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## Christ All in All.

Yielded to Thee, blessed Spirit Divine,  
All that I have shall forever be Thine;  
Body and soul and spirit I lay  
Down at Thy feet, blessed Jesus, to-day.

Wholly for Thee in service or rest,  
Rejoicing in Him who always knows best;  
Claiming from Him each day and each hour  
More of His love and His infinite power.

More of His grace and His patience I need,  
Jesus in everything, Jesus I plead;  
Leaning on Him, who never will fail,  
Believing and trusting He'll surely prevail.

More of His joy in trials and pain,  
Knowing these things are eternal gain;  
Resting assured in His marvelous power  
That He's able to keep each day and each hour.

Peace, perfect peace, which comes from above,  
Baptized with His Spirit and filled with His love;  
Walking with Him every step of the way,  
In looking to Him, He will not let me stray.

CORA B. CARTER.

## Saved by Grace.

No man can stand before God unless he has been clothed in the garments of innocence given to him by faith in Christ Jesus. God sees the unclean spots on the soul of man. He looks into his very heart and thoughts. Our sins are an offense to Him. They have blackened our own soul and exerted an evil influence also on others. We need to flee from justice to mercy. This is the sinner's only hope. St. Paul clearly states the facts thus: "By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God," Eph. 2, 8. In the month of October especially we remember that this precious teaching was restored to us through the work of Dr. Luther.

God tells us that every one believing on Christ

is holy in His sight. For that purpose Christ came into the world to help us from sin and finally to bring us to His home of everlasting joy. Luther expressed this truth beautifully in the following words: "Thou, Lord Jesus, art my Righteousness,



Dr. Martin Luther.

while I am Thy sin. What is mine Thou hast taken upon Thyself, and what is Thine Thou hast given to me." If you are discouraged with your own efforts, with your lack of holiness in life, remember that you are perfect before God through faith in Jesus.

Saved by grace, that is the joyful confession of every saint who has ever entered the pearly portals of Paradise throughout the centuries.

Let us ever be thankful that God has given us His pure Gospel of grace. Let us also be faithful to the Church which teaches the words of Christ. Let us accept the preaching of the pure Gospel. Thus we shall be happy forever and free from all worries for time and eternity. O. C. S.

## Studies in Luther's Catechism.

### THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

*"Thou shalt sanctify the holy-day."*

The First Commandment tells us to worship *the only true God*; the Second Commandment teaches us to honor *the name of this one true God*; and the Third and last Commandment of the First Table commands us gladly to hear and learn *the Word of God*.

#### "The Holy-Day" of the Old Testament.

The chief holy-day in the Old Testament was the seventh day of the week. It was commanded of God. He said: "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, thy God." Read Ex. 20, 8—11. The seventh day, Saturday, was to be the holy-day of God's people in the Old Testament. God told them: "It is a sign between Me and you," Ex. 31, 13. And woe to that man who did not keep holy this day and did any kind of work therein! He sinned greatly and was to be put to death. Read Ex. 31, 14, 15 and Num. 15, 32—36.

#### "The Holy-Day" of the New Testament.

Some one perhaps will ask: "Are they not right therefore who say that we must keep the seventh day? And are we who keep the first day not committing a great sin?" No, my friend. The offerings and the Sabbaths and all the festivals of the Old Testament were "a shadow of things to come," Col. 2, 17. And these things are the things of Christ. When He came, then came the true Lamb of God, the true Bread of Life, and also the Lord of the Sabbath, Matt. 12, 8. And who wants the shadow of good things when the good things of Jesus are here?

We need no longer keep the seventh day in the New Testament. Paul says: "Let no man judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy-

day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath-days," Col. 2, 16. He wants to say: Let no man say you are doing wrong if you do not keep this or that day. And still there are some who say: "You must keep the seventh day." Where is the word of God in the New Testament which commands this? There is none.

Why do we have the first day as our holy-day? It is not commanded of God. Jesus and His disciples kept the seventh day until He died for the sins of the world on Good Friday. The third day, Easter Sunday, He was raised again for our justification and appeared to His disciples, who were assembled on that day behind locked doors. Seven days later, also on a Sunday, they again had come together, and again Jesus stood in their midst. And ever after, Christians have assembled on this day of victory, and we do it still to-day.

#### "The Holy-Day," the Day of the Lord.

It is the day on which we particularly remember our risen Lord and His glorious victory over sin, death, and devil. Therefore we should give every holy-day to the Lord and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, Heb. 10, 25. God wants us to come together regularly for worship; and we may do it any day.

Friend, are you giving the holy-day unto the Lord? Are you in the house of God every holy-day to learn ever anew of your sinful condition and of Him who loved you and died for your sins? May God grant it! J. L. S.

## THE BREAD OF LIFE.

### Bible-Study for October.

*"Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me." Matt. 11, 6.*

Bible-Lesson: Mark 6, 1—6.

"And He went out from thence and came into His own country; and His disciples follow Him. And when the Sabbath-day was come, He began to teach in the synagog; and many hearing Him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things, and what wisdom is this which is given unto Him that even such mighty works are wrought by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor but in his own country and among his own kin and in his own house. And

He could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went round about the villages, teaching."

After Jesus had performed many great miracles in and about Capernaum, He left it and came into the country where He had grown up, to the town of Nazareth. Also to the people of Nazareth Jesus wished to preach the Word of Life; and when the Sabbath-day had come, He went into the synagog, the place of worship, and began to teach the Word of God. He read a portion of God's Word to those who had assembled there and told them that He was the Savior sent from God to save them. The words that Jesus spoke to them filled them with astonishment, and they wondered where Jesus had received such great wisdom and the power to perform such great miracles of which they had heard. Yet they did not believe in Him; they did not accept Him as their Savior. How could this Jesus who had grown up in their midst, whom they had known as a carpenter, be their Savior! They did not want to have this humble carpenter as their Savior. Even to-day many people take offense at the lowliness and simplicity of the Gospel; they do not want to believe in this Jesus who died on the cross. They are offended at Him.

When Jesus observed that the people in His home city did not believe in Him, He reminded them of the truth of the saying "A prophet is not without honor but [except] in his own country and among his own kin [relatives] and in his own house." Instead of thanking God that one from their own city had received from God such wonderful gifts, they were filled with dislike for Jesus and rejected Him.

Jesus marveled (wondered) because of their unbelief. He had come to offer them His grace, to help them with His almighty power; but He could do no mighty works and wonders there because the people did not believe in Him and did not want His help. Only a few believed and desired His help, and on these He laid His hands and healed them.

The fact that also to-day many people take offense at the preaching of the Gospel and reject the Savior who comes to them should not discourage us, as little as it discouraged Jesus. He went round about the villages and preached. So let us with faith and love continue to spread the Word of Jesus. Always some will believe in Him and be saved.

*Prayer:* My Savior Jesus Christ, let me never take offense because Thy Word and Thy Church are despised in this world. Grant that I may always trust in Thee, love Thy Word and Thy Church, and seek to bring others to the salvation which Thou hast prepared for all people. Amen.

E. EN.

### Sinners Must be Born Again.

I was staying one day at an inn in one of the valleys of Northern Italy, where the floor was dreadfully dirty. I had it in my mind to advise the landlady to scrub it; but when I perceived it was made of mud, I reflected that the more she scrubbed, the worse it would be.

The man who knows his own heart soon perceives that his corrupt nature admits of no improvement; there must be a new nature implanted, or the man will be only "washed to deeper stains." "Ye must be born again." Ours is not a case for mending, but for making new! — *Spurgeon.*

### He Saw No Need for an Atonement.

A physician who was an unbeliever although he accepted the moral teachings of Christianity was discussing religion with a Christian patient. He tried to convince her that she was foolish to believe in Christ as her Savior from sin. "God cannot reasonably ask that we accept this doctrine as true, threatening to condemn us if we do not believe," he said. "All that God can reasonably ask is that we be sorry for our sins and do better." He failed to see any need for an atonement and a faith which rested upon it.

When the woman had recovered from her illness and the time had come to pay the doctor's fee, the woman said: "I have caused you a lot of trouble. No doubt, my bill has run up considerably. The doctor assented. "Very well," the woman continued. "I hereby assure you that I am exceedingly sorry for having caused you so much trouble and that I shall not trouble you again. I hope you will be satisfied with this payment." "What do you mean?" the doctor asked. "Why," said the patient, "you surely are not going to ask more of me than the Lord has a right to ask of you, according to your statement?" "Well," the doctor said, with an embarrassed smile, "that, of course, is different."

We know that our debt of sin has been paid in

the crimson coin of the Savior's blood. God's Word says, "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous. And He is the Propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world," 1 John 2, 1, 2.

This is true. In this faith we find peace and power, forgiveness and salvation. We are happy in our faith and sure of eternal life. What more could we ask?—*Selected.*

### Sticking By.

It may be a difficult task which is before us, but we must not be discouraged. Difficulties are what make character; men who can go out into a hard field and succeed are the men we want. Any quantities of men are looking for easy places, but the world will never hear of them. We want men who are looking for hard places, who are willing to go into the darkest corners of the earth and make those dark places bloom like gardens. They can do it if the Lord is with them.—*D. L. Moody.*

### IN THE MORNING MAIL.

*Minneapolis Mission.*—August 25 Duane Royal, born June 19, was baptized into Christ and so put on Christ. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Savage, are members of Grace Church. May God keep them and their child in Christ to the end!

Richard Wilkinson, twin brother of James Wilkinson, a member of our Aberdeen mission, was killed by an auto September 6. He and his brother were baptized and confirmed by the pastor in 1931, and now Richard has closed his eyes. He trusted in Jesus, whom he learned to know and love. He died at the age of 56 years and 26 days. Funeral services were held on Monday, September 9. The pastor could not attend because of other appointments. May our risen Lord comfort the family with these precious words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"! John 11, 25.

J. L. S.

*Chicago Mission.*—In June we received three new members into our church: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ellmann and Martin Carlson; in August five: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Henry, Eleanor Otto, Paul and Dorothy Allison. These five were confirmed August 25, Mr. Henry being first baptized in the service. We wish our new members happiness and God's blessing.

Let us point out a remarkable fact about these eight new members. Only one was born in Chicago. The others were born, respectively, in Michigan, Texas, New York, New Brunswick (Canada), Germany, and Austria. Surely God is gracious in leading deaf from such distant places at last to Chicago and to a church

for the deaf with preaching in the sign-language. How often do you thank God that you have your own church and God's Word?  
A. C. D.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—To-day, September 11, we received a letter from an aged, blind colored man in which he says: "Please send me a copy of the Bible. The reading of your papers has given me a change of heart. I want to be a Christian." We receive many similar requests for Bibles and should have in our library at least copies of various books of the Holy Scriptures in Moon type. The books of the Bible in Moon type may be secured from the American Bible Society for 25 cents per copy.  
O. C. S.

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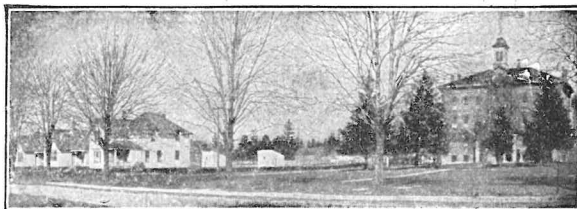
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