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**HOW GREET THEE, LORD,  
ARIGHT?**

11 Cor. 10:5: "... bringing into  
captivity every thought to be obedi-  
ence of Christ."

With the fourth Sunday before  
Christmas the Christian Church  
not only begins the new Church  
Year, but more important is the  
fact that this Sunday begins the  
season of Advent, season that pre-  
pares for Christmas. The word  
"Advent" means "Coming" and  
is to be understood in the sense  
that the Incarnation of the Son  
of God is drawing near.

Since this period of time is to  
prepare for the high and holy joy  
of the Nativity, to welcome the  
coming of God's Son in humility,  
it has always been considered as a  
time of deep penitence. Oh, how  
shall I receive Thee? How greet  
Thee, Lord, aright? has been the  
cry of the saints of the ages past  
during the season of Advent.

There is one thing that we as  
members of the Christian Church  
should keep in our minds as we  
prepare ourselves for the coming  
of the Son of God in a form of a  
man. Let us always remember  
that Advent season is not Christ-  
mas and that we should save all  
Christmas carols, Christmas par-  
ties for Christmas and Christmas  
season; they have no place in Ad-  
vent. If we fail to follow this prac-  
tice we come to the present situa-  
tion when there is no Christmas  
left by the time we reach this  
festival. No wonder that Christ is  
left out of Christmas, for we have  
failed to observe the most neces-  
sary period of preparation. Not  
physical, but spiritual preparation.

Advent is to Christmas like all  
the training and practices to the  
bowl game in football. Training is  
climaxed by the final game; like  
wise our preparation during Ad-  
vent is climaxed by the Festival of  
Christmas itself. And if there is  
no preparation, or a very poor  
preparation, the Festival of Christ-  
mas will be meaningless also. And  
in this situation we find our-  
selves today. Christmas for us  
ends on the day before Christmas.  
On Christmas Day we are ready  
to go to work or take rest from  
all the mad rush.

Now the question, "How shall  
I prepare myself for the coming  
of our Lord?" St. Paul points out  
that a way to obtain Christian  
victory is by "... bringing into  
captivity every thought to the ob-  
edience of Christ."

Advent demands from the  
Christians the surrender of their  
thoughts in the obedience of Christ.  
We must put on the Lord Jesus  
Christ, we must make Him the  
center of our life. This is our pre-  
paration for Christmas and any-  
thing that falls short from our  
brands us as failures of our Christ-  
ian convictions and confessions.

But we do not like the words,  
"bringing into captivity every  
thought." We believe that our  
thought should be free, free from  
religion or anything else. We want  
to be intellectually free, broad  
minded, no matter what it does to  
our dreams and hopes. Can a  
Christian be free and yet bring  
into captivity every thought to the  
obedience of Christ?

Jesus Christ never asked man to  
stop thinking. He advised him to  
consider, to observe and to reason  
upon the facts of the nature, the  
lilies of the field and the birds of  
the air. His appeal to the people  
was—come and see.

What St. Paul means here is that  
we are to keep thinking straight  
and to put it in its right relation-  
ship to the rest of life and to God.

What disturbs our thinking to-  
day? First of all, if we are to  
think straight, we must have a  
kind of sturdy independence. We  
should not take the voice of the  
crowd or tradition, the popular  
opinion or customs as the final  
word. Our thoughts must be  
brought captive to the ideal based  
upon the truth. And there is no  
source for this inspiration and  
help but Jesus Christ. It was  
Jesus, who feared no man; who  
rather went to the Cross than lose

Himself in the compromise with  
the spirit of times.

The second reason for men be-  
ing in difficulties through wrong  
thinking is because they are led  
by self-interests and selfish pas-  
sions. So often we have our own  
pet theories, fancies, passions and  
temperaments. We let them rule  
our thoughts. What we need here  
is to bring our thoughts captive to  
the ideal of unselfishness. And  
here too, the greatest example of  
unselfishness is our Savior. He  
who gave His life for mankind on  
the Cross, and above all, He gave  
it for sinners, He has given to the  
world the highest inspiration to  
put away the love of self.

Then the third group of people  
have gone astray in their thinking  
because they are hindered by  
their narrow outlook upon life and  
world. They judge everything by  
the standards of the little circle a-  
round them, their town or com-  
munity. They cannot see beyond  
their own community, church or  
club. Their thoughts have not been  
brought captive to a large enough  
ideal. And the finger points to-  
ward us.

Jesus Christ took into His heart  
all mankind: men, women, child-  
ren, Jews and Gentiles, bond and  
free, wise and simple, rich and  
poor. "Peace on earth, good will  
toward men", is His promise, a  
promise that is given to all people.  
He is both the Christ of God to the  
Cherokee County and the Christ of  
God to some jungle village in  
Africa.

However, St. Paul makes it  
clear that even as necessary as  
straight thinking is, we cannot  
make it the supreme ideal of our  
life. We need an allegiance which  
is higher, which will include  
straight thinking but will also re-  
cognize that there are things  
which are beyond our understand-  
ing. It is in the highest fellowship  
that St. Paul is trying to lead us,  
to obedience of One in whose pres-  
ence we are made complete.

May this Advent season be a  
period of time in which as we pre-  
pare ourselves for the Coming of  
Jesus Christ we recognize the  
fact that first we must become  
Christians in deed. May our  
Heavenly Father grant us the  
sincerity, the willingness and the  
strength to prepare ourselves for  
the arrival of the Christ-child.

**HINTS TO FARM  
HOMEMAKERS**

By RUTH CURRENT  
State Home Demonstration Agent

Stretching meat, fish, or poultry  
—cheese and milk are standbys: 1  
pint milk in cream sauce plus 7  
ounce can of tuna fish makes 4  
servings.

Four one-ounce slices of cheese  
plus one-half pound hamburger  
makes 4 cheeseburgers.

Use cheese and milk elsewhere  
in the meal. A favorite is cheese  
with apple pie, or milk in puddings  
and custards. Baked or boiled cus-  
tard stores well in refrigerator for  
several days.

Cheese fits into every part of a  
meal—as a tangy appetizer, the  
main dish, in vegetable sauces,  
salads or as dessert.

Be Ingenious in Stopping food  
Waste—Bits of cooked fish, chick-  
en, meat, or cheese can be added  
to tossed salad, combined in a cas-  
serole or omelet.

Stale cake and cookies can be  
crumbed and served with ice  
cream on puddings. A slice of soft  
bread in a jar of hardened cook-  
ies will soften them.

By using fats from cooking meat  
or poultry. For instance, chicken  
fat can be used in biscuits and  
cookies, beef fat in browning on-  
ions for casseroles or spaghetti  
sauce, ham fat in frying eggs,  
seasoning beans or cabbage.

Use market shopping list—  
Make and use shopping list to cut  
costs and to buy wisely. Enter  
foods you plan to buy opposite the  
groups they belong in. Don't buy  
on the spur of the moment just be-  
cause of displays, but fit "spec-  
ials" into your list as you shop.  
Watch advertisements; stock up  
on good buys. Watch lists of "plen-  
tifuls" in the newspapers, and keep  
these in mind when you make your  
shopping list.

QUESTION: What are the re-  
commended cooking times for tur-  
keys of different sizes?

ANSWER: For a turkey weigh-  
ing 8 to 10 pounds, cooking time is  
from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 hours; 10 to 12  
pounds, 2 3/4 to 3 hours; 14 to 16  
pounds, 3 to 3 1/4 hours; 18 to 20  
pounds, 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 hours; and 22  
to 24 pounds, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 hours.  
Oven temperature for all sizes is  
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throughout life.

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