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*“Therefore
be ye also
ready:
for in such
an hour as
ye think
not the
Son of man
cometh.”*

Matt. 24: 44

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Heaven's Streets Are Safe

In the Church of God, oh, what a sight, to see the children run and play. They are always very safe.

They need not fear, for heaven is safe.

Some say there is no such thing as heaven, but, oh, if they could see the children laugh and sing!

'Tis music in the Christian's ear.

"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." Zechariah 8:5

Philip Tovstiga (Age 8)



Questions

By J. A. E.

If Christ should come, would all be well?
Am I ready now to say farewell?
What's the response from within my heart,
If life should cease and all grow dark?.

If Christ should come, would He welcome be?
Is my poor soul from sin set free?
Would I on wings of love arise
To meet His smile beyond the skies?

If Christ should come while yet 'tis day,
Would I be ready, or want delay?
Have I been what I ought to be,
To Him who shed His blood for me?

If Christ should come for me to-night,
Could I appear in spotless white?
Do I within my heart install
The loving Christ, as all in all?



Jesus' Return

The second coming of Christ is compared to what weather condition?

Matthew 24:27

What did Paul tell Timothy to keep until Jesus returns?

1 Timothy 6:11-12,14

What is the last enemy to be destroyed at Jesus' return?

1 Corinthians 15:26

What night visitor is the second coming compared to?

1 Thessalonians 5:2

Who is the only one who knows the day and hour of Jesus' return?

Matthew 24:36

What occupation did Jesus liken the judgment to?

Matthew 25:32

What did Jesus say he was going to prepare for us?

John 14:2

Be Ready



The day was pleasant, and the churchyard was near; so the little boy and his teacher went to walk there for an hour. There were many tombstones and many graves. The teacher walked one way and the boy another, looking at the “grassy mounds.” The boy seemed much interested in what he saw, and went about from grave to grave, as if trying to observe something about each of them.

The stroll was soon over; and as they came away together, the boy was silent, and full of thought. He had noticed some things in the churchyard which had struck him.

“What are you thinking about, my boy?” said the teacher.

“About the graves I saw.”

“And what were you doing so long

amongst them?”

“I was measuring them.”

“And what did you find?”

“I found some of them shorter than myself.”

“Well; but what of that?”

“I thought there are many there younger than I am. I may die soon, and lie beside them. And I am not ready.”

“Well; and what then?”

“I must make ready now. I must put off no more.”

“Ah, yes, that is it, my boy; you must make ready now. Go straight to the Lord Jesus; for His love is great, and His blood very precious. Go to Him at once, and He will prepare you.”

Would You Be Saved?

Jesse Benion

Age 10

Greetings to you all. Has it ever come to your mind that one day you will die? Whether you will go to heaven or not depends on if you are saved when you die. Have you ever heard someone talk about being saved? Jesus said that the most important commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. To be saved means to love and obey God and love everyone in the world. If you cannot love someone whom you have seen, how can you love God whom you have not seen? If you would have eternal life then you must get saved. The Bible says that the pleasures of sin last only a season. The pleasures of God last forever.

In the story *The Giant Killer*, one character said that when you follow pleasure destruction comes; when you seek after God, pleasure follows. To understand real salvation, you must come to the church of God. People do drugs and drink alcohol and other things so they can escape reality, so that they can get “happy” when they aren’t happy. This fake happiness lasts for only a small amount of time. The way to truly be happy is to love and obey God.

This salvation will give you a clean conscience, and you will not have to fear death or the end of the world. Neither will you have to fear the devil; but you can resist him and his temptations. Lord bless you. Thank you for listening to me. “And the God of love and peace shall be with you. Amen.”



GUADALAJARA!

Gloria a Dios niños!

The Lord has started a work in Guadalajara, which is a city of about five million people! Right now we have about seventy saints in the congregation. We are about to start our new school year with approximately eighteen students.

Life in the city can be quite challenging! We never know how long our drive to school will end up being since we never know if we will be stuck in a traffic jam for the next thirty minutes or an hour!

We have regular street meetings at the main park in downtown Guadalajara. We sing and preach to the people that have come to spend their evenings at the beautiful park. Sometimes the young people and children will share their testimonies and speak to the crowds of how the Lord has freed them from a life of sin.

Guadalajara is filled with many broken homes where the parents are involved in drugs, witchcraft, and many other gross sins. In many situations the children are left to fend for themselves, which leads them to the streets where they spend their time with bad friends and learn many wicked things. We are very thankful that some families in these sad situations have come to the Church of God and are now happily serving God together!



A few weeks ago we had the privilege of going into the mountains in northern Guadalajara to visit some of our contacts. It was a long, bumpy drive up into the mountains. The family we visited lives right on the edge of a cliff, and a river flows about four hundred feet below. They pump the water up from the river to use for washing and bathing.

After spending some time having Bible studies and talking with them, they prepared some interesting foods for us. They made something they call 'gordas' which is similar to what we know as cornbread. It was a mixture of corn flour, cottage cheese, and sugar. Then they picked some big leaves from a nearby tree and scooped some of the mixture onto the leaf and baked them in their big stone oven. It was actually quite delicious! They also served us deer soup.

They grow things such as jamaica, pitaya, and many other tropical fruits. They grow most of their crops such as corn, beans, etc., by hand using hoes and shovels. They also catch iguanas and skunks that roam around in the mountains and prepare them for their meals.

There is a lot of work to do here in Guadalajara! Children, be radical and serve the Lord with your whole heart now while you're young, so that one day when the Lord calls you to the mission field you can be a real soul winner! God is looking for children who will help in this great end-time work!

The missionaries



How a Revival Started

At a certain camp meeting, a poor illiterate fellow called “Tim Hutchinson, the fool” was most wonderfully saved of the Lord. On returning home to a remarkably wicked town where he lived, he was reminded of the perishing ones and resolved to seek their salvation.

So he set out from house to house on the run, opening the doors without knocking and thundering out that awful question, “What will you do when eternity comes?”

Up one street and down another he went, with all his might shouting, “What will you do when eternity comes?”

Conviction seized the people. A minister was sent forth, and a great harvest of souls was gathered. All from the result of that heaven-sent messenger, who thundered in their ears the startling question, “What will you do when eternity comes?”

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