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ADDRESS TO THE READER.

DEAR fellow Christian. By the loving hand of our God we have been led forward through another year, and time in its rapid flight has brought us so much the nearer to that blessed moment when we shall see Jesus, and be like Him; and when the trials of the wilderness will be over, and all our hopes shall be exchanged for the eternal presence of Him "whom having not seen we love," in whose light we shall dwell for ever and ever.

Let us start this year, 1870, with the words of the Lord Jesus to Peter as our motto,—“Follow thou Me.” Each word is full of import. Let us consider the last first:—ME. The Lord sets *Himself* before us as our great example, Himself in all His walk here below as the obedient One, in His delight in the law of the Lord, in His meekness and gentleness under all the malignant hatred of men and devils, in His communion with the Father, and in His faithfulness as the *servant* of God. Oh, what an excellence we see in Him! what matchless perfection! every thought and word according to the will of God! He sets *Himself* thus before us as the One upon whom our eye is to be set, on whom our heart and affection is to be fixed, and in whom all our hopes are to be centred; and as our eye and heart are single and true to Him, we shall like Him be always doing the things that please the Father. THOU. Here we are taught the individual responsibility of each believer. The call is to each one for himself; and in these

days it is especially as individuals we are called to walk. How often are we occupied with another's service, while forgetting that our own vineyard must be cared for! God has entrusted to each of His children some talent to use for Him, and for which He will one day call for an account. See to it, dear reader, that *thou* art using thy pound, and not wrapping it up in slothfulness and the cares of the world. Seek to be that servant unto whom the Lord shall be able to say, "Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." FOLLOW; that is, imitate; notice the words, ways, and walk of Jesus, and seek day by day to tread in His footsteps: it means also pursue; this indicates active effort; and it should be our constant effort to press forward to apprehend Him by whom we have been apprehended. Let us therefore take to ourselves this word of our Lord, and seek to practise it each day; remembering at the same time that our only source of power is Himself, and that if we would follow Him, we must first draw our supplies of grace from Him.

Dear unsaved sinner, thou must be first in the way before thou canst follow. Jesus is the way, and the only way for a sinner to draw nigh to God. His blood has atoned for sin; His death has paid the penalty, for "the wages of sin is death;" and His resurrection declares that His work has been accepted on the behalf of sinners by a holy God. What blessed news! A way opened by the Son of God Himself into the presence of God; and His invitation to you at the opening of this new year is, "Come, for all things are ready."

JANUARY, 31 Days.

2nd. New Moon 0h 5m M.

17th. Full Moon 2h 45m A.

9th. First Quar 9h 2m A.

24th. Last Quar. 10h 23m M.

31st. New Moon 3h 41m A.

CHRIST THE FOUNDATION.

- 1 S Other foundation can no man lay than . . . Jesus Christ.
- 2 S The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.
- 3 M With His stripes we are healed. Isaiah liii. 5.
- 4 TU In whom we have redemption through His blood.
- 5 W His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.
- 6 TH Having made peace through the blood of His cross.
- 7 F While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 8 S Redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ.
- 9 S Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone.
- 10 M Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
- 11 TU By Him, all that believe are justified from all things.
- 12 W Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Heb. xii. 2.
- 13 TH Thou hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood.
- 14 F The good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.
- 15 S Children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. iii. 26.
- 16 S Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. v. 7.
- 17 M He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin.
- 18 TU Christ once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust.
- 19 W Neither is there salvation in any other. Acts. iv. 12.
- 20 TH Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law.
- 21 F Made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. ii. 13.
- 22 S He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.
- 23 S In the beginning was the Word. John i. 1.
- 24 M He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. i. 21.
- 25 TU I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious.
- 26 W Before Abraham was, I am. John viii. 58.
- 27 TH Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John i. 17.
- 28 F Predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus.
- 29 S All things were made by Him. John i. 3.
- 30 S Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- 31 M Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.

THE CHIEF CORNER-STONE.

"The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."
Rev. xiii. 8.

CAN foundation *deeper* be
Than the Lamb has laid for me ;
When His "precious blood" was spilt,
When accursed and charged with guilt,
When He bare the wrathful load,
That condemned my soul from God ?
All was laid on Him alone—
Tried and precious Corner-Stone !

Can foundation *dearer* be
Than a brother's sympathy ?
Gone within the holy place, *
Tender there in priestly grace.
Touched with pity, next of kin,
On His breast He bears me in ;
Shows His hands and side to me—
Oh, what matchless ministry !

Can foundation *surer* be,
Steadfast as eternity ?
Not the whirlwind's ceaseless roar
Beating on that boundless shore,
Nor the raging water-flood,
Mars the plea of Jesu's blood ;
Sooner oath and promise fail
Than the gates of hell prevail.

Can foundation *greater* be—
Heights and depths of victory ?
Great in Jesu's dateless love,
Laid in depths that cannot move ;
Great on Salem when He fell,
When He rose and conquered hell ;
Great in heaven—there alone
God beholds His Corner-Stone !

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FEBRUARY, 28 Days.

8th. First Quar. 6h 19m A. 16th. Full Moon 3h 23m M.
 22nd. Last Quar. 6h 46m A.

CHRIST OUR LIFE.

1	TU	He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
2	W	Your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. iii. 3.
3	TH	I am the resurrection and the life. John xi. 25.
4	F	I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. Gal. ii. 20.
5	S	He that hath the Son hath life. 1 John v. 12.
6	S	In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
7	M	God . . . hath quickened us together with Christ.
8	TU	If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
9	W	The last Adam a quickening spirit. 1 Cor. xv. 45.
10	TH	I give unto them eternal life. John x. 28.
11	F	Even so the Son quickeneth whom He will. Jno. v. 21.
12	S	In Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Cor. xv. 22.
13	S	If we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him.
14	M	Who redeemeth Thy life from destruction. Ps. ciii. 4.
15	TU	I am the bread of life. John vi. 35.
16	W	And you hath He quickened who were dead.
17	TH	Of His own will begat He us by the word of truth.
18	F	Because I live, ye shall live also. John xiv. 19.
19	S	He that eateth me, even He shall live by me.
20	S	I am come that they might have life. John x. 10.
21	M	For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. i. 21.
22	TU	Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.
23	W	The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.
24	TH	I am the way, the truth, and the life. Jno. xiv. 6.
25	F	Every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.
26	S	Alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
27	S	He ever liveth to make intercession for us. Heb. vii. 25.
28	M	Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.

GLEANINGS.

THE love of God is the source from which redemption springs. The perfect sacrifice of Christ is the channel through which it flows. Faith, wrought in the soul by the Holy Ghost, is the power of enjoyment: and everlasting life, known and experienced *now*, is the result.

As Noah's dove could not find rest in the earth, but returned to the ark, so the eye of God passed over the earth swept by the deluge of sin, and nowhere until Christ came could His eye rest in complacency. It could rest with delight on **JESUS**; and *it now rests with the same delight on every sinner that believes in Jesus*. **WONDEROUS GRACE!**

The work of Christ is the light, life, joy, glory, and praise of heaven.

As is our faith in Jesus, so will be the holiness of our walk towards God. Where there is strong faith in the blood of atonement, there will be sure and steady walking in the path of obedience to the precepts of God's word.

Holiness first and pardon after, says the sinner: but God's way is, pardon and peace first, holiness after.

There is only one thing that ever set a heart right with God, and that is, standing before God in perfect righteousness—God's righteousness.

The path of obedience is the path of fruitfulness.

It is not in the glory that we are to show forth the power of a risen Christ. It is *here* where He died, and where we are dead, that we are called to display the virtues of Christ risen from the dead.

It is no good to look for strength before obedience. Strength is only found in the path of obedience.

MARCH, 31 Days.

2nd. New Moon 8h 40m M.
10th. First Quar. 1h 12m A.

17th. Full Moon 1h 52m A.
24th. Last Quar. 4h 87m M.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

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| 1 | TU | I delight to do thy will, O my God. Psalm xl. 8. |
| 2 | W | Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example. |
| 3 | TH | Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again. |
| 4 | F | He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. |
| 5 | S | Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; } Mattxi. 29. |
| 6 | S | For I am meek and lowly in heart. } |
| 7 | M | The servant is not greater than his Lord. Jno. xiii. 16. |
| 8 | TU | Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it. |
| 9 | W | We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. |
| 10 | TH | Ye became followers of us and of the Lord. |
| 11 | F | Ye should do as I have done to you. John xiii. 15. |
| 12 | S | For even Christ pleased not Himself. Rom. xv. 3. |
| 13 | S | Behold my servant whom I uphold. Isaiah xlii. 1. |
| 14 | M | Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. |
| 15 | TU | The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Jno. ii. 17. |
| 16 | W | Who . . . endured the cross, despising the shame. |
| 17 | TH | Holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. |
| 18 | F | Christ glorified not Himself to be made a high priest. |
| 19 | S | Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. iii. 13. |
| 20 | S | As He who hath called you is holy, so be ye holy. |
| 21 | M | For their sakes I sanctify myself. John xvii. 19. |
| 22 | TU | Who was faithful to Him that appointed Him. |
| 23 | W | I do always those things that please Him. Jno. viii. 29. |
| 24 | TH | Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us. Eph. v. 2. |
| 25 | F | Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. |
| 26 | S | Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness. Rev. i. 5. |
| 27 | S | A bruised reed shall He not break. Isaiah xlii. 3. |
| 28 | M | Who went about doing good. Acts. x. 38. |
| 29 | TU | I came down from heaven not to do mine own will. |
| 30 | W | My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me. |
| 31 | TH | If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. |

THE SYMPATHY OF JESUS.

EXALTED to His Father's glorious throne,
Both heaven and earth His high dominion own :
And there as our High Priest He intercedes,
Our feeble prayers accepts—His merit pleads.
No angel could a sinner's trials know,
Or truly sympathize with human woe ;
The glorious God-man Abraham's seed hath worn,
In flesh and blood our griefs and sorrows borne ;
As man He wept and suffered here below,
And still as man He pities all our woe ;
Not only as my God my grief can view,
But, as a tender Brother, feel it too !
And though the Saviour's glory now is great,
He hath not changed His nature, but His state ;
And still He bears that gracious heart I see,
That on the shameful cross was pierced for me.
Saints may with Jesus all their cares confide ;
He lives to plead for those for whom He died.

APRIL, 30 Days.

1st. New Moon 1h 58m M.

15th. Full Moon 10h 26m A.

9th. First Quar. 4h 26m M.

22nd. Last Quar. 4h 25m A.

30th. New Moon 6h 37m A.

CHRIST OUR ALL IN ALL.

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| 1 | F | Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col. i. 27. |
| 2 | S | The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance. Ps. xvi. 5. |
| 3 | S | Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever. Heb. i. 8. |
| 4 | M | Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. |
| 5 | TU | This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend. Cant. v. 16. |
| 6 | W | His name shall be called Wonderful, the mighty God. |
| 7 | TH | This is His name . . . THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. |
| 8 | F | Christ is all and in all. Col. iii. 11. |
| 9 | S | And He is the Head of the body, the Church. Col. i. 18. |
| 10 | S | The name of the Lord is a strong tower. Pro. xviii. 10. |
| 11 | M | The Lord is my light and my salvation. Psa. xxvii. 1. |
| 12 | TU | For thy Maker is thine Husband. Isaiah liv. 5. |
| 13 | W | A bundle of myrrh is my well-Beloved unto me. |
| 14 | TH | The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. |
| 15 | F | <i>Good Friday.</i> Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. |
| 16 | S | I am the bright and morning Star. Rev. xxii. 16. |
| 17 | S | The Apostle and High Priest of our profession. |
| 18 | M | A friend that sticketh closer than a brother. |
| 19 | TU | I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. |
| 20 | W | The King of kings, and Lord of lords. Rev. xix. 16. |
| 21 | TH | They shall call His name Emmanuel—God with us. |
| 22 | F | A brother born for adversity. Prov. xvii. 17. |
| 23 | S | The Lord is my rock and my fortress. Psa. xviii. 1. |
| 24 | S | We have an advccate with the Father, Jesus Christ. |
| 25 | M | A priest for ever after the order of Melchisedeo. |
| 26 | TU | I am the bread which came down from heaven. |
| 27 | W | They drank of that spiritual rock that followed them, |
| 28 | TH | And that rock was Christ. 1 Cor. x. 4. |
| 29 | F | The Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 1 Pet. ii. 25. |
| 30 | S | Christ Jesus . . . made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. |

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

HOW wonderful! how full of grace, the thought—the fact,
That I have fellowship with Thee!
And have I not, my God?
Does not the spring of everlasting life in Thee
Stream forth through Jesus;
Vivify and refresh each member of His body;
And again from them ascend in prayer and praise
To Thee their living Father?
Is there not a savour in the name of JESUS both to Thee
and me?
To Thee He precious is, and altogether lovely;
And is He not the same to me?
Oh, yes; when self-condemned—when pressed with care,
Or harassed by th' unwearied malice of our ever watchful
foe;
Where should we seek relief—where rest our tempted souls,
But in the name of JESUS!
That tower so strong, wherein the righteous enter and are
safe.
Yes; through grace, I love the name of JESUS:
His heart is *used* to sympathy;
He sees the struggles of the inner man, pressed with the
burden of the flesh;
He hears the intercession of the Spirit helping us in
prayer;
And, touched with the feeling of our infirmities,
Forth from His yearning bosom plucks the ready hand—
Places beneath us the everlasting arms,
And, through the unction of the ever blessed Spirit,
Gives us, in th' exercise of faith, to realize near communion
with Himself;
A wealthy place indeed,
So wide, so quiet, and so peaceable!
In Him, His life, and sin-atoning death,
We learn how God was glorified.

MAY, 31 Days.

1st. First Quar. 9h 38m A.
15th. Full Moon 6h 3m M.

22nd. Last Quar. 6h 9m M.
30th. New Moon 9h 57m M.

PRAYER.

- 1 **S** **Ask and it shall be given you.** Luke xi. 9.
- 2 **M** **Pray without ceasing.** 1 Thess. v. 17.
- 3 **TU** **Wait on the Lord, be of good courage.** Ps. xxvii. 14.
- 4 **W** **Be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer.**
- 5 **TH** **Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.**
- 6 **F** **He heareth the prayer of the righteous.** Prov. xv. 29.
- 7 **S** **Men ought always to pray and not to faint.**
- 8 **S** **Seek the Lord and His strength.** 1 Chron. xvi. 11.
- 9 **M** **Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.**
- 10 **TU** **If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.**
- 11 **W** **My soul, wait thou only upon God.** Psalm lxii. 5.
- 12 **TH** **Praying in the Holy Ghost.** Jude 20.
- 13 **F** **The Lord will receive my prayer.** Psalm vi. 9.
- 14 **S** **If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.**
- 15 **S** **The effectual fervent prayer . . . availeth much.**
- 16 **M** **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace.**
- 17 **TU** **Call unto me and I will answer thee.** Jer. xxxiii. 3.
- 18 **W** **Ye have not because ye ask not.** James iv. 2.
- 19 **TH** **Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.** Ps. lxxxix. 10.
- 20 **F** **In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee.**
- 21 **S** **While they are yet speaking I will hear.** Isa. lxxv. 24.
- 22 **S** **It is good for me to draw near to God.** Ps. lxxiii. 28.
- 23 **M** **Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.**
- 24 **TU** **Cast thy burden on the Lord.** Psalm lv. 22.
- 25 **W** **Think upon me, O my God, for good.** Neh. v. 19.
- 26 **TH** **This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.**
- 27 **F** **Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanks-**
- 28 **S** **Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.** [giving.
- 29 **S** **I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice.**
- 30 **M** **O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years.**
- 31 **TU** **Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe.** Ps. cxix. 117.

THE SOUL'S DESIRE.



H, set me as a seal upon Thine heart, O Lord!
Let the undisturbed communion of the Holy Ghost
Be mine for ever to enjoy.

May Thine own presence cheer me,
And peace, the deep, profound, unruffled peace of God,
My present, everlasting portion be.
Grant too, my gracious God,
That in these faithless formal days
I faithful to the end may prove,
Leaning upon Jesus all the way,
In peaceful confidence of His love;
And, like a Nazarite indeed,
Be separate wholly to the Lord,
And purify myself, even as He is pure.

Thus, Lord, I pray: attend unto my cry,
And make me feel my nothingness.

Oh, do not, do not leave me!

Lest I become an easy prey to him who's ever on the watch

With gins and snares to catch me,
And make me think I'm something,

When I'm nothing

But what Thy grace hath made me.

My Father, hear me! At Thy feet I fall:

Oh, grant me my request,

And put Thy fear within me,

And make me ever to enjoy THY LOVE,

That deep, eternal spring

Of all my blessing:

I ask it in the Saviour's name. AMEN.

JUNE, 30 Days.

6th. First Quar. 11h 16m A.
13th. Full Moon 1h 47m A.

20th. Last Quar. 9h 34m A.
28th. New Moon 11h 33m A.

PRAISE.

1	W	Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me. Psa. l. 23.
2	TH	Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
3	F	It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.
4	S	Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him. Psa. xxii. 23.
5	S	<i>Whit Sunday.</i> Worship the Lord in the beauty of
6	M	The Lord is my strength and song. [holiness.
7	TU	Sing unto the Lord, for He hath done excellent things.
8	W	In every thing give thanks. 1 Thess. v. 18.
9	TH	My heart rejoiceth in the Lord. 1 Sam. ii. 1.
10	F	The fruit of your lips, giving thanks to His name.
11	S	We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.
12	S	Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.
13	M	Sing aloud unto God our strength. Psa. lxxxvi. 1.
14	TU	Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.
15	W	Praise the Lord of hosts; for the Lord is good.
16	TH	Rejoice in the Lord always. Phil. iv. 4. [ance.
17	F	Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliver-
18	S	Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion. Psa. lxxv. 1.
19	S	Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory.
20	M	I will joy in the God of my salvation. Hab. iii. 19.
21	TU	He hath put a new song into my mouth . . . praise.
22	W	Enter into His gates with thanksgiving. Psa. c. 4.
23	TH	I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.
24	F	His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
25	S	Giving thanks always for all things. Eph. v. 20.
26	S	Bless the Lord, O my soul. Psa. ciii. 1.
27	M	My soul shall make her boast in the Lord.
28	TU	I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me. Psa. cxviii.
29	W	Sing ye praises with understanding. Psa. xlvii. 7.
30	TH	Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amon.

CHOICE SAYINGS.

WHAT should characterise the worship of a saved sinner? Praise for accomplished redemption; thanksgiving of heart for salvation both present and eternal. And this sacrifice will not be lacking if our souls realise our heavenly portion.

When we put on Christ, it is not sackcloth we put on, nor is it the spirit of heaviness we enter into; but a wedding garment has clothed us—a garment of praise has arrayed our spirit.

The one who serves without sitting at the feet of Christ, does what he thinks right; but it does not follow that this will be what Christ likes best. If I sit at His feet first, I *know* what He likes best, and my service will be according to His mind.

Faith takes in what God says, because it looks not at the thing to be done, but at the *One* who can do it; so that, be the thing great or small, it is the same to faith.

Faith looks back to the cross, and is at peace; it looks forward to the crown, and pants for glory.

The same God who is a consuming fire to His enemies, is a wall of fire round His people to protect them, and a fire of love in their hearts to comfort them.

*Christian pilgrim! watchful be,
Many eyes are watching thee;
Satan watches to enthrall,
Worldlings watch to see thee fall:
Saviour, watch thy servant too,
Guard and guide me safely through.*

JULY, 31 Days.

6th. First Quar. 4h 30m M.
12th. Full Moon 10h 35m A.

20th. Last Quar. 2h 17m A.
25th. New Moon 11h 18m M.

EXHORTATION.

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| 1 | F | Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children. |
| 2 | S | Let your light so shine before men. Matt. v. 16. |
| 3 | S | What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. |
| 4 | M | Let the peace of God rule in your hearts. Col. iii. 15. |
| 5 | TU | Walk before me, and be thou perfect. Gen. xvii. 1. |
| 6 | W | Be not weary in well-doing. 2 Thess. iii. 13. |
| 7 | TH | If ye love me, keep my commandments. Jno. xiv. 15. |
| 8 | F | Let us, who are of the day, be sober. 1 Thess. v. 8. |
| 9 | S | Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain. |
| 10 | S | Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only. |
| 11 | M | Study to shew thyself approved unto God. [ness. |
| 12 | TU | Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteous- |
| 13 | W | Little children, keep yourselves from idols. 1 Jno. v. 21. |
| 14 | TH | Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. xiii. 14. |
| 15 | F | Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. |
| 16 | S | Adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. |
| 17 | S | Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts. 1 Pet. iii. 16. |
| 18 | M | Glorify God in your body and in your spirit. |
| 19 | TU | And now, little children, abide in Him. 1 Jno. ii. 28. |
| 20 | W | Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier. |
| 21 | TH | Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. |
| 22 | F | Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions. |
| 23 | S | Be diligent that ye be found of Him in peace. |
| 24 | S | Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth. 1 Sam. xii. 24. |
| 25 | M | Set your affection on things above. Col. iii. 2. |
| 26 | TU | Put on the whole armour of God. Eph. vi. 11. |
| 27 | W | Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love. |
| 28 | TH | Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Col. iii. 16. |
| 29 | F | Be not thou ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. |
| 30 | S | Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord. |
| 31 | S | So stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. |

THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

GOD has put the cross between the believing sinner and his sins. The believer has Christ between him and his sins: but the unbeliever has his sins between himself and Christ.

God and Christ were alone there. The entire question of sin was gone into, and finally settled on the *cross*. The only part we had on the *cross* was, that our sins were there; Jesus alone bore the full weight of their judgment on the *cross*.

The *cross* is the way for God to come nigh to man as a sinner, without destroying him by His presence. The *cross* is also the way for man, as a sinner, to come near to God.

Christ having perfectly satisfied God about sin, the only question now, between God and your heart, is this: Are you perfectly satisfied with His Christ as the alone portion of your soul? This is the one grand question of the gospel.

I cannot look at the *cross* of the Lord Jesus Christ without seeing, at the same time, my utter ruin, and my complete deliverance.

The fact of the Son of God coming into the world and dying upon the cross for us, is the unanswerable proof that "God is love."

The cross of Christ, and the cross the believer carries after Christ, both condemn the world, and demand holiness and separation.

AUGUST, 31 Days.

4th. First Quar. 8h 52m M.
11th. Full Moon 9h 19m M.

19th. Last Quar. 7h 50m M.
26th. New Moon 9h 26m A.

THE WORK AND INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT.

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| 1 | M | He shall teach you all things. John xiv. 26. |
| 2 | TU | The Spirit of God dwelleth in you. 1 Cor. iii. 16. |
| 3 | W | Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God. Eph. iv. 30. [of God. |
| 4 | TH | The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things |
| 5 | F | It is the Spirit that quickeneth. John vi. 63. |
| 6 | S | He will reprove the world of sin. John xiv. 8. |
| 7 | S | He dwalleth with you, and shall be in you. Jo. xiv. 17. |
| 8 | M | The Spirit of truth . . . will guide you into all truth. |
| 9 | TU | The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. |
| 10 | W | Ye have received the Spirit of adoption. Rom. viii. 15. |
| 11 | TH | Sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. i. 13. |
| 12 | F | The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, &c. |
| 13 | S | He shall glorify me; for He shall receive of mine. |
| 14 | S | God hath sent forth His Spirit into your hearts. |
| 15 | M | The love of God is shed abroad...by the Holy Ghost. |
| 16 | TU | He maketh intercession for the saints according to God. |
| 17 | W | Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. 1 Cor. vi. 19. |
| 18 | TH | If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. |
| 19 | F | The Spirit and the bride say, Come. Rev. xxii. 17. |
| 20 | S | Be filled with the Spirit. Eph. v. 18. |
| 21 | S | The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Jno. xiv. 26. |
| 22 | M | The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities. [Ghost. |
| 23 | TU | No man can say Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy |
| 24 | W | I will put my Spirit within you. Ezek. xxxvi. 27. |
| 25 | TH | The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit. |
| 26 | F | By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. |
| 27 | S | Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. |
| 28 | S | We have access by one Spirit unto the Father. |
| 29 | M | Strengthened with might by His Spirit. Eph. iii. 18. |
| 30 | TU | The communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. |
| 31 | W | Walk in the Spirit.....not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. |

CONFIDENCE IN JESUS.



KNOW, O Lord, though all around is dark,
I need not fear;
Rough are the waves that toss my little bark,
But Thou art near.
The stormy winds Thy word alone fulfil;
Their rage shall cease;
And when Thy voice shall give the charge, "Be still,"
All will be peace.

Yes! I shall see (soon as this storm has passed
Across the soul)
That He, who slumbers not, held every blast
In His control;
And though, o'ershadowed by the present woe,
The heart may quail,
Strong in the grace, the strength Thou dost bestow,
I shall prevail.

Thou precious Saviour, by whose life I live,
Lighten mine eyes!
Let me not miss the lessons Thou dost give;
Oh, make me wise!
Keep me, whilst tempest-driven on life's dark sea,
Close to *Thy* side;
There, anchored safely by sure hope in Thee,
Let me *abide*.

JESUS! Thou art my all. What can I lose,
Since *Thou* art mine?
Guide me, O best Beloved! my portion choose,
For I am *Thine*.
To the desired haven let me come
In *Thine* own way:
There will be no more night in that fair home,
But *endless day*.

SEPTEMBER, 30 Days.

2nd. First Quar. 1h 58m A.
9th. Full Moon 10h 12m A.

18th. Last Quar. 1h 30m M.
25th. New Moon 6h 34m M.

GOD'S THOUGHTS OF HIS PEOPLE.

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| 1 | TH | Beloved, now are we the sons of God. 1 Jno. iii. 2. |
| 2 | F | Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee. |
| 3 | S | And ye are complete in Him. Col. ii. 10. |
| 4 | S | Perfect through my comeliness, saith the Lord. |
| 5 | M | The Lord will give strength unto His people. |
| 6 | TU | He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. |
| 7 | W | The Lord's portion is His people. Deut. xxxii. 9. |
| 8 | TH | How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God. |
| 9 | F | Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. Rom. viii. 17. |
| 10 | S | Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children |
| 11 | S | The Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people. |
| 12 | M | Called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ. |
| 13 | TU | Holy and without blame before Him in love. |
| 14 | W | Made unto our God kings and priests. [Jesus Christ. |
| 15 | TH | Our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son |
| 16 | F | He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob. Num. xxiii. 21. |
| 17 | S | The Lord will bless His people with peace. Ps. xxix. 11. |
| 18 | S | For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God. |
| 19 | M | Now ye are clean through the word. John xv. 3. |
| 20 | TU | Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified. |
| 21 | W | Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling. |
| 22 | TH | Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood. |
| 23 | F | Partakers of the divine nature. 2 Pet. i. 4. |
| 24 | S | Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests. Ex. xix. 6. |
| 25 | S | The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself. |
| 26 | M | The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety. |
| 27 | TU | I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. |
| 28 | W | He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye. |
| 29 | TH | Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. |
| 30 | F | Thou art no more a servant, but a son. Gal. iv. 7. |

THOUGHTS ON GRACE.

WHEN the sinner has, by faith, laid hold of Jesus as his substitute, from that moment he is eternally in the bond of the Covenant. He is *in* Christ, and is viewed by God the Father with all the glorious perfections of Christ upon him. God's thoughts towards him are now all grace. It is in this light we understand such expressions as, "He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob," and, "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee," when spoken by God Himself of His people. He looks at them through *Christ*. What sin can He see in them through such a medium? It is not that they are faultless. Oh, no! they are *full* of sin! But His grace looks at them through Christ, and there He sees *none*. He has given Christ as the sacrifice to *take away* their sins. Then how can He *in justice* see them any more—any one of them? In His own dealings with them as a loving Father, He will see all that is in them—correct, rebuke, chastise, discipline. But when it is a question between them and the great accuser, He will see none. When he is in the way, they are looked at through Christ, and Satan himself is obliged to confess, "Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor divination against Israel."

Jesus is coming: for that joyful day
In patient hope I watch, and wait, and pray;
The day draws nigh, the midnight shadows flee—
Oh, what a sunrise will that advent be!

OCTOBER, 31 Days.

1st. First Quar. 9h 19m A.
9th. Full Moon 1h 43m A.


17th. Last Quar. 6h 14m A.
24th. New Moon 3h 36m A.

31st. First Quar. 8h 1m M.

OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES.

1	S	There is no want to them that fear Him. Psa. xxxiv. 9.
2	S	Them that honour me I will honour. 1 Sam. ii. 30.
3	M	The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.
4	TU	My presence shall go with thee. Exodus xxxiii. 14.
5	W	I, even I, am He that comforteth you. [trouble.
6	TH	God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in
7	F	To them that have no might He increaseth strength.
8	S	No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.
9	S	Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Isa. xli. 10.
10	M	He blesseth the habitation of the just. [uprightly.
11	TU	No good thing will He withhold from them that walk
12	W	He giveth power to the faint. Isa. xli. 29.
13	TH	In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
14	F	The eternal God is thy refuge. Deut. xxxiii. 27.
15	S	Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters. Isa. xxxii. 20.
16	S	He shall cover thee with His feathers. Psa. xci. 4.
17	M	I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee.
18	TU	I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.
19	W	The Lord shall guide thee continually. Isa. lviii. 11.
20	TH	The hope of the righteous shall be gladness. Pro. x. 28.
21	F	Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty.
22	S	The Lord will be the hope of His people. Joel iii. 10.
23	S	I will redeem them from death. Hosea xiii. 14.
24	M	They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psa. cxxvi. 5.
25	TU	They that war against thee shall be as nothing.
26	W	He will swallow up death in victory. Isa. xxv. 8.
27	TH	The Lord shall be King over all the earth.
28	F	The wise shall inherit glory. Prov. iii. 35.
29	S	He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.
30	S	He shall give His angels charge over thee. Ps. xci. 11.
31	M	The Lord thy God will hold thy right hand.

JEHOVAH'S GIFT.

 THOU art Jehovah's precious gift to me,
Poor timid, trembling one;
I am the Saviour who once died for thee—
God's well-beloved Son!

What though the prince of air employs his scout,
To pave thy way with unbelief and doubt,
Yet come—I will in no wise cast thee out,
My own, my ransomed one!

I bore the heat and burden of the day,
To ease thy heavy load,
And took the curse of all thy guilt away,
Bathed in my crimson blood.

Fixed was my purpose—I despised the shame;
For *you* the "Man of sorrows" I became,
Endured the Cross, and magnified the name
Of the Eternal God.

Though thou the very chief of sinners art,
Gone is all cause for fear:
I'll heal the venom of thy conscience' smart,
And dry thine every tear.

My love for thee in all thy sins was such,
I did not think one bitter drop too much—
Yea, suffered e'en the King of Terrors' touch,
To have thee with me here.

Why art thou, then, of anxious, troubled mind?
Lean all thy weight on me.

'Think'st thou dark clouds have aught of wrath behind?
Nay, not for such as thee;

In patience wait: thy Lord will soon appear,
And welcome to His joy His Church so dear;
E'en now the morning cometh—He is near;
Shout for the victory!

E. B.

NOVEMBER, 30 Days.

8th. Full Moon 7h 32m M.
16th. Last Quar. 8h 59m M.

23rd. New Moon 1h 21m M.
29th. First Quar. 10h 38m A.

WORDS OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

- 1 TU God is able to make all grace abound toward you.
- 2 W He that believeth on Him is not condemned.
- 3 TH Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous. Psalm v. 12.
- 4 F We which have believed do enter into rest. Heb. iv. 3.
- 5 S I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.
- 6 S Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Col. iii. 16.
- 7 M The entrance of thy words giveth light. Ps. cxix. 130.
- 8 TU He filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Ps. cvii. 9.
- 9 W With great mercies will I gather thee. Isa. liv. 7.
- 10 TH Whom He justified, them He also glorified.
- 11 F Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people.
- 12 S The Lord will give grace and glory. Psa. lxxxiv. 11.
- 13 S If a man love me, he will keep my words. Jno. xiv. 23.
- 14 M Being justified by faith, we have peace with God.
- 15 TU We love Him because He first loved us. 1 Jno. iv. 19.
- 16 W He hath made us accepted in the beloved. Eph. i. 6.
- 17 TH My God shall supply all your need. Phil. iv. 19.
- 18 F Without faith it is impossible to please God.
- 19 S The very God of peace sanctify you wholly.
- 20 S Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain.
- 21 M Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Isa. ii. 5.
- 22 TU The Lord shall bless thee in all thy works. Deut. xv. 10.
- 23 W The word of our God shall stand for ever. Isa. xl. 8.
- 24 TH If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. viii. 31.
- 25 F I have graven thee on the palms of my hands.
- 26 S The Lord knoweth them that are His. 2 Tim. ii. 19.
- 27 S It shall be well with them that fear God. Eccles. viii. 12.
- 28 M The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich. Prov. x. 22.
- 29 TU His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Ps. xci. 4.
- 30 W Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world.

GRACE AND TRUTH.

TRUTH discovers the evil; grace puts it away. Truth unfolds what man is; grace unfolds what God is. Truth brings out into the light the hidden workings of evil in the heart of man; grace brings out, in contrast, the rich and exhaustless springs of grace in the heart of God: both are needful. Truth for the maintenance of God's glory; grace for the establishment of our blessing. Truth for the vindication of the divine character and attributes; grace for the perfect repose of the sinner's heart and conscience. How blessed to know that both grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The grace of God, filling the heart with Christ, alone enables us to give up self and its idols; and the more filled we are with Him and His grace and truth, the more readily and thoroughly can we yield up all that His eye condemns. Christ enters, and all that cannot live in His company goes out.

WHATEVER passes as a cloud between
The mental eye of faith and things unseen,
Causing that brighter world to disappear,
Or seem less lovely, and its hopes less dear,—
This is our world, our idol, though it bear
Affection's impress or devotion's air!

DECEMBER, 31 Days.

8th. Full Moon 2h 39m M.
15th. Last Quar. 9h 11m A.

22nd. New Moon 0h 19m A.
29th. First Quar. 4h 36m A.

THE BELIEVER'S ETERNAL REST.

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| 1 | TH | God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. |
| 2 | F | There shall be no more death, neither sorrow. |
| 3 | S | Here we have no continuing city. Heb. xiii. 14. |
| 4 | S | There remaineth a rest to the people of God. |
| 5 | M | The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet. |
| 6 | TU | They shall walk with me in white. Rev. iii. 4. |
| 7 | W | The days of thy mourning shall be ended. |
| 8 | TH | He that overcometh shall inherit all things. |
| 9 | F | If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. 2 Tim. ii. 12. |
| 10 | S | This is not your rest, because it is polluted. |
| 11 | S | I go to prepare a place for you. John xiv. 2. |
| 12 | M | They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. |
| 13 | TU | Death is swallowed up in victory. 1 Cor xv. 54. |
| 14 | W | Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty. |
| 15 | TH | And we shall reign on the earth. Rev. v. 10. |
| 16 | F | I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness. |
| 17 | S | The Lord shall be thine everlasting light. Isa. lx. 20. |
| 18 | S | Sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isa. xxxv. 10. |
| 19 | M | There shall be no night there. Rev. xxi. 25. |
| 20 | TU | Ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. |
| 21 | W | In thy presence is fulness of joy. Psal. xvi. 11. |
| 22 | TH | There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. |
| 23 | F | When He shall appear, we shall be like Him. |
| 24 | S | I will behold thy face in righteousness. [unto myself. |
| 25 | S | <i>Christmas Day.</i> I will come again, and receive you |
| 26 | M | And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. Rev. xxi. 1. |
| 27 | TU | In my Father's house are many mansions. Jno. xiv. 2. |
| 28 | W | More than conquerors through Him that loved us. |
| 29 | TH | Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun. |
| 30 | F | Everlasting joy shall be upon their head. Isa. li. 11. |
| 31 | S | So shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thess. iv. 17. |

HOME LONGINGS.

AREWELL, vain world! I've had enough of thee;
I long a brighter, better world to see,
I long the happy saints above to join,
I long with them to sing, with them to shine;
I long my Saviour's blessed face to see,
I long to be from sin for ever free;
I long to reach my bright, by blest abode,
I long for the embraces of my God;
I long thy promised rest, O Lord, to share,
I long for glory,—when shall I be there?

WHAT a vanity it is to be speculating or planning for *time*. "Here we have no continuing city." But the brightness of that eternal abode, which Love divine has built for us in the heavens, will more than compensate for present discomforts, trials and sorrows. We need its light upon our souls *now*. We need to be drinking of the pure river of the water of life, that flows down from the throne of God and of the Lamb; and some of us need, too, the touch of the healing leaf of the tree of life, which takes away all smart from the wounds we get in the valley of conflict.

I know no obligation the saints have to this world, seeing we fare but upon the smoke of it. Oh, then, let us pull up the stakes of our tent, and be moving towards our true home, for here we have no continuing city! Only let us not grow weary; the miles to that land are every day growing fewer and shorter.

THE PEACE OF GOD.

PHIL. iv. 7.

THERE are several kinds of peace mentioned in the word of God. There is peace through the blood of Jesus, peace from trust and confidence in God, and peace from communion with Him. It is this last that is referred to here. It is the peace which the soul obtains from close dealing with the living God—that which it experiences when it has been holding fellowship with its heavenly Father, and has opened all its heart to Him. This is a peace of its own peculiar kind. It is that which runs through the soul like an under-current,—so still and yet so deep, so real and yet so inexpressible, that it lifts the soul above all passing scenes and circumstances. It is a heavenly panoply thrown around it; and no matter what may be the trials through which it may have to pass, it keeps the soul in the midst of them. While it is in the midst of them all, it acts like an anchor, holding it fast to God. It “*keeps* the heart and mind.” It preserves the heart from restlessness, and the mind from distraction and anxiety. It keeps the inner man, in affections, thoughts,

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desires, and feelings, fresh for God. It is a deep peace, so deep that it "passeth all understanding." It is the peace which God gives the soul that holds communion with Him. It is that which flows into the soul when it is shut up with Him, gazes upon Him, opens its whole heart to Him, and receives from Him in return the sweet assurances of His love and favour. It sees His smile; it hears His whisper; it thrills with His joy; and it rises from its meeting-place with a deep peace, an inexpressible calmness. The shock of the world and the things of the world come upon it, but still it is *kept* in the midst of them. It is peace, "peace which passeth all understanding,"—the peace of *God*.

Dear reader, do you know what peace is? Have you felt and enjoyed it in your soul? You may be a child of God, and yet know very little about it. It is not the peace which flows from faith in the blood. It is peace flowing from close and constant dealing with the living God.

It is sad often to see the hearts and minds of Christians worried and distracted, tossed about with the heavings of life's troubled sea, having no repose, no calmness of spirit, no superiority to the wear and tear of each hour. Oh! where is the secret sheet-anchor, the deep peace holding the soul fast to God? In this exciting day how much

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we need this peace! Never has there been a time when men were so running to and fro, when the events of each day and each year were so exciting, when one thing after another so rushes upon the soul like a flood, when there were more temptations to hurry and excitement, and fewer incitements to calmness and reflection. Oh, how much needed is this peace of God! how much the Church needs it! how much each individual believer! Nothing can impart it but communion with God; and without this no soul will ever be calm and happy in the midst of life's troubled sea.

Reader, again I ask, do *you* know anything of it? Oh, beware of the tendency of the present exciting day! Beware of its secret influence over your soul! "Watch unto prayer." Cultivate communion with God. Move not among this world's scenes without this deep peace daily filling your soul. Then will you meet life's daily trials and cares as a true disciple and soldier of the Lord Jesus. You will carry about with you the stamp of heaven, and will leave behind you a savour of His presence. Thus shall the peace of God keep your heart and mind, so that no chafings or distractions of the day shall move you from Him.

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