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150 YEARS

This October marks 150 years since the investigative judgment began in heaven. The faithful ones that passed through the great disappointment on October 22nd, 1844, did not think that the world would last this long. During the first and second world war, our members expected the Lord to come, yet today we are still here .

The Advent Pioneers as well as the pioneers of the Reform Movement have since been laid to rest. Most of them expected to see the second coming of the Lord in their lifetime, but this has past. Now it is up to us to hasten the coming of the Lord. This we can do by personal preparation and involving ourselves in active missionary work.

Only five years are left before the year 2000. Many students of prophesy believe that we may not reach that year before the end comes. A quick review will show that all the particular prophesies have been fulfilled. Even the prophesy in Volume 5 of the Testimonies to the Church is being fulfilled:

“When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the Gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the Abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of it’s constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for propagation of Papal falsehood and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvellous working of Satan and that the end is near”. p. 451.

How earnestly were the believers in 1844 preparing for the coming of the Lord. How much more in earnest should we be since we are now 150 years closer to the end. May the Lord help each member to realize the seriousness of the time in which we live. Let us therefore plan more for eternity than for this world.

Timo Martin

THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

E.G. White

When we want a deep problem to study, let us fix our minds on the most marvelous thing that ever took place in earth or heaven--the incarnation of the Son of God. God gave his Son to die for sinful human beings a death of ignominy and shame. *Ms. 76, 1903.*

The humanity of the Son of God is everthing to us. It is the golden chain that binds our souls to Christ, and through Christ to God. This is to be our study. *YI 10/13/1898*

Christ was not in as favorable a position in the desolate wilderness to endure the temptations of Satan as was Adam when he was tempted in Eden.

The Son of God humbled himself and took man's nature after the race had wandered four thousand years from Eden, and from their original state of purity and uprightness. Sin had been making it's terrible marks upon the race for ages; and physical, mental, moral degeneracy prevailed throughout the human family.

When Adam was assailed by the tempter in Eden he was without the taint of sin. He stood in the strength of his perfection before God. All the organs and faculties of his being were equally developed, and harmoniously balanced.

Christ, in the wilderness of temptation, stood in Adam's place to bear the test he failed to endure. Here Christ overcame in the sinner's behalf, four thousand years after Adam turned his back upon the light of his home. Separated from the presence of God, the human family had been departing, every successive generation, farther from the original purity, wisdom, and knowledge which Adam possessed in Eden. Christ bore the sins and infirmities of the race as they existed when He came to the earth to help man. In behalf of the race, with the weaknesses of fallen man upon Him, He was to stand the temptations of Satan upon all points wherewith man would be assailed...In what contrast is the second Adam as He entered the gloomy wilderness to cope with Satan singlehanded! Since the fall the race had been decreasing in size and physical

strength, and sinking lower in the scale of moral worth, up to the period of Christ's advent to the earth. And in order to elevate fallen man, Christ must reach him where he was. He took human nature, and bore the infirmities and degeneracy of the race. He, who knew no sin, became sin for us. He humiliated Himself to the lowest depths of human woe, that He might be qualified to reach man, and bring him up from the degradation in which sin had plunged him. *RH, Aug 4, 1874/ISM271-280, July 28 1874*

Jesus was sinless and had no dread of the consequences of sin. With this exception His condition was as yours. You have not a difficulty that did not press with equal weight upon Him, not a sorrow that His heart has not experienced. His feelings could be hurt with neglect, with indifference of professed friends, as easily as yours. Is your path thorny? Christ's was so in a tenfold sense. Are you distressed? So was he. How well fitted was Christ to be an example!..It is not as a man bending under the pressure of age that Jesus is revealed to us traversing the hills of Judea. He was in the strength of His manhood. Jesus once stood in the age just where you now stand. Your circumstances, your cogitations at this period of your life, Jesus has had. He cannot overlook you at this critical period. He sees your dangers. He is acquainted with your temptations. He invites you to follow His example. *Letter B-17, 1878*

Had He not been fully human, Christ could not have been our substitute. *ST, June 17, 1897*

While bearing human nature, He (Christ) was dependent on the Omnipotent for His life. In His humanity, He laid hold of the divinity of God; and this every member of the human family has the privilege of doing. Christ did nothing that human nature may not do if it partakes of the divine nature...If we repent of our transgression, and receive Christ as the Life-giver, our personal Saviour,

we become one with Him, and our will is brought into harmony with the divine will. We become partaker of the life of Christ, which is eternal. We derive immortality from God by receiving the life of Christ; for in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. This life is the mystical union and cooperation of the divine with the human.

ST 23:5, June 17, 1897

Unless there is a possibility of yielding, temptation is not temptation. Temptation comes and is resisted when man is powerfully influenced to do a wrong action, and knowing that he can do it, resists by faith with a firm hold upon divine power. This was the ordeal through which Christ passed. In His closing hours, while hanging upon the cross, He experienced to the fullest extent what man must experience when striving against sin. He realized how bad man may become by yielding to sin. He realized the terrible consequence of the transgression of God's law; for the iniquity of the whole world was upon Him. *MS 29, 1899, p.4 (Manuscript Release No. 347)*

Adam was tempted by the enemy, and he fell. It was not indwelling sin which caused him to yield; for God made him pure and upright in His own image. He was as faultless as the angels before the throne. There was in him no corrupt principles, no tendencies to evil. But when Christ came to meet the temptations of Satan, He bore "the likeness of sinful flesh". *ST, Oct 17, 1900*

Those who claim that it was not possible for Christ to sin, cannot believe that He really took upon Himself human nature. But was not Christ actually tempted, not only by Satan in the wilderness, but all through His life, from childhood to manhood? In all points He was tempted as we are, and because He successfully resisted temptation under every form, He gave man the perfect example, and through the ample provision Christ has made, we may become partakers of the divine nature,

having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust.

Jesus says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne". Here is the beginning of our confidence which we must hold steadfast unto the end. If Jesus resisted Satan's temptations, He will help us to resist. He came to bring divine power to combine with human effort. *Ms 141, 1901.*

In His humanity Christ was dependent upon the Father, even as humanity is now dependent upon God for divine power in attaining unto perfection of character.

ST 33:422, July 3, 1907

We are not to serve God as if we were not human, but we are to serve Him as those who have been redeemed by the Son of God, and through the righteousness of Christ we shall stand

before God pardoned, as if we had never sinned. *ST 38: (531), Aug 29, 1911*

Christ's overcoming and obedience is that of a true human being. In our conclusions we make many mistakes because of our erroneous views of the human nature of our Lord. When we give to His human nature a power that is not possible for man to have in his conflicts with Satan, we destroy the completeness of His humanity. His imputed grace and power He gives to all who receive Him by faith.

The obedience of Christ to His Father was the same obedience that is required of man. Man cannot overcome Satan's power without divine power to combine with his instrumentality. So with Jesus Christ: He could lay hold of divine power. He came not to our world to give the obedience of a lesser God to a greater,

but as a man to obey God's holy law, and in this way He is our example. The Lord Jesus came not to reveal what a God could do, but what a man could do, through faith in God's power to help in every emergency. Man is through faith, to be a partaker in the divine nature, and to overcome every temptation wherewith he is beset.

The Lord now demands that, every son and daughter of Adam, through faith in Jesus Christ, serve Him in human nature which we now have. The Lord Jesus has bridged the gulf that sin has made. He has connected earth with heaven, and finite man with the infinite God. Jesus, the world's Redeemer, could only keep the commandments of God in the same way that humanity can keep them. *(MS 1, 1892)-(BC 7:929).*



Union News



Puerto Rico:

A new minister has arrived from Peru, Brother Felicitamo Retel. He will replace Brother A. Pizzaro, who will be retiring after twenty years of service in Puerto Rico. May God be with Brother Retel in his new position, and may He bless Brother Pizzaro for all his efforts in this country.

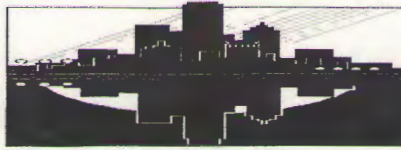
Jamaica:

Jamaica was the first to benefit under the new Union's Health and Home Department. On August 6th, Sister Rose Powell, the Coordinator of this department gave a health presentation. The brethren were encouraged by a lecture and projector presentation on the direct relation between the diet and disease. Sister Powell emphasized that the health message is the right arm of the third angel and is an excellent method of reaching souls. "Medical missionary is the right helping hand of the gospel to open doors for the proclamation of the message...I can see in the Lord's providence that the medical missionary work is to be the great entering wedge." *EV., p. 513.*

There is also a new worker, Brother Colin Gyles. Let us remember him in our prayers, asking God to strengthen and guide him.

Publishing:

The publishing department has been busy preparing the new Sabbath School Lessons in English and Spanish. Plans for new publications, especially for canvassing are also being set. These preparations are being done with the hope that the canvassing work can be revived in the Union by the workers and local members. Not only is canvassing one of the most effective ways of reaching people, but it can also produce income for the church.



TORONTO EVENTS

MISSIONARY SEMINAR (RALLY)

September 18th was a special day for the Toronto Church. The day began with a missionary meeting on giving Bible studies and canvassing. In the afternoon instruction was given on healthful living.

Brother Raul Escobar demonstrated natural remedies including water treatments and other natural healing methods. Emphasis was placed on preventative medicine.

Many diseases that are prevalent in today's society are a result of our state of mind. Therefore, trust in God and cheerfulness are important promoters of health and happiness.

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS

On September 25th, a vegetarian cooking class was held. Twenty-five visitors were in attendance. Brother Escobar opened the meeting with instructions on how to obtain a wholesome diet. After this, several of the sisters demonstrated different recipes and explained their benefits and nutritional values. One key demonstration by Sister Gloria Ferguson was the making of calcium-rich soybean milk. At the cost of only a few cents, this is an excellent source of protein (40%) and is superior to cow's milk.



Brother Escobar is demonstrating a water treatment technique with Debbie Conde.

Soybean Milk

2 cups soaked soybeans*
2 qts. water (less for richer milk)
1 Tbsp. honey
1 Tbsp. Oil or 1 tsp. lecithin^{1/4}
tsp. salt

Directions:

- Soak 1 cup of soybeans in refrigerator for at least 2 days, pouring off water and covering with clear fresh water.
- Liquefy 2 cups soaked beans with 2 quarts water.
- Strain through 2 layers of cheesecloth (or clean dish towel) to extract all liquid.
- Heat in a double boiler for 15-20 min. Stir occasionally (or just bring to a boil in a kettle).
- Cool and pour through fine wire strainer right into the blender.
- Blend well, adding honey, salt and oil.
- Pour into quart jars and cool in refrigerator. Will remain sweet for several days.

Notes:

Soybean pulp which remains can be made into various dishes.

Add a chopped vanilla bean while scalding the Soya milk. It gives the milk a good flavor.

- * 2 1/2 cups dry Soy beans (1 lb) makes 6 1/2 qts milk
- 2 cups dry Soy beans makes 5 qts. milk
- 1 cups dry beans = 2 1/2 cups when soaked



Sister Gloria is demonstrating Soybean milk.

GREETINGS FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

We send our sincere greetings, wishing to everyone heavens rich blessings.

The work is progressing in the Dominican Republic. We are working hard in several areas and more souls are being added to the church.

In one area called Alcarrizos, which is not very far from Santo Domingo, the capital city, the work is rapidly advancing. In this place we have a nice group meeting together in the house of the church leader, but it is no longer big enough for all the members and interested souls.

With the help of the Lord we have managed to purchase a piece of land in this area, but we need financial help to build a church on this lot. We also have many children here, therefore, we plan to have a school also connected with the church.

We would like to ask for your help in this project. We thank you for all your support, and wish that the blessings of God Almighty may multiply with you.

 *Frederico Clemente*

Report From Vancouver

The members of the Vancouver church were privileged to have Brother Raul Escobar (President of the Canada-Caribbean Union) visit us for a couple of weeks.

On Thursday August 11th, we gathered on the beautiful sight of Third Beach in Stanley Park to witness the baptism of our dear sister Elizabeth Miller. It was a very warm sunny evening and there were still quite a few swimmers on the beach who also were able to witness the baptism. Afterwards Brother Escobar and I spoke at length with a gentleman and his wife who had watched with keen interest. They shared their names and phone number and we hope to reach them in the near future.

Elizabeth used to attend the church in Toronto about 16-17 years ago with her father and brother. They were regular visitors for a couple of years. She had since moved to live with her mother and we lost touch not only with her but the whole family. In that time most of her family had moved to British Columbia (B.C.). But the truth Elizabeth learned as a child had not left her heart. After several years residing in B.C., my wife and I received a telephone call from Ted Miller, her father. He had found the Reform Movement in the telephone book. From then on, we were able to get in touch with the other family members.

The Lord has been working miracles in Elizabeth's heart for the past two years. She has now decided at this time to give her heart to the Lord and become a member of the family of God. We were all happy to welcome her into the family and she has already been a tremendous blessing and support for the local church.

Since Brother Escobar is also a Natural Health Counsellor we decided to hold a public health seminar during his visit. At first he was a bit nervous since English is not his native tongue, but the Lord blessed his efforts.

The meetings were held on three nights, from August 12-14. The church members and visitors received many answers to their health problems and other general concerns. Many alternative healing methods were discussed with major emphasis on curing the whole body not just one portion of it. When one part of the body is sick the whole system suffers and is out of balance. We must treat the whole body and bring it back into equilibrium. This brings true lasting health. Many other points on this matter were taken up during these evenings. Brother Escobar has published several health books in the Spanish language. There are plans in the near future to make them available in English. Some of our visitors had inquired about this possibility.

Our future plan is to hold monthly health seminars here in Vancouver. We have dedicated the first Tuesday of every month for this project. The issue of health has opened many doors to reach souls here in Vancouver.

Several people from this seminar have already responded to the gospel and are now taking Bible studies. Please continue to pray for us here in Vancouver. Though we are few, if we are united in the work, the Lord will do mighty things for His people.

Jerry Eaton



No Room for JESUS

**○ plodding life! Crowded so full
Of earthly toil and care!
The body's daily need receives
The first and last concern, and leaves
No room for Jesus there.**

**○ busy brain! By day and night
Working, with patience rare,
Problems of worldly loss or gain,
Thinking till thought becomes a pain-
No room for Jesus there.**

**○ throbbing heart! so quick to feel
In others' woes a share,
Yet human loves each power enthral,
And sordid treasures fill it all-
No room for Jesus there.**

**○ sinful soul! Thus to debase
The being God doth spare!
Blood-bought thou art! No more thine own;
Heart, brain, life, all are His alone-
Make room for Jesus there,**

**Lest soon the bitter day shall come
When vain will be thy prayer
To find in Jesus' heart a place:
Forever closed the door of grace,
Thou'lt gain no entrance there.**

Anonymous