth it.
9	F	Being fruitful in every good work. Col. i. 10.
10	S	The Lord make you to increase and abound.
11	S	He shall be like a tree planted by rivers of waters.
12	M	Being filled with the fruits of righteousness.
13	TU	Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters. Isa. xxxii. 20.
14	W	The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. Prov. xi. 30.
15	TH	I create the fruit of the lips; Peace. Isa. lvii. 19.
16	F	The branch cannot bear fruit of itself. John xv. 4.
17	S	Abide in me, and I in you. John xv. 4.
18	S	A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse. Cant. iv. 12.
19	M	My spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.
20	TU	Ye should go and bring forth fruit. John xv. 16.
21	W	They shall bring forth fruit in old age. Ps. xcii. 14.
22	TH	Ye became followers of us and of the Lord.
23	F	So that ye were ensamples to all that believe.
24	S	Their soul shall be as a watered garden. Jer. xxxi. 12.
25	S	The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
26	M	They shall spring up as willows by the water courses.
27	TU	I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
28	W	And now, little children, abide in Him. 1 John ii. 28.
29	TH	He that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. Ec. xi. 4.
30	F	To do good and communicate forget not. Heb. xiii. 14.
31	S	Offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.

THE CRUSE THAT FAILETH NOT.

IS thy cruse of comfort wasting? rise and share it with
another,
And through all the years of famine it shall serve
thee and thy brother:

Love divine will fill thy storehouse, or thy handful still
renew;

Scanty fare for one will often make a royal feast for two.

For the heart grows rich in giving; all its wealth is living
grain;

Seeds, which mildew in the garner, scattered, fill with gold
the plain.

Is thy burden hard and heavy? Do thy steps drag
wearily?

Help to bear thy brother's burden; God will bear both it
and thee.

Numb and weary on the mountains, wouldst thou sleep
amidst the snow?

Chafe that frozen form beside thee, and together both shall
glow.

Art thou stricken in life's battle? Many wounded round
thee moan;

Lavish on their wounds thy balsams, and that balm shall
heal thine own.

Is the heart a well left empty? None but God its void
can fill;

Nothing but a ceaseless fountain can its ceaseless longing
still.

Is the heart a living power? Self-entwined, its strength
sinks low;

It can only live in loving, and by serving love will
grow.

AUGUST, 31 Days.

7th. New Moon 10h 8m A.	22nd. Full Moon 4h 24m M.
14th. First Quar. 0h 41m A.	30th. Last Quar. 7h 58m M.

THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFLICT.

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| 1 | S | Fight the good fight of faith. 1 Tim. vi. 12. |
| 2 | M | Let us run with patience the race set before us. |
| 3 | TU | Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier. |
| 4 | W | If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. 2 Tim. ii. 12. |
| 5 | TH | I press toward the mark for the prize. Phil. iii. 14. |
| 6 | F | My grace is sufficient for thee. 2 Cor. xii. 9. |
| 7 | S | Be valiant, and fight the Lord's battles. 1 Sam. xviii. 17. |
| 8 | S | If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. viii. 31. |
| 9 | M | God Himself is with us for our Captain. 2 Chron. xiii. 12. |
| 10 | TU | Holding faith and a good conscience. 1 Tim. i. 19. |
| 11 | W | Who goeth a warfare at his own charges? 1 Cor. ix. 7. |
| 12 | TH | The flesh lusteth against the Spirit. Gal. v. 17. |
| 13 | F | Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue. |
| 14 | S | Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. |
| 15 | S | Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. |
| 16 | M | Who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight. |
| 17 | TU | He giveth power to the faint. Isa. xl. 29. |
| 18 | W | Take up the cross, and follow me. Mark x. 21. |
| 19 | TH | The Lord thy God will hold thy right hand. |
| 20 | F | No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. |
| 21 | S | Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit. |
| 22 | S | He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee. |
| 23 | M | Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. |
| 24 | TU | The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. Ps. cxviii. 6. |
| 25 | W | Let us lay aside every weight. Heb. xii. 1. |
| 26 | TH | The Lord shall fight for you. Ex. xiv. 14. |
| 27 | F | Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. |
| 28 | S | Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions. 2 Tim. iv. 5. |
| 29 | S | Contend earnestly for the faith. Jude 3. |
| 30 | M | Be strong and of a good courage. Joshua i. 9. |
| 31 | TU | So run, that ye may obtain. 1 Cor. ix. 24. |

LABOUR FOR CHRIST.

O labour on! spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do thy Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?
Go labour on! 'tis not for nought;
All earthly loss is heavenly gain:
Men heed thee not, men praise thee not;
The Master praises: what are men?
Go labour on! enough, enough,
If Jesus praise thee, if He deign
To notice e'en thy willing mind—
No toil for Him shall be in vain.
Go labour on! thy hands are weak,
Thy knees are faint, thy soul cast down;
Yet falter not—the prize is near,—
The throne, the kingdom, and the crown!
Go labour on, while it is day!
The long dark night is hastening on;
Speed, speed thy work—up from thy sloth;
It is not thus that souls are won!
See thousands dying at your side—
Your brethren, kindred, friends at home;
See millions perishing afar—
Haste, brethren, to the rescue come!
Toil on, toil on; thou soon shalt find
For labour rest, for exile home!
Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight peal, "Behold, I come!"

SEPTEMBER, 30 Days.

6th. New Moon 6h 7m M.
12th. First Quar. 9h 23m A.

20th. Full Moon 8h 41m A.
28th. Last Quar. 9h 10m A.

THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOUR.

1	W	I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.
2	TH	Put on the whole armour of God. Eph. vi. 11.
3	F	Above all, taking the shield of faith. Eph. vi. 16.
4	S	The Lord God is a sun and shield. Ps. lxxxiv. 11.
5	S	His banner over me was love. Cant. ii. 4.
6	M	It is God that girdeth me with strength. Ps. xviii. 32.
7	TU	The eternal God is thy refuge. Deut. xxxiii. 27.
8	W	He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.
9	TH	Jehovah-nissi (the Lord my banner). Ex. xvii. 15.
10	F	The joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh. viii. 10.
11	S	Thou hast given me the shield of thy salvation.
12	S	Thy shoes shall be iron and brass. Deut. xxxiii. 25.
13	M	God is my refuge and my fortress. Ps. xci. 2.
14	TU	For an helmet, the hope of salvation. 1 Thess. v. 8.
15	W	He shall cover thee with his feathers. Ps. xci. 4.
16	TH	The weapons of our warfare are not carnal.
17	F	Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
18	S	In the name of our God we will set up our banners.
19	S	I will never leave thee nor forsake thee Heb. xiii. 5.
20	M	The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety.
21	TU	I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee.
22	W	The name of the Lord is a strong tower. Prov. xviii. 10.
23	TH	He shall give His angels charge over thee. Ps. xci. 11.
24	F	The Almighty shall be thy defence. Job xxii. 25.
25	S	Thou art my hiding-place. Ps. xxxii. 7.
26	S	Take the sword of the Spirit, the word of God.
27	M	Thou art my rock and my fortress. Ps. xxxi. 3.
28	TU	The glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. Isa. lviii. 8.
29	W	Thou hast been my strong tower from the enemy.
30	TH	His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Ps. xci. 4.

“MY BELOVED IS MINE.”

HIS is faith—a complete, unhesitating embracing of Christ as my righteousness, my strength, my all. A common mistake is, that this clear conviction that Christ is mine is an attainment far on in the divine life, and that it springs from evidences to be seen in the heart. When I see myself a new creature, Christ on the throne in my heart, and love to the brethren, it is often thought that I may then begin to say, “My Beloved is mine.” But the truth is, that the moment Jesus reveals Himself, the soul may cry out, “My Beloved is mine.” So saith Thomas. (John xx. 27, 28.) The moment Jesus came in and revealed His wounds, Thomas cried out, “My Lord and my God!” He did not look to see if he was believing, or if the graces of love and humility were reigning; but all he saw and thought of was *Jesus and Him crucified and risen.*

FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.

Faith, Hope, and Love were questioned what they
thought
Of future glories which the gospel taught;
Now Faith *believed* all firmly to be true,
And Hope *expected* so to find it too;
Love answered, smiling with a conscious glow,
Believe! expect! I KNOW it to be so.

OCTOBER, 31 Days.

5th. New Moon 2h 20m A.
12th. First Quar. 10h 3m A.

20th. Full Moon 1h 57m A.
28th. Last Quar. 8h 34m M.

THE VICTORY.

1	F	The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet.
2	S	This is the victory that overcometh the world...faith.
3	S	We are more than conquerors through Him.
4	M	He that overcometh shall inherit all things.
5	TU	He will swallow up death in victory. Isa. xxv. 8.
6	W	Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
7	TH	No more death, neither sorrow, nor crying. Rev. xxi.4.
8	F	Thou shalt compass me about with songs. Ps. xxxii. 7.
9	S	His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory.
10	S	O grave, where is thy victory? 1 Cor. xv. 55.
11	M	He shall receive a crown of glory. 1 Peter v. 4.
12	TU	Victory is of the Lord. Prov. xxi. 31.
13	W	The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work.
14	TH	I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. ii. 10.
15	F	Laid up for me a crown of righteousness. 2 Tim. iv. 8.
16	S	Sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isa. xxxv. 10.
17	S	I can do all things thro' Christ, who strengtheneth me.
18	M	If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him.
19	TU	The Lord of hosts shall be for a crown of glory.
20	W	They that war against thee shall be as nothing.
21	TH	Stand still, and see the salvation of God. Ex. xiv. 15.
22	F	They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Ps. cxxvi. 5.
23	S	He that overcometh will I give power over the nations.
24	S	They shall walk with me in white. Rev. iii. 4.
25	M	God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
26	TU	One man of you shall chase a thousand. Josh. xxiii. 10.
27	W	Thine, O Lord, is the victory. 1 Chron. xxix. 11.
28	TH	And we shall reign on the earth. Rev. v. 10.
29	F	Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world.
30	S	They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
31	S	Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory.

THE PROMISE.

“**M**Y presence shall go with thee.” ’Tis enough !
Lead on, my heavenly Guide! though dark and
rough ;
Through deepening shadows I must walk alone,
If Thou couldst e’er forsake Thy wandering one.
More, Lord, I ask not ; less I could not bear
Than tread this desert land and know Thee there.
Enough for faith to hear Thy voice, and see
Thy own right hand in love upholding me ;
And should my spirit fail, let me retrace
Thy faithfulness in other days, the grace
That guided every step, till I can say,
“ *God changeth not : He is the same to-day.*”

THE CROWN.

SAYS Faith, “ Look yonder ! see the crown
Laid up in heaven above.”
Says Hope, “ Anon, it shall be mine !”
“ How good is God !” says Love.
Desire saith, “ What ! is there *my* crown ?
Then to that place I’ll flee ;
I cannot bear a longer stay ;
My *rest* I fain would see.
“ But stay,” says Patience, “ wait awhile ;
The crown’s for them that fight :
The prize, for those that run the race
By faith, and not by sight.”
Thus Faith doth take a pleasing view ;
Hope waits ; Love sits and sings ;
Desire flutters to be gone ;
But Patience clips her wings.

NOVEMBER, 30 Days.

3rd. New Moon 11h 36m A. 11th. First Quar. 2h 56m M.	19th. Full Moon 7h 18m M. 20th. Last Quar. 6h 14m A.
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WATCH WORDS.

1	M	Watch ye, stand fast in the faith. 1 Cor. xvi. 13.
2	TU	Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Col. iii. 15.
3	W	Be sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 Peter iv. 7.
4	TH	Be not weary in well doing. 2 Thess. iii. 13.
5	F	The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Rom. xiii. 12.
6	S	Let us who are of the day be sober. 1 Thess. v. 8.
7	S	Walk in wisdom...redeeming the time. Col. iv. 5.
8	M	Be instant in season, out of season. 2 Tim. iv. 2.
9	TU	In all thy ways acknowledge Him. Prov. iii. 6.
10	W	Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
11	TH	What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.
12	F	Brethren, the time is short. 1 Cor. vii. 29.
13	S	The night cometh, when no man can work. Jno. ix. 4.
14	S	Wait on the Lord : be of good courage. Ps. xxvii. 14.
15	M	Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain.
16	TU	Walk before me, and be thou perfect. Gen. xvii. 1.
17	W	Hear, and your soul shall live. Isa. lv. 3.
18	TH	If ye love me, keep my commandments. Jno. xiv. 15.
19	F	Grieve not the holy Spirit of God. Eph. iv. 30.
20	S	Follow peace with all men. Heb. xii. 14.
21	S	Be careful for nothing. Phil. iv. 6.
22	M	Let your light so shine before men. Matt. v. 16.
23	TU	Let patience have her perfect work. James i. 4.
24	W	Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.
25	TH	In everything give thanks. 1 Thess. v. 18.
26	F	Speak not evil one of another, brethren.
27	S	Study to shew thyself approved unto God. 2 Tim. ii. 15.
28	S	Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith.
29	M	Let your speech be always with grace. Col. iv. 6.
30	TU	Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. Phil. iii. 1.

LIVING TO PURPOSE.

LET not your time in idle dreams be spent,
Improve the talent which is only lent ;
Regard that day as lost in which not one
True deed of Christian kindness has been done.
Your heads with projects fair are often filled,
Too many castles in the air you build ;
You plan the things which may be done and said,
But linger till the favoured time is fled ;
And then with much regret the past you view,
And frame your feeble purposes anew.
“ Opportunity ” is time’s fairest flower :
Then, ere it withers, seize it ; watch the hour
When you speak a seasonable word,
And tell the grace and mercy of your Lord.
The day of His return is hastening fast,
Your witness to the world will soon be past ;
The sorrows of the saints will then be o’er,
And you can minister to them no more.
Then haste the widow’s mourning heart to cheer,
Oh ! haste to dry the helpless orphan’s tear ;
Visit the sick, afflicted, and distressed,
Direct the weary to eternal rest ;
Whate’er ye find to do, do with your might,
Since time is ever rapid in its flight.
May you as faithful servants ready stand :
Be this your watchword—JESUS IS AT HAND !

It is a happy thing to live to some purpose. We may apologize to our consciences *now* for our lukewarmness and conformity to the world, but cannot do so when our Master comes to ask us what use we have made of our talents.

DECEMBER, 31 Days.

3rd. New Moon 10h 41m M.
10th. First Quar. 11h 12m A.

18th. Full Moon 11h 50m A.
26th. Last Quar. 2h 34m M.

THE COMING GLORY.

1	W	A little while, and He that shall come will come.
2	TH	We look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
3	F	He shall come to be glorified in His saints.
4	S	Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty.
5	S	The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven.
6	M	We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 2.
7	TU	I will come again and receive you unto myself.
8	W	When He shall appear we shall be like Him.
9	TH	The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James v. 8.
10	F	Looking for that blessed hope...glorious appearing)
11	S	Of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.)
12	S	Satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness.
13	M	In thy presence is fulness of joy. Ps. xvi. 11.
14	TU	We shall all be changed, in a moment. 1 Cor. xv. 51.
15	W	Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
16	TH	The end of all things is at hand. 1 Peter iv. 7.
17	F	Be patient unto the coming of the Lord. Jas. v. 7.
18	S	Them...which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.
19	S	The Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints.
20	M	Surely I come quickly: Amen. } Rev. xxii. 20.
21	TU	Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
22	W	The Lord shall be King over all the earth.
23	TH	The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints.
24	F	The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. Isa. xl. 5.
25	S	<i>Christmas Day.</i> A King shall reign in righteousness.
26	S	I will behold thy face in righteousness Ps. xvii. 15.
27	M	In my Father's house are many mansions. Jno. xiv. 2.
28	TU	The wise shall inherit glory. Prov. iii. 35.
29	W	Behold, He cometh with clouds. Rev. i. 7.
30	TH	And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. Rev. xxi. 1.
31	F	So shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thess. iv. 17.

THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH.

REJOICE, rejoice, believers!
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
The darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon will He draw nigh:
Up! pray, and watch, and wrestle,
At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning,
Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
The end of sin and toil.
The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go, meet Him as He cometh
With Hallelujahs clear.

Oh! wise and holy virgins,
Now raise your voices higher,
Till in your exultations
Ye meet the angel choir.
The marriage feast is waiting,
The gates wide open stand;
Up! up! ye heirs of glory,
The Bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation,
Lord Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou Sun so looked for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With heart and voice uplifted,
We long, O Lord, to see
The day of our Redemption,
And ever be with Thee.

THE LIFE OF FAITH.

WHAT a practical thing is faith! The Christian is a child of faith—called to live a life of faith; and a life of faith is simply living upon the word of God. Noah spent a hundred and twenty years in building the Ark. What urged him? What sustained him in his work to the end? Simply the word of God. Abraham left his country, his father's house, separated himself from all the ties of nature, and lived in the wilderness a pilgrim and a stranger. What sustained him? Simply the word and promise of God. And so with all God's people of old; the word of God was everything to them; it separated, sustained, and comforted them; they lived upon it, and died reposing in it. Oh that we had more of this now! Not more knowledge of God's word, but more living on what we *do* know. We want to take that word as they took it—to separate us from the world, to rejoice in it, and to live upon it. It is not so much the knowledge of the

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word that is wanted now, as the word brought home to the heart by the Holy Spirit—the word making us more humble, more holy, more separate, more the “peculiar people.” Our happiness does not flow from our knowledge of the word, but from our measure of subjection to it.

The one who thus lives upon the word must expect trials. Living on the promises and the daily cross go hand in hand. Abraham is the most striking example on record of one who lived upon the word, and from him Isaac was demanded. Trials come nearest the heart the closer we walk with God; for He touches its dearest object, and says, “Lovest thou me *more than these?*” Our faithfulness to Him is proved at every turn in our daily life. When God’s people go on from day to day without feeling any test of their love, it is a sad evidence of an earthly mind, a clouded faith, and a slumbering heart. They are not living in the atmosphere of the word. Reader, beware of this earthliness of spirit; take care that the bustle of daily duties do not draw you out of that element. “Watch and pray,” lest you fall into that

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beaten track in which so many Christians are walking, that scarcely distinguishes them from the nominal professor. Such a state unfits the soul for secret fellowship with God, and through it we lose our joy, our peace, and our assurance.

Christian, throw not your affections away on this poor dying world. Think what a Saviour you have, and what glory is before you! Think what an eternity you are soon to spend! Oh! brush away the poor paltry things of time and sense from before your heart, and live for Jesus. Live on the word; carry it into every scene and circumstance, and make it the atmosphere of your soul. *Be what you seem* to be. The cross will meet you in new places and on every side; but, in thus meeting and bearing it, you will have within you the witness of the Spirit that the Lord loves you. You will have a fresh and continued enjoyment of His presence, and an "abundant entrance" into His everlasting kingdom. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

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