COME TO CHURCH SERVICES

SATURDAY SERMON

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People who emphasize the Teachings, should read the New Testament again and perceive that what they have regarded as primary is not there so regarded.

No, the chief emphasis is upon life and death — your life and your death and, more vital still, the death of the Son of God and His coming to life again. It is there the whole point of the story lies. He came to the earth for the express purpose of suffering and being killed.

There are a number of theories as to why the Son of God had to suffer and be killed. One is that Christ volunteered to bear the punishment due us in order that God could let us off. Not all Christians subscribe entirely to this or any other theory as to how it works but all are agreed that it does work. In other words, that somehow Christ's death has put us right with God and given us a fresh start. And that is the central Christian belief.

The fact that most of us understood it not at all and the rest have only the faintest glimmering of what it means matters not at all. If you accept it, it works for you. A man can eat his dinner without understanding exactly how food nourishes him. In school it is not uncommon for a student to apply a formula in finding the solution to a problem. He could not explain the formula but, without knowing the meaning of the formula, he can still apply it and get the answer to the question.

Theories are pictures which help us to understand how the formula works. If a particular theory does not help us, we can reject the theory without rejecting the formula. Some people think that the theory mentioned above is very unhelpful and perhaps it is if we are looking at things in the police court sense but, if we think of the punishment as a debt that is due and we cannot pay and somebody else has to "stand the racket," we are surely in the realm of common experience.

For years I was greatly helped by the simple story of a little boy called John who broke his sister Mary's doll. It is all very well for the parents to forgive John but what about Mary and her doll? The forgiveness will not mend the broken pieces. And John has not the resources to repair the damage. So the wise parent will contrive a way in which he will repair the damage—a way which will not entirely excuse John but will in fact use his resources too to the extent they can be used.

Lately, the explanation offered by an English writer, C. S. Lewis, I find even more satisfying because it goes into the question as to why Christ should die. This is it, in brief—In order to become reconciled to God, we must repent or surrender. We are inherently rebels and a rebel must lay down his arms, be prepared to see that he has been wrong and get ready to start again from the beginning. Now, that is a hard thing to do. It involves killing a part of yourself and dying a kind of a death. And the more we need to do it, the more impossible it is for us to do it. You see, repentance is not a demand which God makes but simply a description of the "road back." To ask that God receives us without repentance is the same as asking to go back without going back. We've got to go through with it. But the same badness which makes us need it also makes us unable to do it. Can we do it if God helps us? Yes, but that means Him putting into us a bit of Himself, so to speak. He lends us a little of His reasoning power, and that is how we think. He puts a little of His love into us and that is how we love one another. But how can God help us to repent, suffer and submit? For those are things which in His own nature He never does. So the one thing which we need to do most is find a road which God in His own nature has never walked. How can He share with us that which He has not?

But supposing God became a man—suppose our human nature which can suffer and die was amalgamated with God's nature in one person—then that person could help us. He could surrender, suffer and die because He was man and He could do it perfectly because He was God. Here is why He who had no need to suffer and die for himself, suffered and died for us, to help us to do something for ourselves that without this aid we could never do.

Miss E. P. Trevison and J. M Gray of Ocean Falls, who are to be married here, arrived in the city on the Camosun yesterday afternoon from the paper town.

EASTER SERVICES
Conducted
by
Brigadier and Mrs. Gillingham

Sunday — 11 a.m.
Subject: STONE ROLLED AWAY.
Sunday — 7:30 p.m.
Subject: DARKNESS TO DAWN.

A filmslide service of the Easter Message and song shown on Saturday at 8 p.m.

These services at
The Salvation Army

Job's Daughters Observe Easter

Enactment of an impressive Easter pilgrimage scene featured the monthly proceedings of Prince Rupert Bethel of Job's Daughters at the Masonic Temple last night. There was a large attendance of interested parents and friends of the girls. The Honored Queen, Miss Bernice Eastwood, presided.

Mothers will be specially honored at the next meeting of the bethel in May.

Meantime a spring tea is to be held by the Daughters with the assistance of a mothers' committee consisting of Mrs. J. W. Eastwood, Mrs. H. Mork, Mrs. L. C. Eby, Mrs. G. A. Hunter and Mrs. A. T. Lashmar. The home of Mrs. C. A. Berner has been offered for the affair.

It was announced that arrangements had been made for Jobs Daughters to again use Sea Cadet Corps cutters for boat pulling this summer. Solveig Mork to organize the girls for the sport.

The business of W. J. Larkworthy, one of the longest established in New Hazelton, was sold early this week to J. H. Willan, whose home is there. W. H. Larmer who has been identified with the store for many years, is retiring. All concerned are quite well known locally.

James Bremner, who is doing contracting work at Ocean Falls, arrived in the city on the Camosun yesterday afternoon from the paper town to spend a brief Easter visit at his home here. He will be returning to Ocean Falls on the Princess Adelaide Monday.

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Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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5th Ave. E. at Young St.
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Minister: A. F. MacSween, B.A.
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636 6th Ave. West
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Minister: R. A. Wilson, M.A.
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(Green 620)

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First Baptist Church

Minister: Rev. F. Antrobus
Phone: Res. Green 812
EASTER SERVICES
Easter Sunday
April 6

11 a.m.—Morning Service.
"Crown Him, with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne."
12:15 p.m.—Church School. Open Session, with special program. Parents are specially invited.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service. "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"—1 Cor. 15: 3, 4.
The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the service.

Cathedral Church of St. Andrew

Rectory: 542 Eighth Avenue West — Blue 733
EASTER April 5

Easter Day—
7:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion. (Choral)
11:00 a.m.—Festal Matins.
Anthem: "Why Seek Ye the Living?
12 Noon—Holy Communion.
2:00 p.m.—Sunday School.
3:00 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7:30 p.m.—Festal. Evensong.
Anthem: Hymn 162. verses 1, 5, 6, 7, 8.
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Sunday, April 6
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School. (Special Easter Scriptograph)
7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service.
Subject:
"THE POWER (DYNAMITE) OF THE RESURRECTION"
Speaker: G. R. S. Blackaby.
Junior Choir will sing.
(Lord's Supper will follow evening service.)

WEDNESDAY
8:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

FRIDAY
3:30 p.m.—Mission Band.
7:00 p.m.—Junior Young People's.
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