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THE SOLDIERS

Communion Meditation

John 19:23-24

The soldiers therefore, when they crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts; to every soldier a part and also the coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore one to another, "Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled," which saith, "They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture they did cast lots." Matthew adds this statement: "And they sat and watched Him there."

Concerning the Lord's Supper there are five items of interest in this action of the soldiers.

Number one: The Bible is the inspired word of God. The prophecy about dividing the garments of Jesus was prophesied about 1,000 years before it happened in Psalms 22:18: "They parted My garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."

Number two: They parted My garments among them. They all had a part in the crucifixion, and so did we. In Romans 5:6, "For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Number three: Before Jesus was crucified they took off of Him the purple robe, and put on Him His garments. The same blood soaked garments He wore in the Garden of Gethsemane. Concerning that blood Peter declared in 1st Peter 1:18-19, "Ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, but with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

Number four: Jesus was crucified on the cross strip stark naked. This was a part of the same song we sing about in the gospel song: "To the Old Rugged Cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear."

Number five: And they sat and watched Him there. To the soldiers the spectacle of the crucifixion was a show. "They sat and watched Him there".

I went to a church service on a Wednesday night and there were about forty people present. Before services I heard the people behind me comment what a great meeting they had the night before on Tuesday, an off night and had four hundred present. I asked what happened? They said that they enjoyed the music of a quartet.

While the contents of a gospel song can have a wonderful message and can be a wonderful program, and well worth the attendance one cannot help but wonder in this case; how many came to worship, and how many came to sit and watch the show?

Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians 11:28 regarding the Lord's Supper: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." E.B.

PORTRAIT OF SALVATION

Communion Meditation

The PORTRAIT OF SALVATION is reproduced in the life of the redeemed. When Jesus died, He died on the cross. In like manner we also must die on the cross. Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." And then again in Romans 6:6: "Our old man was crucified with Him." Also in Galatians 5:24: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof."

Jesus died on the cross, and we must be crucified on the cross. The portrait of the crucifixion of Jesus is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

But notice further when Jesus died it was necessary that He be buried. It is also necessary that we be buried. Earth is earth, and water is water. When a person is buried in physical death a hole is dug, and he is buried and covered up.

When we die on our cross we must be buried and covered up. Paul tells us about that burial in Romans 6:4 when he says, "We were buried with Him in baptism." We were lowered into the water, and buried out of sight.

Jesus was buried after He was crucified, and we must be buried after we are crucified. The portrait of the burial of Christ in the tomb is reproduced in the burial in baptism of the redeemed.

There is a third element in the portrait of the death of our Lord. After the Lord's dead body was buried, He was raised up on the third day. The angel at the tomb said, "He is not here, for He is risen even as He said."

We must also be raised up from our watery grave. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:12, "Buried with Him in baptism wherein ye were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Again in Romans 6:4, "As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life."

Jesus was raised from the dead, and we having died to sin need to be raised up also. The portrait of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

Now let us look at the whole portrait of salvation. Jesus the Redeemer died on the cross, was buried, and raised from the dead, and the redeemed in like manner duplicate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. And that completes the PORTRAIT OF THE REDEEMER'S' SALVATION AS REPRODUCED IN THE LIFE OF THE REDEEMED.

THANK YOU SOOOOOO MUCH!

A special thanks for these very generous acts of kindness to the following individuals and Churches. GIJAPA's used clothing, shoes and Bibles ministry has been a huge success in helping our Churches of Christ especially in all parts of Africa.

David Atchley, Evangelist at the Harlan Church of Christ, Harlan, IN for the van load of clothes they collected for GIJAPA and sent back with us during our recent revival.

Kevin Ziegler, Evangelist at the Southside Church of Christ, Danville, IL for the 50 "like new" hard back pew Bibles sent to GIJAPA and we already shipped them out to Africa.

Barbara Ertel & Phyllis White from New Vienna, OH for the five new Giant Print Bibles for our prisoners that were mailed out today.

Brad Naylor, Lynchburg, OH and Roger & Nancy Mack, Rochester, NY for donating Thompson Chain Reference Bibles for the man in the Arkansas Prison that requested an old or new one in our March Newsletter. Bible has been sent to the Prisoner.

Marvin and LaVey Phillips from the McElroy Road Church of Christ in Mansfield, OH where Frank Moore is the evangelist for bringing 500 pairs of NEW women's and children's shoes for the poor in Africa.

Jamie Burton and Brad Naylor from Lynchburg, OH

and many from the Marshall Church of Christ, Hillsboro, OH for several bags of clothes donated for the poor in Africa.

Ruth & Lee Ashbaugh from Junction City, OH for bringing down a van load of clothes from Ruth's brother that passed away and from their Church.

Fayetteville Church of Christ, Fayetteville, OH for a case (24) of new Bibles brought to us by Dorothy & Sandy Zugg to be sent to our Churches of Christ in Africa.

Jke & Lee Update

This collaboration between THE TRUTH & GIJAPA have been very successful since its commencement in 2005. The Truth's soul winning work has seen a tremendous change since then with more souls won unto Christ through the Bible Study Lessons, door-to-door preaching, Ed's Sermon Translation Program, Distribution of Used Clothing, and Film Shows. So far we have a total of 42 baptized souls between January 2009 and now (April 10). Though it is very difficult these days to have people listen to you especially when you are not bringing or not going to talk about money, this number is still small and we need to do more. We have traveled to 16 small villages and towns since January and were glad we've been in such hinterlands but sorry to see and hear what we saw and heard about the people. Honestly speaking, Christians living in the urban areas and in the big cities and in the developed world have a very big task to win over those in the rural areas unto Christ.

NEW AGONA NKWANTA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Yeah! We praise the Lord and thank Him for this. Finally, there is a church at Agona Nkwanta for the people and the brethren in this town. With us doing the fundamental job, the Bawjiase Church of Christ also evangelized the town without knowing that we were working there to plant the church and will take full control in the running and managing of it so that The Truth won't spend money on it supporting anybody. The big work had already been done so everything was ready for the go. However, 5 of the brethren have made up their minds to worship with us at Park Side bearing their own transportation cost. We are so glad and we thank God for this. Now we can turn to other places for the planting of churches. Thanks you for your prayers.

OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Park Side Church of Christ, Fianko Church of Christ and the Unexpected Church of Christ are all doing very fine with many joining. Brethren from Park Side are visiting and strengthening these congregations in shifts every Sunday. This helps in growing the churches. We are changing our church-planting strategy beginning with the next village or town we go to from Agona Nkwanta. We are not going to base the membership on a big number and we won't spend a year or more in planting the church. We shall see the chief of the town or village to tell him about our intention to plant a congregation of the Church of Christ in his town if he agrees (which is 100% likely that he will

agree), we shall then ask that a gong-gong is beating to meet all the people to talk to them about the church, how it is ran, it's programs and answer questions from the people so that with the number of people we get through this people's assembly, the church would be planted teaching these people till they are baptized. This I know will work faster and save us a lot of money. We have never relented in our efforts to plant more Churches of Christ in every town or village where there is none. We pray that God will in end the say to us, "WELL DONE GOOD SERVANT!" Keep praying for us as we plan to go into another town or village right away.

BIBLES

We thank God that through this economic hardship, you are still donating to get Bibles to the needy. God will keep blessing you for placing a Bible in the hands of the people to read about God. We still need more Bibles than ever. Our Bible request list is soaring everyday but unfortunately, we are unable to meet the demand. Please, keep helping and you get it back in abundance. God bless you!

CLOTHING

Millions of thanks to you for the clothing you donate to GIJAPA for the poor. You have clothed many to be able to go to church something that wouldn't have happened had it not been you donating your clothes to GIJAPA.

LETTERS

Dear Brother Bousman,

Through the grace of God, I have today received the case of Bibles and the two boxes of shoes and clothing. This is wonderful, we thank you so much. I am waiting for the other two cases of Bibles which I may receive next week. I will write to you upon their arrival, thanks so much, brother Bousman and sister Naomi. You are helping us so much and we are happy for your life. The entire congregations here are happy for your life and that of our hard-working sister Naomi; we salute you in the Lord. We now have four congregations in Serrekunda here. Truly you are doing very well for us. Apart from money you spend to get these Bibles I am also aware of the amount of money you spend on postings and the registering of that letter for instance etc. These alone are huge amount of money by itself. God keeps on abiding with you and Sister Naomi for us through Christ because without these your great assistance the work here would be too difficult for us on this hard soil. These days, the people are getting something to wear to services gradually and also Bibles to read. Thanks, nice family.

Alexander Ofori, Evang. London Corner Church of Christ, The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Ed & Naomi,

Greetings in the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!! I wish to thank our dear LORD for both of you! You have brought so much joy in my life by all the things you have

sent me. Thank you for certificate "Into all the World" & the next 10 lessons. I later on received 2 books OT SERMONS VOL 1 and NT SERMONS VOL III. I am anxious to know when will you send me VOL II of OT. I hope it has not been misplaced by the postal dept! OT becomes easy to understand through your sermons! Please send some more reading material if possible. Thanks again for the precious things sent. Praying for both of you, may GOD bless u & your ministry.

Yours in Christ, Ruby A. Chattisgarh, India

I thank God for such an hour like this. You have indeed proved the word of God to me. Sir my name is Bright B. one of your student of the bible correspondence course. But I have not been hearing from you since I lost contact to by the missing of my last lesson (20-30). I am therefore pleading to help me if even to start from lesson 15 or the 20 to achieve my aim of study. Hoping to hear from you.

Yours in his service in Christ, Ashanti, Ghana W Africa

Dear Ed Bousman and Naomi,

Greetings form our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless you and blessed your ministry. I received all what you sent me: 1. sermon book 2. Certificate for Studies in the Bible 3.lessons 1-30 4. A study of the book of Acts lessons 1-10. Thanks a lot. Don't worry I bind them.

Temeshen F. Eritrea, E. Africa

Ed,

We hear your broadcast on WMCL out of McLeansboro, Illinois on Sundays 8:30 AM. We do appreciate your "back to the Bible" preaching. I attend a very good old fashioned church-The Keenes Christian Church near Wayne City, IL about 15 miles from McLeansboro. We would be interested in sending you some used Bibles if you still want them. We need to know where to ship them. Keep up the good work.

Eunice from Belle Rive, IL

Mr. Bousman,

First and foremost I would like to thank God for providing us with faithful servants like you. I want to introduce myself, I'm Daniel T. 20 years old I am a college student (Freshman). I am an Eritrean citizen. Eritrea is a country found in the horn of Africa, bounded to the north with Sudan, to the south with Ethiopia and to the east with the Red Sea. I wrote about Eritrea because you might be unfamiliar with it. Could you please send me an English Bible and your Bible lessons. God bless you.

Ed,

Thank you very much for the Giant Print Bible that you sent to me. The Bible is just another prayer answered. I have been trying to get a Bible with red print of what Jesus had spoke, with you God answered my prayer. You are a blessing to all you have helped and I know God has a special blessing for you. I can only hope and pray that someday I can return this favor. I promise to cherish this Bible and specially the words that are in it, the rest of my days left on this earth. I pray that God will continue to have the

special blessings on your evangelistic ministry. I'll keep you I my prayers.

Steven N. from New Castle Correctional Facility, Newcastle, IN

Dear Ed,

Just wanted to say thanks for your loyalty to preach the truth from God's word for all these many years. It brings me great joy to read in your newsletter the hunger and thirst for the word in Africa and their love these people demonstrate. Please use enclosed \$500 for bibles and whatever other need you may have. May God continue to bless all that you do for the kingdom.

In His Service, Maranatha Class in Columbiana, OH

Ed & Naomi,

You have been so good to us in many ways with the shirts, sweatshirts and tapes. Thank you for all the tapes (of the broadcast) you have sent. They are a blessing. We will keep them and listen over and over. Congratulations, Ed, on your nearly 70 years of preaching. Your faithfulness has been a great example. We are holding to the plan of salvation unswervingly partly because of your example. Thanks most of all for your love.

David & Tamie Frye, ministering to Severn Christian Church, Severn, MD.

May the power that rises Jesus Christ from the dead be with you, your family and your ministry. Dear Bousman, this is your former Bible correspondence student from Eritrea, E. Africa. I had been receiving your monthly magazine regularly since I first made contact with you before 5 years ago, but now number of months have gone since I receive your last magazine. Please put my name back to your mailing list. (Lack of funds forced GIJAPA to stop mailing newsletters to several hundred of people outside of the US.)

Ed & Naomi,

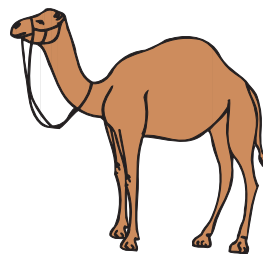
Thanks for your brief note the last time. Here's a few more pennies to help your work and efforts going. True, it is hard, it's getting harder and only God knows what lies ahead, but still we must remain faithful and stay true to His word. Anxious to hear your message again this Sunday and always feel more encouraged after I've heard your down to earth, true, dynamic and profound strong sermon.

Thelma from Columbus, OH

THE CAMEL'S NOSE

It is an old story and simplistic story, but it bears repeating. The camel in the desert was cold and he stuck his nose under the Arab's tent. The Arab said, "Get out of here." The camel said, "I am so cold and my nose takes such little room, just let me hold my nose under your tent to keep it warm." The Arab said, "O.K. but just your nose only." The next night the camel stuck his head in and the Arab did not complain there was still plenty of room. The next night the whole camel was in the tent and the Arab told the camel to get out there I no room for you. The camel said, "I'm staying, you get out!"

This is the philosophy of false doctrine. We will not make it a test of fellowship. After all it is just our nose, it won't make any difference. There is plenty of room, we can peacefully co-exist. So truth does not make a big fuss. However like leaven, false doctrine continues to ferment. It spreads gradually through the congregation. Then one day truth wakes up and says this had gone far enough; get out! False doctrine says, "I'm staying, you get out!" E.B.



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