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LIFE OF CHRISTIANS IS PROOF OF POWER OF REDEEMER TO SAVE AND EXALT, SAYS SUNDAY IN APPEAL TO ACCEPT MESSAGE

The Text: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord of hosts." (Isaiah, 43rd chapter, 10th verse.)

In his sermon Thursday afternoon, Rev. Sunday said:

Jesus Christ has staked his cause upon the character and the utterances and the lives of his followers. But the world wants a religion of deeds rather than words. Talk's cheap! And when he wanted to leave the world, he wanted to leave behind him words they would remember and preachers they would propagate and spread broadcast throughout the world.

His claims to be the Son of God are to be witnessed to by those that have experienced the saving power through faith in his shed blood.

In Isaiah, in my text, God issues a challenge to the world. He said:

"You bring forth your witnesses and you let them tell what you are doing. I will bring forth mine and I will let them tell what I am doing, and upon their testimony I am perfectly willing whether the Lord shall be God or the devil."

And that's a wonderful confidence that God places in it. He says:

"If it's better to be drunk than sober, we want to know it."

"If we are better because we are viler than pure, let's know it."

"If a man is better because he's a thief than honest, let's know it."

"If a man who goes home and cusses and beats his wife up is better than the one that goes home and kisses her, let's know it."

"Bring forth your witnesses and let them tell what they are doing and I will bring forth mine and I will let them tell what I am doing and I am perfectly willing to go before the world and to put up the proposition and know who they will serve and who they will accept."

Deal God
Offers is Fair

If that isn't a fair deal, I'd like to know what it is. Sometimes in the processes of law there is corruption of judges, and the bribing of juries and of witnesses. There is one thing that's absolutely indispensable and that's a true witness. A witness may be a man or a woman. They may know very little, they may say:

"He was in an automobile and there were four in the machine, or 'They were driving a team and one horse was gray and the other black.'

But a witness is one who is supposed to be in possession of some information that you do not have and that information is asked and expected to be given for the purpose either of liberating somebody upon some charge or of convicting them.

It is a sad thing to put a man or woman on the witness stand and have them testify, and immediately prove that they are a liar and a fraud. That not only militates against the character of the witness, but it militates also against the cause of the individual which that witness had hoped to help by and through his or her testimony, so not only is he injured but the cause of somebody else is injured.

It is a sad thing to have a man get up and stroke his whiskers and read his testimony and say he is a Christian, and somebody come along and prove he is an old liar and a fraud and a hypocrite. That not only militates against his character, but it hurts the cause of Jesus Christ as well.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord God of hosts."

This Evidence
is Trustworthy

Now there is a kind of testimony that can not be overthrown. Paul was on his way to Rome, he'd made his appeal to Caesar. They said:

"You go up to Jerusalem and be tried."

And he said: "Not on your life; you can't put that over on me."

For they had framed it up to kill him. His sister's son put him wise. He said:

"Nothing doing. I'm going to Rome. I appeal to Caesar."

They said: "All right, you go to Caesar."

And on the way they were shipwrecked and cast upon an island. It was cold and blustery. Gathering up some sticks out of which to build a fire perhaps they might have gathered up the serpent, because their protection is to color like the surroundings. When you get out on the plains of Arizona you can't tell a rattlesnake from the ground—that's their protection.

And when the fire began to burn, Paul stooped down to replenish it and the serpent coiled and struck him with his fangs, and the natives on the island, knowing the venomous character of that snake, supposed that Paul was a criminal, and although he'd escaped from the water, their gods would not permit him to escape fully and they were going to kill him with a snake, and they expected to see him fall dead, and when he didn't they worshipped him as a god. And he said:

Preaches Christ
to Them

"Don't you worship me." He said: "It's my God that is able to keep the poison of that snake that you think your gods made bite me from dying."

And so he preached Jesus Christ to them and they believed him through the fact that the venom of that viper hadn't killed him.

Oh, God can use a rattlesnake to preach the gospel. He doesn't need a preacher to get along. God can use an animal in the field; God can use a wriggling snake to do it.

So the people believed on Jesus Christ through Paul's preaching, and they believed that what he said was true because he told them that his God had kept the poison from killing him, and they saw that he was alive, so they couldn't get around it.

So that's how they bore witness. And the heathen nations are gazing on the nominal Christian nations, waiting for the testimony of Jesus Christ. Out of the terrible conflict of Europe will come some great good—it has already come! The czar of old Russia is overthrown and every one of that rank dynasty was opposed to Christianity and opposed to a

Hot Grounders From the Bat of Billy Sunday on the Tabernacle Diamond

Infidels make me sick. They give me a stomach ache and I want a soda mint to settle my stomach when they talk about moral effect.

Some people think that nothing is to be believed unless they can understand it. Ha! Ha! Ha!

We've got a lot of churches that disbelieve in the Creator God, simply because they cannot explain the creation of the world.

A man's highest happiness and usefulness is reached through Jesus Christ. Christians, if you are not right in your experience you are wrong in your life.

Some of you old sinners have held out so long and you haven't any hair on your heads between you and hell now. You've held out against the tears of your mothers, the pleadings of your wives, the prayers of your children, against the prayers of your preachers.

If the Bible is a dull, dead book to you, if you haven't God's peace and joy, you are wrong in your life. If you'd fulfill the conditions you'd have the results.

You will beget in the hearts and lives of others, feelings that are analogous to those that possess you. That is why we quarantine scarlet fever.

A lot of you fellers are afraid to do God's will because you know it will make you decent and you don't want to be decent.

I don't give a rap how skeptical you are, you are compelled to believe in the authority of others or cease to live.

There are no activities in life apart from your will.

The natural man is in rebellion against God.

The man who gets down on his knees and prays to God, uses his head.

church shut up. "Closed for the summer!"—and hell going at high gear!

How many could stand and say with the apostle Paul "Those things which ye have heard and seen and learned of me, do—?"

Everybody could say that. How many of you can add these words, "And the God of peace shall be with you—?"

Well, I don't believe that God Almighty gave Paul the only power to do that. I think you can so live that you can say with Paul, "The things you hear and see and learn of me, you do, and God will be omnipresent, he will bless you."

It is the power unto life if a man or woman hates sin. I am not egotistical, nobody ever came to this town that loves a sinner more than I. But I hate sin. When the doctor comes to your home he doesn't hate you, he hates the disease that threatens to put you in the coffin with your veins full of embalming fluid. He's your friend; he's doing his best to help you beat the devil. He's your friend, and if you will cry out, the forgiveness of God will be yours.

And then you know how along came the Ishmaelites and they sold Joseph down into Egypt. He went down there and that miserable old God-forsaken, licentious woman, Potiphar's wife, tried to put one over on him. But I tell you he stood fast for God and decency, and she failed and framed it up on him and they threw him in jail. He lay there for four years. Then you remember the dream and how he interpreted it.

Gave Him
High Office

He came out then, and they made him prime minister. The famine swept the land; they gathered into the barns for seven years and the seventh year seven times more, and his brethren came down there to buy corn and on one of the trips he made himself known to them and not only gave them corn to fill the wagons that they brought down with them but gave them Egyptian wagons and loaded them with corn and sent them back home and they rushed in and they said to their old father, "Joseph is yet alive!"

The old man said, "I'm from Missouri; show me."

They said, "Come on out here. Come here." And they took him out to the barn. "See that corn? We didn't take money enough down there to buy that."

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They said, "Come on out here. Come here."

And the old man saw the wormholes full of the yellow corn and the tears trickled down his cheeks and he said: "My son Joseph is yet alive!"

So cores were powerful to convince the old man where words were impotent.

Get out and deliver the goods, express charges prepaid! Get out and deliver them!

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord God of hosts."

Oh, it is a serious thing to falsify the word of the living God.

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beautiful Gothic church up in New England where the trees arched above the streets. There were stained glass windows from Tiffany's, and the entrance to the church was an archway, and over it were the words, "Gateway to heaven," and he stepped inside and saw a sign on the church, "Closed for the summer."

You bet the devil's always on the job, whether it's hot or cold. It makes me sick to go into a town and find a



TODAY'S BEST STORY IN BILLY'S SERMON

If an infidel is going to build a universe you've got to give him a little star dust to knock off.

Where did the first hen come from? And where did the first egg come from. First hen, first egg. No man knows so much but that some men know all you know and more than you know. Not at all.

So, there is my watch. I don't know anything about it. If I break it I can't fix it. I can take it down to the jeweler's and they can fix it. If I'd try to fix it and take the wheels out of it, I'd have wheels enough to make 10 or more watches out of it. All human machinery can be understood. Some fellow made it. If you can't understand it, he can. Don't say he did not know because you didn't have brains enough to know. He wanted to do it.

To try to solve the creation and at the same time deny the Creator, you are as big a fool as the fellow who will try to explain a locomotive and deny steam. Try and explain these electric lights and deny electricity. The light explains the electricity and the electricity explains the light. When you try and explain the creation and deny the Creator you are a fool. When you try to explain creation and deny Jesus Christ, you can't do it. He explains salvation and salvation explains Jesus Christ. You can't get around it, no matter who you are.

Skeptics—oh, they don't believe. They didn't believe in the telephone and all that sort of thing. They did not know enough about it. They won't will. Then if you do that it will remove the stumbling block.

HARD TO LEARN

Some babies were in the audience on Wednesday night, and Mr. Rodeheaver had occasion to say, "Still after five weeks some people do not know about keeping babies free of charge over in the Friends' basement.

GOD REQUIRES WILLING MIND, DESIRE TO KNOW TRUTH, CONFESSION TO SERVE HIM, THESE THREE THINGS, SAYS REV. SUNDAY

The Text—"If any man will do his sir, I am not going to move a step until this lantern lights me to my home."

I say, "Then you will die and rot in your tracks."

When I step from here to there the rays from that light will penetrate, dark is dispelled as I go along to from here to there it will do likewise, and from here to there, but as long as I stay here, that would be dark. But as I step forward then the rays of light which is a positive force will light my way, and then the days are dispelled as I go long to light my way. Therefore, if you will use what light God has given you, He will give you more.

Chorus:
Happy day, happy day
When Billy came for a six weeks' stay.

2. Oh, happy day when "Rodie" came
And with his smile put gloom to shame,
He taught us how to laugh and sing,
And go home blessing every thing.

Chorus:
Happy day, happy day
When Rapp signed up for this six weeks' stay.

An Old Favorite

The Lutherans did not have a new song for the occasion, but under the leadership of Lee B. Nusbaum, sang "A Mighty Stronghold is Our God," a song written by Martin Luther, himself.

Farmland, which was present 160 strong asked that the trio sing some of the plantation songs, but the time was getting short before Mr. Sunday had to preach, the request was postponed until some other meeting.

Other music was furnished by the male quartet which had appeared before at the tabernacle. Last time they were called the "Billy Sunday double male quartet," but this time when Rodeheaver called for their name, they answered the "Y. M. C. A. Quartet" and the "Billy Sunday Quartet."

Also Sing

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, evangelical singers, also gave one number, while Mr. Rodeheaver by request sang one of his new songs which has been recorded, "You'll Say Good Night Here. But Good Morning Up There."

Opening prayer was offered by Rev. C. Raymond Isley of the Second English Lutheran church, while the closing prayer was offered by Rev. F. A. Dressel of the First English Lutheran church.

A collection was taken at the meeting to make good the promise that Mr. Sunday had made that he would attempt to buy some suits for the high school baseball team, and exactly \$160 was collected.

Keep Coming Forward

At the close of the services, just as Mr. Rodeheaver was announcing to those who had taken seats in front that Mr. Sunday wanted to have their names, he was interrupted by serious objections from Fred Rapp and Rev. Dresel.

"Don't stop yet, don't stop yet," they cried, for the aisles were still full of Lutherans who were waiting their turns to shake Billy's hand.

The number of cards signed probably does not indicate the number of persons who were actual "trail blitters" as it is impossible for the secretaries to cover the large number of persons that had come forward on the call for reconsecration of their lives to Christ.

The Lutherans are the bulk of orthodoxy in this country," Sunday declared before he began his sermon. "They may not agree with what I have to say, or they may not agree with the way that I have of doing it, but they are orthodox."

Asks for Help

In announcing the collection for the high school boys baseball team, Sunday said, "You Lutherans showed such generosity the other evening that I have been laying for you ever since. Now I am going to give you a chance to show your generosity in the way of helping out the high school boys."

"They have been trying to play ball in ordinary shoes and in old

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Sunday Revival Program

THURSDAY

5:45 p. m.—Business woman's council meets at Reid Memorial church.