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For Little Children
In Christ.

1 Jno. ii, 12.

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This Booklet is intended for those recently converted whether old or young in natural years; who are Babes in Christ by the New Birth and desire to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"These things I write unto you, LITTLE CHILDREN," (says the Apostle John),

BECAUSE

PAST

your sins are forgiven you

1 John ii. 12

THAT

PRESENT

ye sin not

1 John ii. 1

THAT

FUTURE

when He shall appear we may
not be ashamed before Him at
His Coming.

1 John ii. 28



THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION.

Heb. vi, 9.

Now that the reader has trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her own personal Saviour, there are a few things that the Bible says to such which, I am sure, you will want to know. Before we were converted we were dead in trespasses and sins, lost and guilty before God and we knew that the wages of sin was death, but in John's Gospel, Ch.iii and v. 16 we read, "For God so loved the world

THAT HE GAVE

His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Son whom God gave was the Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly came from His home in Heaven above and lived as a Man down

here in this world, and was then taken by wicked men and nailed to the Cross of Calvary. All this was with God's permission, for He had decreed before ever time was that His Son should thus suffer.

CHRIST DIED FOR SINNERS,
Rom. v. 6.

that they might never die, and in order that they might live with Him and share His glory for eternity. At Calvary's Cross He finished the work that He came to do and was laid in the tomb, which was sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers night and day, but after three days, very early in the morning, the tomb where He had been was EMPTY.

"CHRIST HAS RISEN,"

said the Angels to those who came to the tomb, and this was verily true. Jesus had risen from the dead, thus showing He had defeated that great enemy Satan, and overcome death by destroying him that had the power of death, that is, the devil and delivering

them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Heb. ii, 14-15.

Forty days after His Resurrection Jesus took His disciples to a place called Bethany and as He was talking to them He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

*JESUS HAD GONE BACK TO
HEAVEN, Acts i. 11.*

and He is still there in God's presence. We shall see presently WHY He is there, and what He is now doing.

We are going to take for granted the reader has BELIEVED all this, and by believing has become a child of God, as Gal. iii, 26, teaches,

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

Will you now please turn to your Bible and read the 5th chap. of John and verse 24, because this is a very important verse for young Christians: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that HEARETH My word, and BELIEV-

ETH on Him that sent Me, HATH everlasting life, and SHALL NOT come into condemnation, but IS passed from death unto life." This verse tells me that now I have believed in the Saviour and in God that sent Him, I have

EVERLASTING LIFE.

Every true believer possesses eternal life the moment he or she believes in Christ as his or her own personal Saviour, and that life can NEVER BE LOST. We are in the hand of the Lord Jesus and also in the hand of God the Father and none can take us out of such powerful hands as these. Jno. x. 28-29. Surely we should be very thankful that God has made us so safe in His Beloved Son. Peter (one of the Lord's disciples) says in I Peter, i, 5, that we are

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD.

As a guard of soldiers protects a city ; guarding and shielding it by mighty power ; so God keeps everyone that trusts Him, perfectly safe for ever and

for ever. Words such as these are written that we may KNOW that we have eternal life. 1 Jno. v. 13.

Another thing that takes place when we are saved is what the Bible calls being

INDWELT OF THE SPIRIT.

“Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you.” 1 Cor. vi, 19.

This may seem to you strange, so I want to tell you what I can, to help you understand. The Holy Spirit is a person just as the Lord Jesus is, and is verily God as the Father and the Son. So that God is really three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but yet only one God.

This third person, the Holy Spirit, comes to dwell or live in us as soon as we believe and have eternal life. Think of a Holy God coming to dwell in us! How careful we should be of how we live and what we do! In your body there now resides none other than God

Himself, who wants to help you to live well-pleasing to Him and as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, thus overcoming the temptations of Satan.

In Colossians, chap. 1, v. 2, we read of some people said to be

IN CHRIST

and this we must next consider. They were just like us—believers ; they were not dead, or our text would say **WITH CHRIST**, but were actually and truly alive and yet God says of them they were “**IN CHRIST**,” whilst the next clause says, they lived at Colosse ; a place like London or Glasgow or Belfast. To be **IN CHRIST** is the way God speaks of how **HE** now sees us. He once saw us **DEAD IN SINS**, but now **ALIVE IN CHRIST**, and because of this He says we are **PERFECT** in His sight. He looks at every one of us through the Lord Jesus Christ (just as you look through a piece of coloured glass), and sees us cleansed from all our

sins, perfect and fit for His Holy presence and for Heaven itself—IN CHRIST.

Possibly someone is saying, “I really do not think this can all be true of me for I do not FEEL perfect; in fact, I often feel very bad and wicked. I suppose then I cannot be a child of God after all, if Christians are really perfect?”

My dear reader, every Christian feels bad and wicked at times, for although we are IN CHRIST yet we LIVE ACTUALLY IN THIS EVIL WORLD. It is true God sees us perfect and fit for Heaven in Christ, but He also knows that in this scene we have sin and temptation to fight with, and even after conversion it is possible for a believer to SIN, and the Bible tells us so. Do not think you are not really saved because you did some naughty thing or said some wicked words this morning, but open your Bible at the first Epistle of John c. 1, v. 8-9, and read what it says there and remember that this is written to Christians, not to unsaved people :

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

It is a *very sad thing* when a Christian *does sin*, but I want you to see that that does not make him a lost sinner again. He is still God's child and always will be. When we displeased our earthly father, we were aware something was wrong and we were not happy until we had made full confession to him and received his forgiveness. So with our Heavenly Father, we come and

CONFESS OUR SINS

endeavouring by His help not to sin again, and He not only forgives but is willing to help us to gain the victory for the future. We shall then find what the hymn says is true: that “each victory will help us some other to win.”

Not only does God forgive us when we come in confession, but He cleanses us from the defilement that our sin has

made and we are happy once more. When you are unhappy, it is not because you are LOST again, that can never be ; but because of something you have thought or said or done that displeases God and you are "out of touch." Like David, in Psalm 51, 12, you have lost the joy of your salvation, not salvation, notice, but the *joy of it*, and the way to get it restored is as we have considered above.

This is one reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is now in Heaven, for when we SIN, He in Heaven pleads before God on our behalf because of His great work at Calvary, and upon our confession, the Father for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgives us the sin and cleanses away the stain it has made, all because we are His children and have believed in the precious Blood shed at Calvary. What a lot of things the Lord Jesus does for us ! If you will just read once again all that you have just finished you will say so, too.

We are now going to learn some things the Bible teaches us to do.

READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY

"The Bereans searched the scriptures daily."

—Acts xviii. 11.

Read daily, not a lot, perhaps a chapter, or 10 or 12 verses. Try to read your Bible right through, chapter by chapter and book by book. Then try to LEARN A VERSE of Scripture every day. Begin with Romans 12 or Ephesians 1, and learn one verse every day until you can repeat from memory the whole chapter; then begin another chapter.

KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY.

"Pray always."—Eph. vi. 18

"Pray one for another."—Jas. v. 16

"Pray without ceasing."—1 Thess. v. 17

"Evening, and Morning and at Noon will I pray. Ps. 55. 17

Pray at least three times every day. Tell God who is now your Father everything you do, and ask Him about all you intend doing. Although He knows all about us and we can never tell Him anything he does not know,

yet He delights that His children should come in prayer with the smallest details of their lives.

MAKE YOUR FRIENDS OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.

“I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.”—Ps. cxix, 63.

The Bible says I must not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers (2 Cor. vi, 14), which means, my friends should belong to the Saviour to whom I belong.

My companions should be Christians and I should always seek the company of those who love the Lord Jesus Christ. A proof of the Christian is that he loves other Christians and always tries to help them all he can and delights to be in their company.

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”—1 Jno. iv. 11

NO THEATRES, CONCERTS, DANCE SALOONS OR PICTURE HOUSES.

“Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God ?—Jas. iv. 4

The Christian should never be found in these places for that displeases God. Remember the following lines and they will help you:—

Do nothing that you would not like to be doing when Jesus comes;

Go to no place where you would not like to be found when Jesus comes;

Say nothing that you would not like to be saying when Jesus comes.

GIVING

(God loveth a cheerful giver, II Cor. ix, 7)

is a privilege the believer has. We can give our few pennies or shillings for the missionaries or to some poor Christian who cannot have all that we have, and God is pleased with this and will bless us for it, both now and in Heaven by and by. Give all you can for God's work and you will be happier and God will bless you.

To pass through the waters of

BAPTISM

(Read Acts viii, 36-40)

is what the Lord Jesus Christ desires all His people to do, thus publicly testifying to all around that they are on His side and intend to shine for Him.

Then follows what is spoken of in the Bible as

THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

(Read I Cor. xi, 23-26.)

This is very important for every Christian. We gather together to remember the One who remembered us by dying on the Cross. If you want to know more about these last two important subjects write to the address on the front for the booklet on Baptism and Breaking of Bread.

A good soldier is never ashamed of his captain and always stands bravely on his side. So the soldiers of Jesus Christ are not ashamed of their Captain and always tell everybody they can what

a wonderful Saviour He is. We must

TESTIFY

to others of the Lord Jesus Christ and try to win them for our Saviour, not only by words but by actions and loving deeds that speak much louder. At school, at home, in the office, the work-room, the shop, or the kitchen let me speak of Him who loves me and all poor sinners too.

“Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.”—Luke xii. 8

There is ever so much more I would like to tell you, but you must write to me if you have any other difficulties, but before I finish, just one other most important subject of the Bible we must talk about, and that is

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Read I Thess. iv, 13-18.)

We do not know when, but possibly

very soon now, it may be to-day or it may be sometime yet, but Jesus IS coming and when He comes everyone that has believed on Him will be caught up to meet Him in the air. All God's people that have died are going to rise from the tomb just as the Lord Jesus Christ did, and some of us who will be alive when He comes will never die at all, but will be caught up alive with those raised from the tomb, and

ALL

of us who love the Lord Jesus will meet Him in the clouds and He will then take us back to His Father's Home of Glory, right home to Heaven itself. Are you looking for the Saviour? I am. I want to see Him, and live where He is for ever and ever. Best of all we

SHALL SEE JESUS

and as our hymn says, "we shall know Him by the print of the nails in His hand." Those hands that were pierced for our sins.

Then through eternal days we shall sing: "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. i, 5-6.

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**What shall we say then to
these things?**

If **GOD** be **FOR US**, who can be
against us? Rom. viii, 31

Who is he that condemneth? It is
CHRIST that died, yea rather,
that is risen again, who is even at
the right hand of God, who also
maketh intercession **FOR US**.
Rom. viii, 34

Likewise . . . the **Spirit Himself**
maketh intercession **For Us** with
groanings which cannot be uttered
Rom. viii, 26

**GOD, CHRIST and the HOLY
SPIRIT ALL FOR US. -**

Thus we can say:

"WE KNOW that all things
work together for good to them
that love God, to them who are the
called according to His purpose."
Rom. viii, 28

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