

# Good News

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#### **SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

##### **SUNDAY**

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:20 a.m.  
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

##### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## ON THE HOME FRONT

**Gary Colley**

We have already received a lot of winter weather for the month of January! Tuesday morning brought a 4 inch snow, and it was so beautiful! No one can do what God can do! Just think how many snowflakes it takes to cover the ground with inches of snow! But it was also noticed that though the temperature remained below freezing throughout the day, the sun in the afternoon began to melt the snow on the roads and in some yards. It reminds us that the Son of God can melt away our sins in forgiveness if and when we repent and let His warmth come into our lives! His forgiveness comes to those outside of Christ when they hear the Word of God, believe its testimony, repent of their sins, confess their faith in the Lord, and are baptized into Christ "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38; 22:16). But also to the child of God who is striving to live the Christian life but is caught up in sin and worldliness once again, repentance and prayer will bring the "melting" of our sins in the mind of God (Acts 8:22; I Jn.1:7-9). How wonderful to enjoy the warmth of the forgiveness of God through His Son Jesus Christ!

At this writing one Wednesday evening service has needed to be canceled because of the weather. For the members at Getwell, if it is deemed necessary by the elders for the services to be canceled, all will be called by zones to give us that information. It is still the "rule" for Ladies Bible class that if schools are closed due to weather conditions ladies class will also be dismissed. Read again Genesis 8:22.

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# **“Then Sings My Soul . . .” – III**

Gary Colley

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“Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?” Or is your greatest happiness found in wealth, power, or pleasure according to the “ruler” of this world? (cf. Matt 4:8-10). Do these things alone make your heart sing? Does your greatest delight come with the “lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (I Jn. 2:15) as you reject Christ and His Way as your Saviour and serve the “god of this world”? To love these things stops cold the vibrant singing produced by the “love of the Father” and the redemption in Christ! And as a part of the world, these, too, will pass away or go into eternal destruction! (cf. II Pet. 3:9-10).

## **The Narrow Way**

Jesus commands us to choose and enter the “narrow way” which He says few will find and few will continue to travel (Matt. 7:13-14). Entering into this narrow way, entering into Christ, and obeying the Gospel by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, are one and the same. Jesus said again, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me” (Jn. 14:6). And, Paul said to those who have left the world by obedience to Christ for the service of the Lord and His cause, that they enjoy all of the spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3).

## **Christ Our Redeemer**

The Christian’s heart sings when he remembers Jesus, “Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Phil. 2:6-8). The Christian’s heart sings because he has confessed with his mouth that Jesus is the Son of God and his Saviour and knows he will be confessed by Christ in the last day before the Father! (cf. Matt. 10:32-33). He sees “Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by

the grace of God should taste death for every man” (Heb. 2:9), and the faithful Christian crowns Him the Lord of his life. He can sing when he knows that Christ is the one “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph. 1:7).

## **“Then Sings My Soul . . .”**

“Oh! What a Saviour!” How joyous to join our hearts and voices with others of like precious faith in the Son of God, and sing unto Him our praises. Yes, the Christian has much to sing about; And will sing the songs of victory here until he is welcomed home to Heaven where we will continue to sing around the great white throne of God, with all of the redeemed from the earth from all ages.

Our hearts sing because of many reasons, but especially due to the beauties of our abode and the august power of the Creator of the earth and the created heavens above, which are declared to be made by God in the Bible. Do we rejoice that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,” and that for our enjoyment? (Gen. 1:1). Do we remember that the Christian is the only one who can say, “Our Father made all that you can see”? How our hearts thrill to the awesome world around us! The Psalmist said, “When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained (set in order, G.C.); What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psa. 8:3-4). And we remember that “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psa. 90:2).

## **He Is Mindful of Us**

How our heart should sing when we know that, though God our Father is the mighty Creator, yet still He makes frail man the object of regard and the recipient of His favor. Do we rejoice and sing at the fact that “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament

showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, And night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language; Their voice is not heard" (Psa. 19: 1- 3)?

Paul wrote, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they (the worldly, G.C.) are without excuse (refusing to acknowledge, G.C.) (Rom. 1:20).

### **Take Time To Observe**

We should take some time each changing season and each day to simply view and appreciate the Heavens and the earth, and to know the rich blessings of God in our surroundings! When we view the sunrise or sunset, the mountains and the vales, the beautiful color of flowers, and the star-lit sky, we are awed in seeing the work of God. Hearing the peal of thunder, the song of the birds, and the anthem of the pines, we remember God's presence and power are manifested! This should call for and be the cause of great praise in songs from our heart, to express thanks to the Mighty Creator from whom all of our blessings flow! How gracious on His part are His daily blessings! How precious to each of us.

"Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee!"

We have examined in these articles what makes a Christian sing. In addition to his deep and abiding faith in God, we have further suggested that living above the world causes the Christian to sing, as he strives for the blessings of Heaven. The Christian sings because he does not live any longer in "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (I Jn. 2:15), but rather now he has escaped those sins, having yielded his members as servants to righteousness unto holiness (Rom. 6:19).

### **Temptation Continues**

This does not mean that the Christian may not fall back into temptation and sin at some future time, but it does mean that when he or she sins, they hasten to repent and return

by prayer (Acts 8:22). The singing Christian does not allow sin to reign in his mortal body (Rom. 6:12). The aim of every true Christian is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Lord of glory, and to walk in all of the spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3).

### **"Walking in the Light"**

The means by which we live above the world and enjoy the privilege of singing is not of our making but comes from the revelation of God (I Jn. 1:7-9). The one who created the world also wrote the Book! By and through inspiration, The Holy Spirit has made life and immortality available to all (II Tim. 1:7-10). The invitation for rest is to all (Matt. 11:28-30). How richly the Christian is blessed to have Heaven's directives in the Word! The fellowship with others who walk by the same rule causes the sweet fellowship in singing to abound! The extended help from such influence and comfort is of immeasurable worth to our lives.

### **God's Inerrant Word**

Each step we now take as Christians, directed by the Heavenly light of God's Word, "just leads us closer home"! Paul expressed it well to the Corinthians: "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7). He had already expressed the fact that we could not know the things of God except that they were revealed through His chosen apostles who spoke the words, "not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth" (I Cor. 2:9-11). Complete, inerrant, verbal inspiration gives the Christian so much to sing about! "For all of the precious promises of God in him are yea, and in him, Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (II Cor. 1:20). To truly appreciate the blessing of singing in the assembly of the church will be most recognized when we are deprived of this blessing by sickness or other reasons. Our hearts go out to those shut-ins who comment that the most difficult part of confinement is missing the singing and other acts of worship. Heavenly sunlight! Wonderful saviour! Blessed hope!

THEN SINGS MY SOUL!