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IS FAITH REASONABLE ?

(1 Peter 3:15)

Has God given us enough reason to trust Him?

'Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason [for] the hope that is in you'

True faith is not irrational gullibility. It is substantial. It is based on credible evidence.

'...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' Hebrews 11:1,3

YES! IN THE FACT OF JESUS' DEATH

Our faith is based on sound historical evidence that Jesus Christ was executed by the Romans, His body placed in a tomb.

IN THE FACT OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

Several women watched where He was buried. The tomb was sealed and securely guarded. Yet three days later those women found the tomb - empty! He had risen from death!

THE RESURRECTION PROVES JESUS

His resurrection vindicates all His claims (Romans 1:4). So we can trust Him - totally.

HIS GUARANTEES ARE SURE

He guarantees the reliability of all the 'Old Testament' (John 10:35). **He** guarantees all His apostles' teaching (John 16:31, Luke 10:16). **He** is the guarantee that God cares. (Romans 8:39).

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER - ALWAYS!

John 8:51

Frank Worgan

I must accept that my age has something to do with it, but it is a fact that I have become aware that the number of my contemporaries has become much smaller. During the last few years I have frequently received news of the passing of someone with whom I grew up, or whom I regarded as a dear friend or co-worker in the Gospel, and, as many of you know, this has, for me, come closer to home because I have this year had to cope with the passing of Isobel, my dear wife and fellow-labourer for 66 years, and it has been an extremely painful experience.

But whilst the ache still remains, I am thankful that today I am able to say that I now see something which I never really saw before.

I have read again the Lord's own promise found in John.8:51 – a promise that is so clear and unequivocal that we are tempted to suspect that it means something different from what it plainly says!

“Verily, verily I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death”. (R.S.V.)

Will you think what that brief statement means? I assure you that if you really understand what the Lord is saying, you will never again be afraid of Death. In fact, you will know what Paul means when, in that wonderful chapter, 1st Corinthians 15, at verse 51, he exclaims triumphantly, “O Death! where is thy sting?”

The solemn assurance

Take the first two words, “Verily, verily”. Pay attention whenever you encounter them in the scriptures, because they prepare you to receive something of immense

importance. What follows them is never a cheap throw-away statement, but something to be grasped and treasured.

“Truly, truly I tell you.....” Jesus says.

Putting it another way, He says,

“I give you my solemn promise”.

The Promise

Listen to this!

“Whoever keeps my word will never see death”.

Just what does it mean? Well! Let us understand, first, that Jesus is not saying that whoever believes in Him will *never die*, because physical death is a reality – a fact – which we encounter whenever we watch the TV. News, or open a daily newspaper. I know that religious history records the statements of strange people like Mrs Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the so-called “Christian Science” organisation, who incredibly and illogically, denied the existence of death, describing it as ‘an error of mortal mind’.

You and I *know* that death is real, and that, for vast numbers of our fellow-men, its consequences are very real and often quite overwhelming.

No! Jesus does not deny that the believer dies. What He says is that the believer will not ‘see’ death; and it is the meaning of the word ‘*see*’, in this statement, which explains what He promised.

‘See’

In the Greek language there are about 20 different words which mean ‘to see’, and which relate to ‘seeing’ in one way or another.

The one which Jesus uses in His statement in John 8:5i, is the word *'theoreo'*, which, according to Thayer's Greek Lexicon, describes someone who *'looks at a thing with interest and for a purpose'*

But notice this! The Lord says that the believer will **not** 'see' death! He will **not** look on death as being of any importance! He will not be like the unbeliever who has no hope in death, and who, therefore, looks on death as a fearful thing.

Death means little to the Christian, because he has the assurance of the Lord Himself that it is merely the door which opens to bring him into the presence of Christ.

This is why Paul could cry "*O Death, where is thy sting*", and why he could tell the Philippians that he had a desire to "*depart and be with Christ, which is far better*" (Phil.1; 23).

And to the Christians at Corinth he wrote that he was *'willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present (at home) with the Lord'*. (2nd Cor. 5:8)

This is what I have long believed and preached. But having come to the subject from a different angle and having obtained a more personal acquaintance with it, I see more clearly than ever before, that we have no cause to grieve when our loved-ones pass through that Door, nor reason to fear when our own time comes. Our Lord has assured us that death is but a moment's passage through an experience which we may never fully understand, which brings us into His dear Presence.

CHINA (Part 2 of 2)

Ian S. Davidson, Motherwell

I remember the 1960's all too well. One of the things I recall is people waving little red books at huge gatherings.

The gatherings were not exclusive to China. Many a students' rally in the West also featured the book. As I write this article, I have this very book in front of me. It was published by the "*Foreign Languages Press, Peking, 1966*" and is entitled: "*Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung.*" Mao still has a big influence in China. (I smile as I write this because I recall an incident in the life of my friend and brother, W. Carl Ketcherside of St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. He was preaching at some university in America and the Maoist students were protesting, as usual, by waving their little red books. Carl urged the Christian students to get out and wave their little black books in response. So that day it was the "Sayings of Jesus" against the "Sayings of Mao." In the end, of course, there was no contest.)

Mao, for example, said: "*The only way to settle questions of an ideological nature or controversial issues among the people is by democratic method, the method of discussion, of criticism, of persuasion and education, and not by the method of coercion or repression.*" By the way, try getting a serious political or religious discussion going today in T'ien An Men Square, Beijing and see what happens to you. Mao also said: "*The Communist Party does not fear criticism because we are Marxists, the truth is on our side, and the basic masses, the workers and peasants, are on our side.*" Gene Edward Veith has written: "*Marx reduced the human condition to issues of class struggle and economic exploitation. In doing so, he worked out a quasi-scientific alternative that would supposedly bring on an earthly paradise. Under communism there would be no more exploitation. Under socialism individuals would find meaning by losing themselves in a larger group.*" In the Soviet Union

Marxism ended in oppression and brutality. When peopled uncovered the lies they demanded freedom.

Truth lies in Christ Jesus. In fact, He is "*the Way, the Truth and the Life*" (John 14:6). If we are on the side of Jesus then we are on the side of Truth. Mao is dead. Marx is dead. But Jesus is alive. He is a Living Lord. He is the one in whom we must put our faith, trust and hope. Jesus brings salvation because the world needs to be reconciled to God. Every country needs Jesus from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and that, of course, includes China (1.3 billion people) and Tuvalu, Pacific Ocean (9,700 souls).

China used to be "*another world away.*" But it's a lot closer now. Indeed, it's now part of the so-called "*global village.*" I have a number of friends who have visited China and I have met not a few Chinese tourists in my travels around Europe. Two of them climbed the Leaning Tower of Pisa with me. They spoke excellent English, (far better than my Chinese!)

Our prayer should be that everyone in China and everyone in the whole world hears the gospel of Jesus. All need the gospel because "*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). The gospel is "*the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek [Gentile]*" (Romans 1:16). China is increasing in material wealth, but is it increasing in spiritual wealth? Marxism is no way forward. Marxism leads people astray. Jesus leads people onward and upward to heaven. Personally, I'll probably never visit Beijing's T'ien T'an (Temple of Heaven), but I hope to visit heaven itself one day and stay there forever. John says of the New Jerusalem: "*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it*" (Revelation 21: 22).

William Hendriksen has written: "*No longer need the inhabitants to go to the Tabernacle or the Temple, somewhere in the camp or in the city, in order to have fellowship with God. The radiance of God's majesty and glory, in all its fullness, fills the entire city. It is not limited to any particular place in the city. It manifests itself everywhere. No sanctuary is needed, for the fellowship of believers with their God is direct and immediate. God tabernacles with His people; they are constantly in His immediate and loving and abiding presence.*"

So it's not Beijing, but Heaven here I come!

TAKE HEED PART 2 HOW YOU HEAR

James Neil, Skelmersdale.

(Luke 8:18)

At first reading, this can appear to be a strange statement for Jesus to make.

It is however an exhortation for us to do literally as it says, that is to pay attention to how we listen.

We may believe that we are pretty good at taking in what people say to us.... But are we really? Sometimes we may be only "*Half listening*" and how often do parents use the words "*are you listening to me*" when speaking to a child ?

When Jesus uses the words "*Take heed how you listen*" notice that he does not say "*take heed what you hear*"... he is not just telling us to listen to what we are being told, but to take in all aspects of what we are being told including "*How*" we listen.

The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonian church 5:21 tells them to test all things and to hold fast to

that which is good, how do we know what is good?
only by what we test it against.

If we are looking to purchase something, especially if it is going to cost quite a few pounds we want to know how good that something is, so, what do we do? We compare it to something which has been proved to be good. We would never dream of comparing it to an inferior item and saying "*it is an improvement on that, so it will suffice*" No! we want the best, we need to be able to have 100% confidence built on the most stringent criteria. "*It will do*" is simply not good enough and we often go to great lengths to ensure that we are getting the best available to us.

Do we put as much importance on the Word of God? Or do we accept anything and everything which we hear? Do we take Paul's advice and "*Test all things*"?

Let us not forget that a bad apple is a bad apple whoever gives it to us and no matter how prettily or cleverly it may be wrapped up.

It seems to be, that many times people will be more influenced by WHO says it than what is being said and it is easy to slip into a frame of mind which allows us to accept teaching because of or respect for the person, or the reputation of the person, who is doing the teaching.

When Jesus warns to "*Take heed HOW you hear*" it was to put us on our guard against blindly accepting teaching based on man's tradition or opinion or which is blatantly a fabrication of lies and the more self-confident we become that we would never fall for these things then the more likely we are to do just that and open the door to satan.

Look at Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians ch11 vs 12-14

"What I do, I will continue to do, that I may cut off the

opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast."

For such are false prophets, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

May it be that we all take the advice given to Timothy by Paul:

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15)

SEEK THE TRUE GOD

V. Sujatha, Stretford

Man is the only intelligent being who was created, amongst all other living beings. God let man rule over all other living beings (Genesis 2:19,20). We can judge what is right and what is not. We are the only being, who can speak and express our thoughts. We are the only being, who can smile when we are happy. We are the most high living being on earth yet so unworthy in front of God. Intelligent beings for the worldly things yet so foolish in seeking God.

We seek God in wrong places. There are people in the world claiming to having seen God, heard God and also who claim to be God. If all men have sinned and are unworthy then how are these people any different? Ephesians 5:6 says let no men deceive you with vain words. Man has always been greedy for the things around him. The most important thing he feels is to have money and power. As humans we have always believed that there is a power higher than all of us, to whom we bend

when we are in need, known as God, but the majority of people do not know whom they seek. They try to find God in wrong places, sometimes in living things and sometimes in non-living things. Also there are men who are intelligent enough to make the lost 'religious' people foolish by removing the difference between God and themselves, by claiming to be God. This is the easiest way to gain money and power. The Bible says take heed that no man deceives you (Matthew 24:5,24). We are not to be worshiped but devote our lives to Him who gave His life for us. Yes, Jesus died for us. Our true God (1John 5:20), the Saviour of the world (Luke 19:10), the Son of God (John 9:35-37), a king (John 18:37), the most high priest (Hebrews 3:1), the prophet (Acts 3:22,23), a teacher from God (John 3:2), a healer (Matthew 8:1-17), Christ the son of the living God (Matthew 16:13,16), the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), perfect in life (1Peter 2:22), wonderful in his sacrifice (Ephesians 1:7), wonderful in his plan of redemption (Mark 16:15,16).

When we don't know about a thing, we become foolish to believe whatever the majority of people believe. Man desires to follow man (Galatians 1:6-10). So often that we follow what our parents and grandparents were taught to believe without trying to ask or know whether it is true or not. Titus 1:13 says rebuke them sharply. By following tradition of men, you please men not God (Matthew 15:1-9).

Man has traveled his journey from naked Adam and Eve to being the well dressed you and me, from bare foot to luxury cars, airplanes and cruise ships, from uneducated to study of artificial intelligence and robotics. Yes, man is very intelligent, yet so foolish in understanding true God. In John 8:31,32, Jesus said "If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed, "and you shall know the truth,

and the truth shall make you free”. The wind and the waves, created by God, obeyed Jesus. (Matthew 8:23-27) We, who are created in the likeness of God, do not obey Him, yet we call ourselves intelligent.

Isaiah 55: 6,7 says “Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

This is an invitation to abundant life to everyone who seeks the true God.

NOTE: In Hinduism, the greeting ‘Namaste’ means: I worship the god in you. EDITOR

THE COVENANTS AND PROMISES OF GOD - 2

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Abram is tested by God to leave his county, relatives and his father’s house and go to a land that God would show him. For His part of the **covenant, God made promises to Abram** that his descendants would **become a great nation** and that **all the families of the earth would be blessed through him**, Genesis 12:1-3. God reaffirmed His covenant and added **that all the land would be given to his descendants**, Genesis 13:14-17. **“By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance, and he went out, not knowing where he was going”**, Hebrews 11:8; cp Acts 7:2-5. At this time his wife Sarah was barren and it was to be nearly 25 years later that Isaac, the son of the promise was born. But **Abram considered God faithful in what He had promised**, Hebrews 11:11-12. At

the age of 99 God again renewed his covenant with Abram and renamed him Abraham, and added the **covenant of circumcision**, Genesis 17:1-14.

Abraham faced another test of his faith when God commanded him to offer Isaac, the son of the promise, as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah, see Genesis 22:1-14.. But Abraham *“considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type”* Hebrews 11:17-19, and he became the friend of God, James 2:21-23. What a great example of faithfulness to God we have in Abraham.

It is through his great grandson Joseph that Abraham's descendants became a **great nation** in Egypt. Then through Moses the nation of Israel was delivered from bondage in Egypt and at Sinai God made a covenant with them, Exodus 19:1-9; see Acts 7:1-38. (We will return to this covenant next time). It was through Joshua that God fulfilled His **land promise** and gave to His holy nation the land of Canaan, Joshua 21:43-45. Many centuries were to pass before the third promise made to Abraham was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ, the seed of Abraham. God reaffirms his covenant with Abraham to both Isaac and Jacob, assuring them that He would be with them, see Genesis 23:1-5; 26:10-17; 35:9-15. These men and many others of faith that followed them, *“having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect”* Hebrews 11:39-40.

Jesus was the one that came to be a **blessing to all nations**, to make the new covenant under which we live today, so that *“the blessing of Abraham might come to [us] the Gentiles”* Galatians 3:14-16. Jesus

commissioned His disciples to go into all the world, (to all nations and people) and preach the gospel so that we could receive **that which is better**. The apostle Paul wrote this in Galatians 3:26-29, *“For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **And if you belong to Christ’s, then you are Abrahams descendants, heirs according to promise**”*. NASB.

Are you an heir to the promise made to Abraham?

BY MANY OR BY FEW

Jonathan Ashurst – Byron, GA

Imagine yourself in Israel, back in the time of King Saul. The Philistines and Israelites are at war, but Saul’s men are greatly outnumbered. As 1.Samuel 13:5 says, the Philistine army had *“thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude.”* On the other hand, in the Israelite army, King Saul and his son Jonathan were the only men who had swords! (1.Samuel 13:22)

Some of Saul’s men were becoming scared and hiding in caves (1.Sam. 13:6). Finally, Saul’s son Jonathan became impatient. He decided to scout out the enemy camp with his armour-bearer.

“Come, and let us go over unto the garrison,” he told his armour-bearer, *“it may be that the LORD will work for us: **for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.**”* (1.Samuel 14:6)

Jonathan’s trust in God led to victory for him and his people

against the Philistines. Have you ever felt alone in standing up for God? Perhaps you are part of a very small church in a large community. Or maybe you are the only Christian at your school or workplace. God is not limited by numbers; only by our willingness to trust Him. (Romans 8:31-39)

The Bible is full of examples of people who stood for God, even when there were few others doing so. Daniel and his three friends were obedient in the midst of a foreign land; their obedience led even King Nebuchadnezzar to faith in God. (Daniel 1:8) Noah and his family were the only ones following God in their generation, yet they preserved the human race from the flood. (Hebrews 11:7) Gideon and his three hundred men overcame the countless Midianites by trusting God to fight their battle. (Judges 7:12-15) The twelve apostles were given the mission of telling the whole world the gospel, and the task was accomplished in one generation. (Mark 16:15, Colossians 1:5-6)

What led these small numbers of people to overcome such remarkable obstacles? They trusted God, and He brought them victory. In your life today, remember that even when you feel alone, God is always with you. (Hebrews 13:5) Even if you feel inadequate to take on the task, trust in God's strength. As the apostle Paul said, "*For when I am weak, then I am strong.*" (2 Corinthians 12:10) And remember that there are many other Christians throughout the world fighting the same spiritual battles.

Today we are fighting a spiritual battle against wickedness, but we are never outnumbered when we follow the Lord. (2 Kings 6:15-17, Ephesians 6:10-18) God will give us the victory. As Jonathan boldly stated, "*there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.*" (1 Samuel 14:6)

LIFE'S EXPERIENCE

Andrew P. Sharp, Newtongrange

In life beloved, there will have been times where bouts of loneliness, sadness and things similar, have befallen you. Again, you will have experienced happiness, and times when you have found gladness. No doubt an experienced shared.

“Have you ever been lonely” *“Have you ever been happy”*
“Have you ever been sad” *“Have you ever been glad”*

Not my words, but the words of a popular song of some time ago. But it makes you think for a moment, about life in general.

Lonely:- without friends, isolated, alone, remote, desolate – are but a few definitions.

It can be said “loneliness” is the pain of emotional and social isolation. A frightening word is “loneliness”. People need people!

At **Genesis 2:18** God states:

“It is not good that man should be alone”

Recognised potential causes of loneliness are varied. It could be the loss of a loved one - old age. Forced isolation due to ill health - living alone, infirm. Even in a large crowd, an individual can feel lonely, not even knowing their own neighbours in the same building complex! A sad, modern affair indeed. Beloved, the Christian is privileged - never lonely. God is with him always.

Sad:- cheerless, depressed, downcast, sorrowful, unhappy.

If it be known, there are many in the world today in a state of sadness. The cause is not knowing where to find relief.

At **Proverbs 15:13** the Bible states:

“A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart he is broken”.

And at **Proverbs 17:12**:

“A merry heart, doeth good like a medicine”.

Beloved knowing Jesus creates a merry heart within. Sadness and loneliness can be shared, and lifted from the weary soul. Much of the time, sadness is of one's own making.

Happy :- blissful, cheerful, glad, delighted, contented.

Now, there are many ways that would make you happy! Seeing a loved one you haven't met for a long time! Being in good company! Contentment can make you happy, and so be it. Sad to say though - much of the world's happiness is short-lived.

At **Proverbs 16:20**, words of wisdom can be found:

“He who heeds the word wisely, will find good, and whosoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he”

And at **Psalms 144:15b** -

“Happy are the people whose God is the LORD”

Beloved, a true reason to be happy is knowing Christ Jesus, as Saviour.

Glad :- joyous, pleased, gleeful, gratified.

Now, there are many things that can make a person glad. Perhaps a good job, or a strong company of friends. Your family making good in the world for example, and living a good life. Best of all would be a strong Christian fellowship. To know the true meaning of being glad, you have to experience the joy of knowing Christ Jesus, as saviour. And that's the truth!

Freely, the Psalmist could say of knowing God -

At **Psalms 16:9**,

“Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices, my flesh also shall rest in hope”

And at **Hebrew 13:5**, Jesus did say,

“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”

A reason to be truly glad.

At **Philippians 4:4**, there is an exhortation for all. It reads:

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice”

As Christians, we know this to brighten the soul.

Contentment, peace and happiness is experienced.

Look to **Proverbs 16:20b**, if more encouragement is needed -

“Who so trusteth in the LORD, happy is he”

No more need be said!

People need people, Christians need Christians. It is good to meet in fellowship. Fellow believers in the word of God, meet and greet with the word of God, meet and greet with the gladness of heart.

Psalm 122:1, sums it all up -

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the LORD”

“Lonely,” “Happy,” “Sad,” “Glad,” all part of human nature, as we know it. To the opening statement of this epistle, our answer would be in the affirmative. If in Christ beloved, we know – His love, His presence, is always with you. Remember this - He is just a prayer away.

GOD HOLDS THE GERM WITHIN HIS HAND

Graham A. Fisher
Buckingham Park, Aylesbury

A friend of mine, now deceased, was a Conscientious Objector in the Second World War. Though they were not treated anywhere nearly as badly as they were in the First World War, the authorities still did not like them one little bit, so they would often give them the nastiest jobs they could find, when they were available. Consequently, this young man, as he then was, was sent to work as a mortuary assistant in a local hospital pathology laboratory. I doubt they ever found out but it backfired splendidly on them, for he loved it and decided to make it his life's work.

Norman, for that was his name, was an enthusiastic Baptist and he told me of the time when he worked under an atheistic surgeon and pathologist, to whom he used to witness for Christ and tried to convert. This pathologist apparently would stump Norman every time by arguing that, though he'd performed many an operation, and cut up many a corpse, he'd never ever found a person's soul. Norman said that he had never managed to work out an answer to that one. When he told me this, I replied that I would have asked him if he'd ever worked on, or found, a person's love, or hate, and did the fact that these things have no physical presence in the body mean that they didn't exist? In fact, aren't they far more real and necessary in defining a person than almost anything physical – much of which we can now do without, or have transplanted from others, or be given artificial ones instead? He kicked himself and wondered why he'd never thought of that.

One second after death, the body is just as it had always been, apart from the fact it isn't working. Some of its members can be removed and used to help others to live, but our soul is uniquely ours. We can't transplant it into another. It's gone: either to a saved heaven or a lost eternity. Scientists have no answer to life and what it is. They can recognize it when they see it, and know when it

has gone, but have no idea at all just what it is. They cannot create life from non-life. In the hymn of ‘the Azure Blue’, we sing:

*‘Secure is life from mortal mind,
God holds the germ within His hand,
Though men may search they cannot find,
For God alone does understand.’*

The germ of life is in His hand and so too is the germ of eternal life. As with physical life, the Lord gives and the Lord takes away (Job 1:21), so too He does the same with our soul and spirit.

Jesus died a physical death on the Cross but it was actually a spiritual event. He said that He came that we might have abundant life (John 10:10) but He was not talking about physical life. He came to give us spiritual life. His physical body was suffering to pay the spiritual price for our sins. His physical blood was shed to cleanse us from sin – another thing the physician could never operate on when he cut open a patient – and its consequences. We will never be cured completely of sin in this life – He never said we would, though He helps us in the fight to do better – but our spiritual decay is now reversed and cured because of His sacrifice.

It’s a mystery – a magnificent mystery – and it’s one we celebrate week in and week out with a tiny morsel of physical bread and a little sip of grape juice, neither of which have any possible physical significance at all to us, but which are loaded chock-full with spiritual meaning.

*‘Our God, whose Son upon a tree,
A life was willing there to give,
That He from sin might set men free,
And evermore with Him could live.’*

No surgeon or pathologist could ever open up a body and operate on our sin, for it has no physical reality in our bodies. But, O, what this means to the spirit and the soul of the believer!

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