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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.

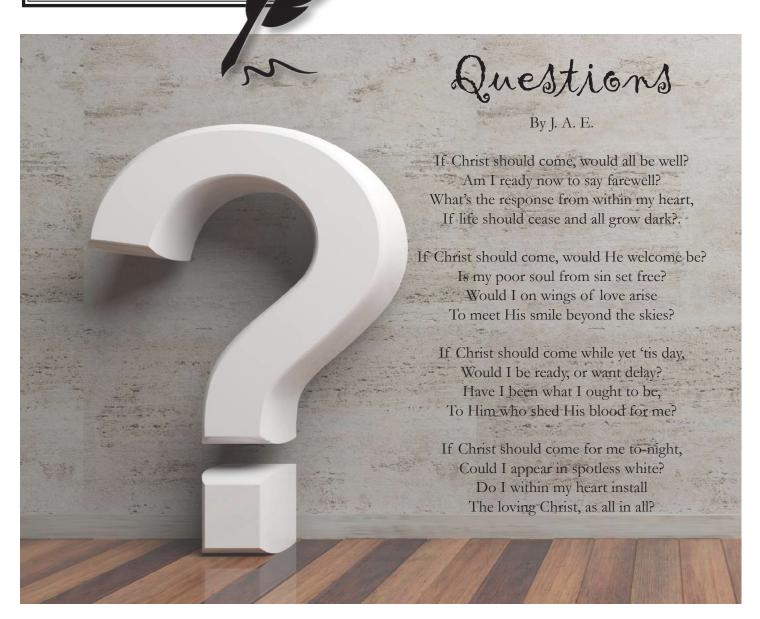
They need not fear, for heaven is safe.

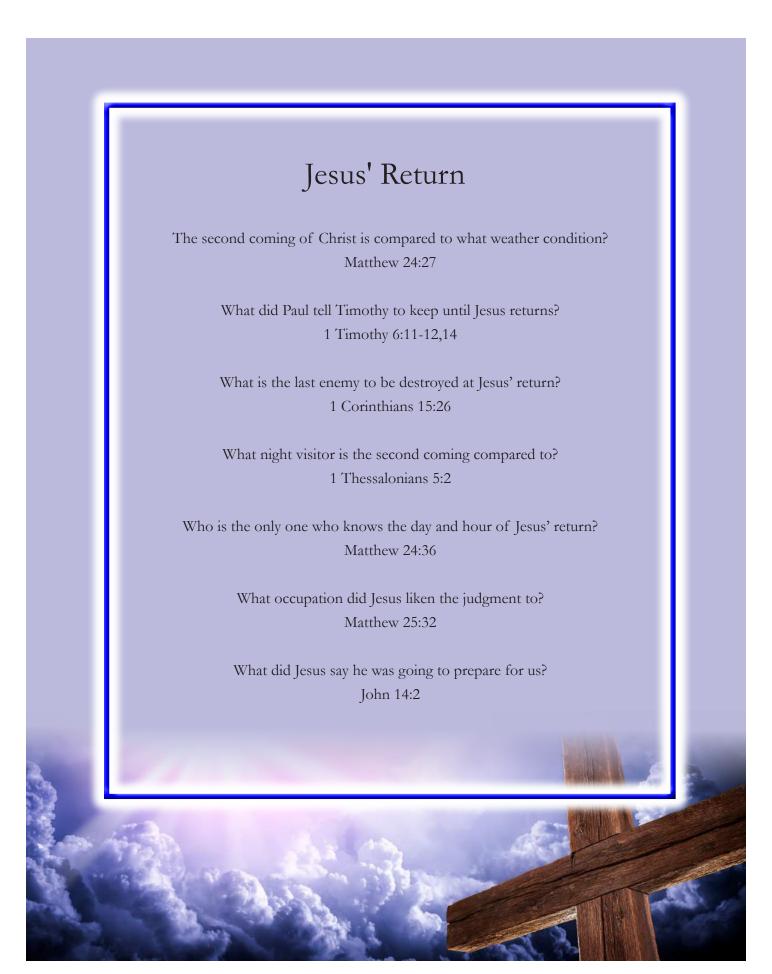
Some say there is no such thing as heaven, but, oh, if they could see the children laugh and sing!

"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 Toystiga (Age 8)





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."

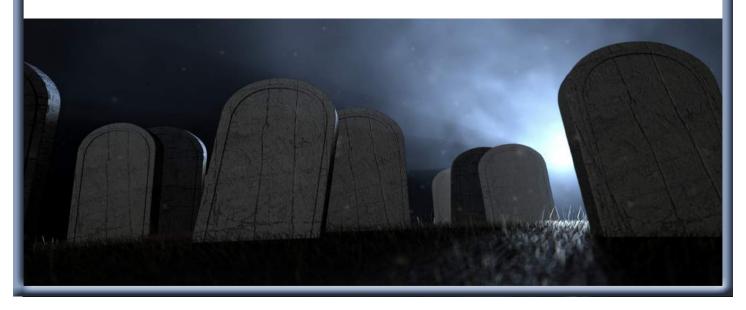
Would You Be Saved?

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."







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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