



**CONFIRMATION
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Certificates.

REPENTANCE. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13: 3. God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke 13: 13. I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. Luke 16: 13, 19.

FAITH. Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. Mark 11: 22. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16: 31. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11: 1

FORGIVENESS. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 9.

LOVE. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3: 16. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another: 1 John 4: 11.

JUSTIFICATION. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5: 1

ASSURANCE. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life. 1 John 5: 13. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Rom. 8: 16.



This is to certify that

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having been instructed in the Doctrines and
Duties of our Holy Christian Religion,
according to the Word of God and the
Heidelberg Catechism, was admitted into full
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* Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life *

PERSONAL CONSECRATION.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Heed, peer, despised, forsaken,
Thee, from hence, my all shall be
Perish, ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've sought, or, hoped or known,
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heav'n are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me --
Thee art not like them, untrue;
Oh, while Thee dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Rees may hate, and friends disown me,
Show Thy face, and all is bright. *Selected.*

"In thy fair book of life divine,
My God scribe my name;
There let it fill some humble place
Beneath my Lord the Lamb."

"Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion Lord,
But keep my conscience clear."

"O may thy spirit guide my feet
In ways of righteousness;
Make every path of duty straight,
And plain before my face."



LORD'S SUPPER.

When Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. John 6: 55.

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, He brake it, and said, take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. 11: 25-26.

LORD'S SUPPER.

According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
Thy will I do, my dying Lord
I will remember Thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,
Thy bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee!

Caltsmanne can I forget,
Or there Thy conflict see;
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And yet remember Thee!

Remember Thee, and all Thy pains,
And all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains
Will I remember Thee!

And when these failing lips grow dumb
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me. *Selected.*

JESUS BEARING HIS CROSS



CHRIST BEARING HIS CROSS.

THEY took Jesus and led Him away. And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. John 19: 16, 17
And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus turning unto them said, daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. Luke 23: 2, 28.

The sentence of death having been passed against Jesus, He was led forth to Calvary, bearing His cross, guarded by a band of Roman soldiers, and followed by a multitude of people. The ordinary rule in cases of crucifixion was that the instrument of crucifixion should be carried by the victim who was about to suffer thereon. It was part of such a man's punishment in this way to carry his punishment with him. We find that this method was attempted at first with our Lord. But it was found impossible to proceed with it. For Jesus was exhausted by the dreadful sufferings He had passed through in Gethsemane, by the wakeful hours, the scourging and the insults He had endured, so that the load He now carries seems too heavy. The soldiers seeing the sufferer sinking under His burden, they pressed into service, Simon, a Cyrenian whom they met coming out of the country. This Simon was the only man who helped Jesus in the time of His sorest need.

And since the death of the cross was accursed of God, there is much more in His being crucified than if He had died some other death, for thereby we are assured that He took on Him the curse which lay on us, for He stood in our place and "sustained in body, and soul, the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind: that so by His passion, as the only propitiatory sacrifice, He might redeem our body and soul from the everlasting damnation and obtain for us the favor of God, righteousness and eternal life."



CRUCIFIXION

SONG OF THE CROSS.

Blest they who seek
While in their youth,
With spirit meek,
The way of truth.

To them the sacred Scriptures now display
Christ as the only true and living way;
His precious blood on Calvary was given
To make them heirs of endless bliss in heaven,
And e'en on earth the child of God can trace
The glorious blessings of his Saviour's grace.

For them he bore
His Father's frown;
For them he wore
The thorny crown;
Hailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That his life's loss
Might be their gain.
Thou hast to choose
That better part,
Nor never dare refuse
The Lord your heart,
Lest sadly he declare
"I knew you not,"
And deep despair
Reverberate your lot;

Now look to Jesus, who on Calvary died,
And trust in Him alone who there was crucified.

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THE RESURRECTION

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At the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And, behold, there was a great earth quake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; . . . and the angel answered and said unto the woman, fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. . . . And as they went to tell His disciples: behold, Jesus, met them, saying, all hail. And they came and held Him by the feet, and worshipped Him. Then said Jesus unto them, be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. *Matth. 28: 1-10.*

By Christ's resurrection He has overcome death, and become the first fruits of those who sleep in Him; and makes us partakers of that righteousness which He has purchased for us by His death. And by His power we are raised up to a new life; and He has hereby given a sure pledge to all His followers, that they also shall finally triumph over death and the grave. And believing in Him, His people may commit their bodies to the dust, with the joyful hope of a resurrection from the dead, when the body will be reunited with the soul and made like unto the glorious body of Christ, to die no more, saying with Job, "I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold and not another." Blessed, glorious hope! Oh, "let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."



EASTER MORNING.

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MARY stood without at the sepulcher weeping, because they had taken away her Lord, and she knew not where they had laid Him. And when "she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing Him to be the gardener, saith unto Him, Sir, if thou have borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary! She turned herself, and said unto Him, Rabboni! which is to say, Master! Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things unto her." JOHN 20: 11-18.



THE ASCENSION

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CHRIST, after His resurrection, continued on earth for the space of forty days. During this period He was frequently with His apostles and disciples confirming their faith in His resurrection, and instructing them in the things pertaining to His kingdom. At the end of forty days, He led His disciples from Jerusalem "out as far as Bethany; and lifted up His hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up to heaven," Luke 24: 50, 51.

Christ, in the sight of His disciples ascended blessing them. This was the last thing He did on earth. Hence we may be encouraged to believe; that, though He has ascended into heaven, He is still deeply interested in the welfare of His people, and is blessing them with all needed spiritual blessings.

He ascended into heaven that He might there appear as the head of His church, and present to the Father, who governs all things, the finished work He gave Him to do on earth; and receive from Him gifts to bestow upon us, His members. The chief of these gifts is the Holy Ghost which was bestowed on the day of Pentecost, and qualified the apostles and disciples for the work to which they were called; and by whose power we "seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God."

He ascended that He might be our advocate in the presence of the Father, and make intercession for us until He shall come again to judge the quick and the dead.

He ascended that He might prepare a place for us, His members, that where He is there we might be also. It teaches us that since Christ has ascended to heaven, our affections ought to ascend thither, too, and be placed supremely on heavenly things where Christ is. "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth."

HOW TO LIVE.

DEARLY BELOVED: As a child of your heavenly Father, duly instructed in the way of salvation, you have now received the solemn rite of confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands, as your full and formal consecration to His holy service. In this salutary rite you have renewed and confirmed the vow already made through your Sponsors in Holy Baptism, and with your own lips renounced the devil with all his ways and works, the world with its vain pomp and glory, and the flesh with all its sinful desires.

Having then this day publicly before God and man, professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, be steadfast and unmovable in this profession and become fruitful in every good work. Love God above every earthly object; and long to live to His glory in this world that you may praise Him in the world to come. Hate all sin and have a sincere desire to be delivered from it. Love and strive after holiness. Cultivate a love for prayer and the reading of God's Word. Take delight in serving God, and make it the rule of your life to be a regular worshipper in the house of God, and contribute according to your ability towards its support. Never be absent from the Holy Communion if possible. Since Christ did for you when here, what no one but God could do, you will now do for Him what only man can do. Both by your lips and life express the Holy Gospel you profess. Be a living witness to the truth of Christ's religion. Be a living gospel, an epistle, that will be read and known of men; and thus seek to win souls to your Saviour by your living.

The professed christian is the only Bible the majority of the world ever look at. They form their impressions of christianity not from the Holy Words of inspiration, but as revealed in the christian's conduct. You must live religion, and show to the world that there is salvation in christianity or the world is lost

You will be exposed to many storms; but for your own sake, for the Church's sake, and for Christ's sake, I pray you remain on the rock, and you will be safe. You cannot make progress except by much prayerfulness in the closet, much watchfulness over every action, much dependance upon the strong arm of the Holy Spirit, who alone can make you stand. Walk and live as in the sight of God, for an eye from heaven rests upon you. "Theu God asect me."

Remember your confirmation vows; for they are recorded in the archives of heaven. Oh, that happy day when you consecrated your soul and body upon the altar of your God! When God in heaven heard you; angels in glory rejoiced over you; and men on earth saw and admired you. And since God must be your judge, and remembering the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, make it the rule of your life to lead a clean and pure life; for "the pure in heart shall see God;" and "without holiness no man shall see the Lord;" so that you may finally be "accepted in the beloved." I. M. Beaver.....

"WATCH AND PRAY."

My soul, be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise;
And hosts of sins are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

Oh, watch, and fight, and pray!
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.

Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor once at ease sit down;
Thy arduous work will not be done
Till thou hast got thy crown.

Fight on, my soul till death
Shall bring thee to thy God!
He'll take thee at thy parting breath,
Up to His blest abode. [Selected.]

"Prayer was appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give;
Long as they live should christians pray,
For only while they pray they live."

CONFIRMATION TEXT

FAREWELL COUNSELS.

FINALLY, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you, 2 Cor. 13:11. Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. Phil. 4: 27, 28. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast; unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, so much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15: 58.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 5: 23

BRIEF PRAYERS FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS.

A MORNING PRAYER.

O Lord, my Father in Heaven, who has safely brought me to the beginning of this day, I thank Thee for Thy kind protection and care during the defenceless hours of the night. Be pleased in mercy to defend me with the same mighty power this day; and grant that I may fall into no sin; and that all my doings may be righteous in Thy sight. Bless all my dear friends, my pastor, my church and all Thy people throughout the world for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

A EVENING PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank Thee for all Thy mercies to me this day, and for having brought me in safety and peace to this night. I confess unto Thee with a penitent heart and ask Thee to pardon all the sins that I have committed this day. Grant unto me the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may ever hereafter love and please Thee by leading a better life. I commend myself, and all that are near and dear to me, to Thy most gracious keeping. O Father! may I lie down to rest with a heart at peace with Thee and with all Thy creatures, and during the silent watches of this night, spread the wings of Thy protection about me, and when the shadows of death shall darken my mortal sight, may my faith be cheered with the dawning vision of eternal day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TABLE PRAYER.

Our Father who art in Heaven, who givest us day by day our daily bread, be pleased to accept our thanks for these Thy gifts. Sanctify them to the strengthening of our bodies, and feed and nourish our souls on that bread which cometh down from heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER IN THE PEW.

When you have entered your pew in the church, reverently bow your head and say:

O Lord, look upon me in great mercy as I come into Thy house. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, that with humility and reverence I may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness, through Jesus Christ my Redeemer. Amen.