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A Spiritual Song.

Come all my dear brethren, I bid you farewell,
I am going to travel to the land of excell ;
I am going to travel the wilderness through,
Therefore, my dear brethren, I bid you adieu.

Come, brothers and sisters, all join in a band,
Who feel love and friendship, come give me
your hand ;
The time is coming when we all must part,
In the name of my Jesus, here 's my hand and
my heart.

Once more, my dear brethren, I bid you fare-
well,
Come follow the Saviour, who saved you from
hell ;
On the top of Mount Calavry, he was nailed to
the wood,
From the spear and the nail holes, there came
water and blood.

His work it is finished, that He came to do,
The way of salvation is opened to you :
The way it is opened, that leads unto God,
And you may walk in it, 'tis marked out with
blood.

All you that have found favor in your blessed
Lord,
an heaven and glory shall be your reward ;
The song of salvation you then shall sing loud,
And Jesus and his angels will come in the
cloud.

He calls all the righteous, the price of his
blood,
Heirs of his glory and joint heirs of God ;
We will all meet together on Canaan's bright
shore,
Where weeping and mourning and parting 's
no more.

Farewell, seeking mourners, with hearts al-
most broke,
Who have a desire, to Jesus look up ;
Your Saviour stands ready, with arms opened
for ye,
Poor shelterless doves, for refuge must flee.

A warning, poor sinners, away we must ride,
To trust in all danger the Lord doth provide ;
If no more I see you, while this life doth re-
main,
At the great day of resurrection, we will meet
you again.

Religion.

'Tis religion that can give
Sweetest pleasures while we live ;
'Tis religion must supply
Solid comfort when we die.

After death its joys will be
Lasting as eternity !
Be the living God my friend,
Then my bliss shall never end.

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ELD. L. I. BODENHAMER--*Editor* :-

It is with much pleasure that I have been reading your "Zion's Landmarks," for two or three months past, and feasting, as I have been on the experiences of God's dear children ; and feeling that godliness is great gain, and believing the scriptures have been handed to us that we may profit thereby ; and in obedience to the same, making Christ, our great High Priest, we feel that it is very important that we should divide our time, and give a good portion in searching the Scriptures prayerfully, that God may impart wisdom and knowledge to us, poor creatures, that we may know what we are by nature, and what we are by grace ; and as a part of God's word that has been accompanied by his Spirit and goodness to help me, as I trust, to overcome some of my troubles ; since I trust God, for Christ's sake, opened my blinded eyes and give me a heart to love God's ways, and not my own ; and since then, I often think, and am led, as I trust, by the goodness of God, to think and read Paul to the Romans, sixth chapter : "What shall we say then, shall we continue in sin that grace may abound ; God forbid ! How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein. Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death, therefore we are buried with him, by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead, by the glory of the Father, even so, we also should walk in newness of life." Again, 11th verse, "Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed, unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." 12th verse, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey in the lust thereof." 13th verse, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield

yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." 14th verse, "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace." 15th verse, Then the question again comes, shall we sin because we are not under the law, but under grace ? God forbid ; "know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness."

Dear Editor, I would not weary you with the reflection of these important Scripture truths, only as one who loves the truth, and desires that the word should have due weight, and run and be glorified in the salvation and comfort of God's dear chosen children ; for it does appear from the reading of the foregoing truths, that God's dear children, are a peculiar people, and from common observation, we often fear that many, very many, who profess to know Christ as their chief concern, and to walk in the light of Christ, do certainly ignore, by their examples, the truth and power, and will of our blessed Lord and Saviour, in such a way as to cause a gain-saying world, to say, "of a truth there is no truth nor virtue in the religion that we profess." O, could the religious world of Baptists, but reflect for one moment, upon the great mercy and amazing grace and goodness of God, and go back in our minds, to the time when God in his infinite mercy and grace, opened our eyes to see how helpless we are by nature, and what he made us by grace. By viewing Christ, as the only sacrifice that could atone for our sins, and bringing through him glory and consolation to our poor souls, and implanting in our poor souls the hope of glory, only by taking Christ as the man of our counsel ; which shows to us conclusively, that not of works, but of faith, or in other words, of grace ; and for the continued encouragement of God's dear children, we should ever keep before

their minds, the power and grace of God. Showing that by grace are we saved through faith, and that is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God ; not of works, lest any man should boast. And if the grace of God has brought us to the light of God's rich grace, his dear children should never fear, but endeavor with faith, as we did by the help of God, in our first conflict with Satan.

Search the Scriptures, for God says, "his eyes are ever over the righteous and his ears are opened to their prayer," and he has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world ; and if we are God's dear children, there ought to be a vast difference in our conduct, and that of the men of the world ; as the dear children of God can testify the truth of Paul, when he said, "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ, hath made me free from the law of sin and death." So we see that faith in Christ, makes a great change in the state and character, conditions, enjoyments and prospects of man, and is compared to a city that is set on a hill, that cannot be hid. And if Christ be found in the soul, the hope of glory, then God's dear children become heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, and the consequence is, ever become entirely under the Spirit and influence of the Spirit of God, and behold old things pass away, and behold all things become new ; and by grace through faith, we the dear children of God, are enabled to look into the promised land, and with this hope the child of God goes forth by the grace of God, and lets his light shine before the world, and no longer is conformed to the things of the world, but is transformed by the renewing of his mind, day by day, looking unto Christ as the author and finisher of his faith, and to the honor and glory of God. Pray for me dear Brethren in Christ, and may the blessings of heaven attend you and your dear family.

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