

# BY GEORGE



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## Dear St. George's



Dear St. George's

Lent 2012 has been a whirlwind.

falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.



Peter J. Parent

**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead!**

It began with one of the most profound Ash Wednesday services I have ever witnessed. Many of us gathered in the Crossroads Chapel and around the Lord's Table for communion, prayer and the imposition of ashes. We were reminded that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. Echoes of this same sentiment are captured in 1 Peter 1:24-25,

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower

Our sermons have been devoted to verse-by-verse exposition of 1 Peter since the first Sunday in January. We have just finished the first chapter. I have heard from many of you and in emails from people who listen to our sermons around the world, that this series has been particularly challenging and edifying. All glory to the Lamb!

After much prayer, I have decided to set 1 Peter aside and preach the appointed gospel accounts for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We will pick up where we left off in 1 Peter on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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We have seen, however, that Peter speaks directly to Lent, to Easter and to our particular situation at St. George's. Peter's big point in the first chapter has been simple and clear; hope in God. This is a poignant reminder in Lent. Hope can be wasted on fading, perishable things. The only well-founded hope is placed in the word of the Lord; that is, His never-changing character revealed through creation, through the history of his interactions with Israel and ultimately through the life, teaching, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Peter brings us Easter hope. He exhorts us to hope in the God who conquered death. Hope in the God of the bloody cross and the empty tomb. Everything else is like grass and dandelions. It will return to dust.

Lent has also seen great developments in our building project. I have spent every night this week meeting with our regional pastorates, presenting the architectural drawings and conceptual layout for our new church home. The drawings will also be displayed in the Town Square over the next few Sundays.

There is a great deal of excitement and anticipation as we launch into this next chapter of our ministry. However, we must keep Peter's challenge before us. Every-

thing, other than the word of God, withers and fades. Even beautiful buildings will one day crumble and fall. The glory of a new building will fade when we begin making mortgage payments. So why would we launch into such an endeavor?

The answer is simple. The Lord has called us to. The sequence of events leading us to this point has been clear and providential. He is calling us to move forward and build a new church home for the sake of his word and to the glory of his name.

The building will be beautiful, but never will it be an end in itself. It serves a purpose. As exciting as it has been to see the conceptual drawings, may I tell you what really thrills my heart? I feel my heartbeat racing at the thought of Sunday School rooms filled with children learning to trust Jesus. I begin to weep at the thought of a nave filled with the rapturous singing of hundreds of people, opening their hearts to the inner working of the Holy Spirit. In essence, the bricks and mortar will fade and wither, but the glory and fame of the word of the Lord will resound from the hearts of redeemed sinners in our new church home throughout eternity.

We are working to prayerfully build our new church home, as the Lord faithfully leads us. To this end, we have set aside Holy Week as a time for corporate fasting

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***"For the trumpet will sound"***

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## ***We've got our crosses— now what?***

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YOU can make Sunday, March 25, 2012, a milestone in the life of St George's. March 25 was CROSS Day. Everyone who came to church that day received a simple olive wood cross on a rope to wear as a statement of faith, NOT as a piece of jewellery. The Cross of our Lord is a provocative symbol; it can evoke feeling of comradeship when seen as a symbol of our Christian faith by other Christians; but it is as likely to stir up feeling of suspicion by non-believers. Wearing your cross is the point, showing your faith is the challenge, being a disciple is the reward.



GOOD NEWS, your job is to wear it; the Holy Spirit will do the rest of the work. The Holy Spirit will go before you and stir up the hearts of the elect, giving them new eyes to see the Cross as an invitation to know the grace of Jesus.

The bridge illustration is one way to tell the story of Jesus by using the cross as a symbol of what happens when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. You can see that the left hand spare of the cross is “us” and the right hand spare is “God”; in the middle there was originally nothing. This made communicating with God very difficult. But then God sent Jesus; He opened the way to God by dying on a cross for our sins. With His death and resurrection, Jesus became the centre vertical post in the illustration. This completes the bridge which is seen as a cross. A fuller explanation of this illustration is found online at the Navigators website [<http://www.navigators.org/us/resources/illustrations/items>]. Please take time to review it.

Then WHEN the Holy Spirit puts a person in front of you saying “tell me, why do you wear that Cross?” you will be well prepared to share the good news of the gospel. By boldly wearing this cross all the time where it can be seen, you will declare that you are following in the footsteps of Jesus as one of his disciples.

***Ray Smith***



*“and the dead will be raised imperishable”*



## **WHAT PLANS DOES HE HAVE FOR YOU?**

*"I know the PLANS I have for YOU...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

In the last issue of By George Pam Bales wrote a superb article on the ministry of The Navigators, one of the finest ministries in the world today with a staff of over five thousand people, made up of sixty nationalities serving in over one hundred countries. Let me share with you how, in THE PLAN OF GOD, that ministry came into existence.

Dawson Trotman, a deeply committed American layman, was living and working in Los Angeles in the 1930's, at which time he was trying to discover the plans that God had for his life, believing as he did, and as I do, that God has a plan for all of our lives. One day Dawson felt led to seek a quiet place up in the mountains outside of Los Angeles, a place where he could think and pray, and seek the mind of the Lord. One thing he was certain of was that the Lord wanted him to serve Him in some way, somewhere in His world. He took a world map with him in his pocket that day, a map which would play a significant role in his journey of faith.



After sitting there on the mountainside for some time, thinking and praying, Dawson was moved to put his faith into action. He removed the world map from his pocket, spread it out on the grass, closed his eyes, and asked God to show him on the map where He wanted him to serve Him. With eyes still closed, he stretched out his arm, and placed his index finger on the map. Opening his eyes he saw that his finger was on Indonesia. Within the year Dawson was in Indonesia working on, and planning, a Bible teaching ministry for university students and members of the armed forces, a ministry which continues to this very day all over the world.

Many are the students, and armed forces members, who have met the Lord through the ministry of The Navigators one of whom is The Rt. Rev. David Bena currently serving as an Episcopalian Bishop in the state of New York. David met the Lord through the Navigator ministry while serving with the air force in Viet Nam.

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I first met Dawson Trotman in 1956 while serving as an Associate team member with Billy Graham in a city-wide Crusade in Oklahoma City. I praise God for the privilege of meeting him and hearing his testimony in one of the evening services wherein he shared his testimony of how he had come to the Lord and how the Lord had revealed to him His plan for his life on that memorable day up in the mountains of California.

As we listened to Dawson's testimony that evening none of us had any way of knowing God's future plan for him. Three days later Dawson and some friends were on a boat on a lake in upper New York. One of his companions, a young woman, a non-swimmer, fell overboard. Dawson dove into the water to rescue her, and succeeded in doing so, but in handing her up to the outstretched arms of her companions, Dawson had a heart attack and died in the water. He, like his Lord, died that day that another might live. PRAISE GOD!

***Marney Patterson***

### Scripture Union

*(Bible Reading Materials)*

Last time I brought in Scripture Union materials for distribution for those who have ordered them, I had several people ask me, "What is that?"

For those of you not familiar with Scripture Union, it is a world-wide organization that has several ministries. Our own Ryan Wilson worked with Scripture Union last year, both here and abroad.

Scripture Union has study guides to help you read and understand your Bible; there are also guides for children and teens. There are two types of guides used by St. G's adult parishioners: Daily Bread and Encounter with God. I've used them both. I would love to talk to you about them.

Study guides are published quarterly and cost, on average, \$36 a year. If you would like to receive a guide this year, it can be purchased by the quarter for the rest of this year.

***Dyanna Lewis***



*"and the dead will be raised imperishable"*



## **St. George's Afternoon Women's Fellowship**

The March meeting of the Afternoon Women's Fellowship was held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Bistro Room of the Crossroads Centre. Our guests for the afternoon were Mary Sherwood of the Global Teams family and Magdalena Sokolowski who is the granddaughter of Mary and Ed Krucker.

Mary Sherwood has been on the mission field since 1987, but she spoke about her work in Madagascar where she has been since 1994 at the invitation of Bishop Remi Rabenirina of the Diocese of Antananarivo. Her work involved assisting the Mothers' Union in establishing a needed orphanage. The official opening of the orphanage was in July, 1996 and it is called "Akany Famonjena". They started with five children in a private home and now have thirty six children in a new facility.

From Mary's notes- "Our vision and prayer is to raise these children to be strong, healthy, educated, honest, Christian Malagasy citizens. We believe that the Akany is God's will. To Him be the glory."

In 2005, another facility was built in the downtown area of the capital city, Antananarivo, which accommodates 60 children on a daytime basis. It is called Akany Tafita Centre.

In the fall of 2011, Magda visited both orphanages for a period of six weeks. You could tell from the pictures that were shown, that she fell in love with the children as they did with her.

Both Mary and Madga shared many pictures with us, complete with resident lemurs. There were many smiling faces on the children.

There was also an opportunity to buy beautiful carvings from the area.

**The next meeting of the Afternoon Fellowship will be for both men and women on April 12<sup>th</sup> and our speaker will be the Rev'd Jerry Salloum, with the topic of "Hints of the Invisible God within His Visible Creation". Please join us.**

*Louise LePage*



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## ***Our friends at Church of the Messiah***

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*one Lord, one faith, one baptism;*

Ephesians 4:5

It has been a while since we last contributed to By George. I know some of you have been wondering how things have been going with us. Our past year has been a difficult one, but God has brought some refining to His body. It seems fitting that we are once again submitting a report for the Easter edition of By George.

Easter is truly about new beginnings. Jesus broke the bonds of death and sin and ushered us into a relationship with Him. As Christians, sin holds us captive and we often find ourselves wandering in the desert, perhaps even losing sight of Him. This past year has been a year of wandering for the Church of the Messiah. The time in the wilderness was time well spent as God redirected our focus back to Him. It is in these times of testing that our faith is truly stretched.

Perhaps one of the blessings of being a Christian and belonging to the body of believers is the wonderful support we receive from our brothers and sisters. Over the course of the past year we have been encouraged and prayed for by so many. I would personally like to thank those that have provided this network of support. Our thanks go out to so many who have shown us such compassion and strong guidance. I would like to thank Bishop Charlie for his leadership, encouragement and guidance. I know that God has called Charlie into this position and we are all greatly blessed. Ray David has also been an encouragement to us through the past months. His prayers have been heard! We would also like to thank Archdeacon Paul for his wonderful insights and his heart of compassion. Deacon Ray Smith was also willing to come and lead our worship; his story of God's transforming power in his life touched us all. Rhonda Nyschka has also been willing to make many long trips to bring us the sacraments. She is a kind, humble and gentle woman who truly loves God. Garth Hunt was always available to uphold us in his prayers. We are truly blessed to be a congregation within ANIC and to have such godly leaders.

On a personal note I would also like to thank Peter, for his service to God and for his love for us. Peter was a wonderful teacher and his ministry changed many of our lives. I was very saddened when he made the decision to retire as our priest. Peter not only was a gifted teacher but he was also a dear friend who always made himself available. I still remember the many trips he made to the Brantford hospital before the death of my father. Matthew 22:36-40 says "*Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?*" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and

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with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” I truly believe that Peter lives this commandment and for that we are blessed.

While the past months have been challenging, we have many reasons to praise God. Two of our children, Taylor and Chelsey are to be baptized by Rhonda on Easter Sunday. There are so many people that have helped in this journey. Jackie and Jason have planted seeds, Peter and the parish have watered them, and Rhonda has nurtured that growth. With spring we see new life, and as we celebrate Easter, we will see two young women come into the family of God. This is a milestone for us all as they will mark our first baptisms as a parish.

It has been a wonderful journey of faith for us over the past months and God has placed us in Norwich to spread the good news into this community. I would like to ask you all to pray for Norwich and for God’s transforming power to sweep this community. Like many other communities there is a stronghold that needs to be removed from within this community, a stronghold that prevents people from hearing the truth of Jesus. Jesus is the light that penetrates the darkness.

Easter is a time for us all to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. So from all the members of the Church of the Messiah we thank all of you for being a family and for being with us throughout the past months. We are privileged to be in such a loving family and to see this family grow as Taylor and Chelsey become part of this body of believers.



Taylor and Chelsey who are to be baptized by the Rev’d Rhonda Nyschka Easter Day at the Norwich Baptist Church, 5 Elgin Street, Norwich at 1:30 p.m..

***Sheilagh Roloson***

*“For the trumpet will sound”*

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## ***The Cross of Christ***

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Reflections on a book by John Stott for Easter Season

"But I didn't put Jesus on the cross! I wasn't there!" My protest burst out to my small group members during our study of the book of Luke. We were discussing what we had just read of Jesus' arrest, sentence, and ensuing death. I explained to them that I knew that I was born in sin and nothing could ever rid me of my sins and make me acceptable to God except for Jesus' sacrifice. Often one to take things literally, I told them that it wasn't my fault that Jesus was led to the cross that terrible and wonderful day because I wasn't there.



I had been reading "The Cross of Christ" by John Stott with the intention of starting to work my way through our pastor's list of books that he is encouraging his parishioners to read. As a new helper in the library, I received encouragement to write some book reviews to make our church family aware of the books we have in our library. I thought that if I, who is apt to be a afraid of theological books, could read at least some of the books on this list, then anyone could! "The Cross of Christ" didn't look so big and scary, and because we as a worldwide church of Christ had just said our goodbyes to this well-loved and esteemed author only a few months ago, I thought I'd give it a try.

I was pleasantly surprised to find it extremely palatable and accessible. Here is one of the world's great theologians expounding on the cross of Christ, and I felt as if I was sitting in his library, with him explaining to me gently but thoroughly the wonder of the cross. I was captivated by its profundity but also its simplicity. He is able to take the weighty and make it so understandable and clear. He presents the centrality, purpose, nature, impact and implications of Jesus' sacrifice and reviews, repeats, and builds on each truth. Like a master storyteller, he presents the setting in the context of the whole Bible and the culture of that day. Not only that, but he brings out its applicability to our lives. He is so scrupulous in presenting the accounts of other historical writers, even so much as to present different, but not always accurate, views of Christ's sacrifice that theologians have held throughout history. Yet, it isn't done in a condescending way and I could see its startling relevance as I detected splinters of these faulty views in my own thinking. I would have loved to have been a student of his.

Also surprising to me was how this comprehensive account of the cross of Christ provided such comfort for me in the trials God has seen fit to let me

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experience. I found that when my heart was aching, I would reach for the book and feel its soothing application on my heart and mind. It strikes me how ironic that the symbol of the most intense suffering imaginable as a result of all the darkest, dirtiest deeds, could be such a source of relief.

Back to the question at the beginning of this reflection. It was one, I realized, that had been there all along, nagging at me, without my awareness. The reading of "The Cross of Christ" brought it to the forefront. Dr. Stott asks the question using the famous words of a "negro spiritual" as he put it. "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" That was the question being asked of me. He gives us the answer to this question but not before presenting the various "culprits" in the story of the crucifixion, and in getting to the heart of their actions, he strangely turns the spotlight on us. In his ever insightful way, he exposes the attitudes that fed their behaviours, and suddenly, I didn't feel so absent from the scene.

I discovered that like the Jewish leaders, there are many times He's been to me as C.S. Lewis called him, "a transcendental interferer". Dr. Stott says, "We resent his intrusions into our privacy, his demand for our homage, his expectation of our obedience...So we too perceive him as a threatening rival who disturbs our peace, upsets our status quo, undermines our authority and diminishes our self-respect. We too want to get rid of him" (pg. 58). I am there in the materialism that led Judas to betray his Lord and the heart issues that gave spawn to the responses of Pilate and Caiaphas as well. John Stott goes on to say, "If we were in their place, we would have done what they did. Indeed we *have* done it. For whenever we turn away from Christ, we are "crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace" (Heb. 6:6). We too sacrifice Jesus to our greed like Judas, to our envy like the priests, to our ambition like Pilate" (pg. 63).

So to answer the question presented by the negro spiritual and my question at Bible Study, John Stott gives this statement. "And we must answer, "Yes, we were there" (pg. 63).

*Heather Campbell*

### **Afternoon Fellowship**

**Thursday, April 12, at 2:30 in the Bistro Room at Crossroads**

**Speaker: the Rev'd Jerry Salloum,**

**Topic: "Hints of the Invisible God Within His Visible Creation"**

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## ***Sunday school news***

The Sunday School at St. George's continues to be a busy place. The older class, with Lesley Harris, has been working on signing for Easter Sunday and the younger class is bursting with 11+ children a week. As we grow we are always looking for more teachers and helpers. We can see a day in the not too distant future when we will need to divide into three classes and will need more volunteers in order to do this. Please consider prayerfully whether or not God could use you in the Sunday School program.



We would like to thank the parents for contributing to our Sunday School offering. So far we have collected more than \$50 for Micro financing projects for the women in Peru through the ARDFC. We will continue to collect to support this missions project until June.

On Sunday April 15th, we will be having a short meeting for Sunday school teachers and helpers; this will take place directly following the service in the classroom of the younger children. We would like to include all Sunday school teachers and helpers and to encourage curious potential future helpers to join us for this short meeting.



We are planning a Sunday School picnic early in June. It will be for all the Sunday school children and their families and the teachers and helpers. We will provide Burgers and hotdogs and we will be asking the families to bring snacks and salads and desserts. We will have time for good food, fun and fellowship.

***Shelley Loveless***



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and prayer. Our Parish Council is calling all St. George'ites to fast and pray, seeking the Lord's direction as to your participation in building this new building. There will be corporate prayer in the Chapel on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Prayer will begin at 7:30pm each day. Pray with your pledge card in hand. Ask the Lord to lead you to sacrificial generosity. He will prompt you and guide you.

We will then gather for worship at 10am on Good Friday for a choral service leading us through the Passion According to St. Matthew.

This week of preparation will build toward Easter Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and the vindication of his sacrifice on the cross. An offering will be taken during the service. Come prepared to turn in your pledge cards, as well. Consider your pledge cards as an act of faith and worship. Pledging to resource the new building is an act of faith because you trust that the Lord will provide blessing and bounty to you, so you can give. It is also an act of faith because you believe that the same Lord who has led us out of one building is leading us to a new church home, that we may continue to bring glory to his name.

We are working at the Lord's behest to build a new building; not as end unto itself, but to the glory of his name. At the same time Jesus is building his church. Palm Sunday will see us welcome over 25 newcomers to St. George's. This is a sign of Jesus building his church. Over the past three months I have heard from a number of people who have professed personal conversion to Christ since coming to St. George's. Conversion is the work of Jesus, alone. Our Sunday School is growing, women's ministry has a new focus and momentum, our men's ministry has never been stronger, our youth are growing in numbers and in depth and our Sunday services are rich with the manifest glory of Jesus. We may build the building, but Jesus builds his church. He has promised to build it in such a way that the gates of hell shall never prevail against it. Our task is to pray, seek and follow his leading.

The same Lord whose cosmic plan included the cross and the empty tomb has a specific

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plan for us, as a church family. He plans to use us to bring people to hope fully in him, in his word and in his unchanging character. He has brought us to a new church home. He will lead you to sacrificial generosity as you pray and seek his guidance.

Hoping in the unfailing word of the Lord,

*Ray David*

*Jesus appeared. . .*

1. *To Mary Magdalene alone. Mark 16; John 20:14*
2. *To the women returning from the sepulchre. Matt. 28: 9,10*
3. *To Simon Peter alone. Luke 24: 34*
4. *To the two disciples going to Emmaus. Luke 26:13 &c.*
5. *To the apostles at Jerusalem, excepting Thomas who was absent. John 20:19*
6. *To the apostles at Jerusalem, a second time when Thomas was present. John 20: 26, 29.*
7. *At the Sea of Tiberius, when seven disciples were fishing. John 21:1*
8. *To the eleven disciples, on a mountain in Galilee. Matt. 28:16*
9. *To above five hundred brethren at once. I Cor. 15:6*
10. *To James only. I Cor. 15:7*
11. *To all the apostles on mount Olivet at His ascension. Luke 24: 51*

*Three times we are told that His disciples "touched" Him after He rose. Matt. 28:9; Luke 24: 39; John 20:27. Twice we are told that He ate with them. Luke 24:42; John 21:12.13*

*Bishop John Ryle*



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## ***Everything Changed That Day***

Everything changed the day that Jesus rose from the dead. For us He conquered sin that day and for us He conquered death. If Jesus had not risen from the dead our only expectation and hope would be death. Without Jesus we are dead men, children of God's wrath [Ephesians 2: 1, 3]. But Jesus' resurrection demonstrates without doubt that everything has changed.

Before Jesus rose from the dead there was no such thing as someone rising from the dead, never to die again. No surprise that the disciples had a hard time accepting that Jesus was alive from the dead. Though they had witnessed the rising of the son of the widow of Nain, though they had seen Jairus' daughter brought back to life by Jesus, though they had watched Lazarus come forth from the tomb bound by grave clothes at Jesus' spoken command, Jesus' resurrection was a resurrection of a totally different order. Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again. He destroyed death forever for us who belong to Him. Amazingly, He shares His life with us. Everything has changed forever.

Some people think that they do not need saving. They do not see any value for themselves in Jesus' death on the cross and in His resurrection. But surely such a sacrifice, such a demonstration of God's love, such an act of the immeasurable power of God over death, requires very serious consideration of the fact of eternal life. To those who say in themselves, "What good is salvation to me", consider this.

You cannot save yourself no matter how impressive your record seems to be on a purely human level. The wages of sin is death; this is certain [Romans 6:23]. But Jesus conquered death. God has done what we can never do for ourselves in sending His own Son. On the cross, for us, Jesus met the requirements of the law [Romans 8: 1 – 4]. We ourselves could never do that. Jesus destroyed the devil and his power over us [Hebrews 2:14]. We could never do that. Peter says that Jesus Himself bore our sins [I Peter 2: 24]. It was God's will for Jesus to bear the punishment that brings us peace [Isaiah 53:4,5]. Amazingly, we are counted, not just forgiven, but righteous before God [Romans 4:5]. Never will we have to face the wrath of God [Romans 5:9]. All this Jesus did for us. We have only to receive it. This is a sure thing! Jesus has demonstrated this by rising from the dead!

This is a sure thing! It is not like life insurance; with life insurance the very ones who need it most are not eligible. But with Jesus every single person is eligible. It is a gift! **"the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justi-**

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ified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, who God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith [Romans 3: 23 – 25a].” It is a gift, ours for the taking! This is what is so gracious of Jesus. His salvation gift has no limits, no small print to negate it: **“for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved** [Romans 10:13]. It is open to all. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

There is an inheritance waiting for us. Riches, all God’s riches waiting for us; we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [Romans 8:17]. It is a glorious inheritance and an inheritance forever; God keeps it for us and God guards us for this inheritance [I Peter 1: 4,5]. But what is it like? No one has ever seen it but we wait for it eagerly, hope for it, yearn for it. Does it make sense to hope for something that none of us has ever seen? Yes! Because Jesus rose from the dead! The power of an indestructible life is the guarantee. The Spirit is our witness: **“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit** [I Corinthians 2: 9, 10a]”

This is the most precious gift imaginable. It is to live as God’s adopted and precious child and to have God living with you starting now. It is to dwell securely with God forever. **“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.’**[Revelation 21:3]” Jesus Himself will come and bring us home. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that this is real! It is the most precious gift imaginable. Who would carelessly and unthinkingly brush it aside?

“Take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home”

*Mary Ann Masters*

***YOUNG PEOPLE***  
***Mark your calendars for the Spring***  
***Retreat, May 11–13***



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Bombay**

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lay,  
Jesus my Saviour,  
Waiting the coming  
day,  
Jesus my Lord!  
Up from the grave He  
arose;  
With a mighty  
triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor  
from the dark  
domain, and He lives  
forever with His  
saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah!  
Christ arose!*

*Robert Lowry*