

Eph. 1: 20-23

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OUR PRICELESS POSSESSION
(What Jesus means to us)

The exaltation of Christ
1:20, 21, 23 of Phil 2:9-11

The gift of God to His church.
1:22, 23

1. Church. { first definition in my church doctrine
- (1) Never used for a body. { Εκκλησία το Κυριός
- (2) A civil assembly. Col 1:18 "Your church designation is one of"
- (3) A local congregation: the church of耶路撒冷, Galatians, Macedonia, Ephesus, Sion, Ephesians, Colossians, Titus, etc.
- (4) Generic. All the believers in X.
{ f. 基督徒, he states "it's called 'the church'"
math. 16:18
I Tim. 3:15 "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground"
Colossians 1:22. Col 3:10 and 3:25, 27, 32
(a) Days of Jesus by K. T. Job

Christ leaves the church
In the management of the members (1:10), always
for the best interests. (math 28:18-20)
- if the servants evil, to deepen our humility, dependence
- if I Cor. 11:19, hereines any sin, it may appear my or another
- if suffering, persecutions, to bring us to glory
(Jesus, many saints, martyrs, priests, martyrs, bishops, etc.)
this brings us to glory, continue. But afterwards
glory.

2. "body"

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the body to teach many for sacrifice, statement
seems in India, worn - print eyes like
the rest of our nature, glorified but real
marvelously changed, well known 4:15

(2) the mystical body in which he is incarnate on earth.
by Jesus. He still works, acts, speaks, among men.
Every greater work through us. John 14:13

3. "head" of the church, & the body of
one place, the body politic.

3. Head of. over places. The body follows
Articulates, activates, all the members
moves in the limbs
eyes
ears
tongue
lungs
heart
This does + will all in all
not a muscle / his required body but derived by thought
from him it understandly receives its impressions
will affect his powers

He is God's gift to us. "God -- your love .. to the world."
and all other gifts, too.

11. Once one $\frac{1}{2}$ prized possession above all other gift?
 & The one they are rare & the faithful do not possess.
 without Y., when you complete
 - Jewish. Gen. ch. 11: in a coffin in Egypt
 Bent. - : memory, memory for many
 jahus - : burial, Eleazar. Oh no! (anon
 Book, ch. 11: improvement, death, judgements on Babylon
 (angels and, O.T. end: "last" now and next is extinction
 (A) continental tidal. Pandemic. I bought: Rollie, sold, right
 To be used early. A $\frac{1}{2}$ close, second hand, mostly paper.
 To Bethlehem at $\frac{1}{2}$ price. Dishes, my dear, you do not
 know how much I pay you!
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 - Muslim. Mohamed. Take half, his life, and did
 - Go to the Buddha. Escape the vicarage. Set in respiration
 - Hindu, one / million, just, this love. We will, anyway, get fully
 predominant belief, etc

20 The very next day, I got salvation
wisdom & grace to know what to do
strength in weakness
experience in sin
comfort in sorrow I must tell you all this
is not just the case with me, but also
with others he truly will help us
he has given us each of his own
reception is small
of styles acts 8:56 "study"

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3. The effort to take him away

(a) Alfred Noyes } introgains

(b) Winston Churchill }
Poem

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4. But our favor

(1) The past & present

need no other subject, time, memory

G. Paul I Ch. 2:1/6

G. Speyer took "etc." out of faith, save to others"

(2) For the people to love, aerist. ones, morally, above

G. Rev. 5: 8-17 in south, in Russia

the common denominator, all nations

Eph. 1:22 "[God] ... gave him ... to the church."

OUR ONE PRICELESS POSSESSION - Christ Jesus.

I. All that He is - and He is ours!

Eph. 1:19-22; Col. 1:15-17 Brothers & sisters adopted into His family
"fellow heirs."

II. The attempt to take away.
Liberals, materialists,

III. The destructive possessors of our faith.
Catholic religion.
(+) Secularists.

Cornell Bowers, May, 1944, told this at our School of Missions: An American correspondent with a Chinese messenger man, to a X³ church, then both to a Buddhist temple, a laughing Buddha returned, seated, full laughing. The Chinese friend, "See how much more satisfying my religion! My life, merry, laughter. yours - that cross, that dying, suffering &. Why are we that against my laughing, happy Buddha?" The American correspondent unable to answer, had never thought about it like that. A while later, a cookie pulling his richakha, the trouble man, was, now, going, stronger. The cookie, exhausted, fell. The Commissar out, by his side, "Help, help". His offer, "Oh, you need another cookie. here, we'll get you one." "No, not another, but the man, dying. Needs R.P. food." "All, no truck, others - too busy for to feel with him." The Correspondent went the man in his arms, nobody to help. And so he looked out the face of the dying man, there flashed his answer. others take him - to the laughing Buddha, and to the Christ who died on the cross? Who knows, and care, and understand?

We have one great possession, our all of all. A fortress to offer to the world.
To the ends of the earth. There, I stand; you are, o Isles of the Sea!
To you now offer I - the gift I find, the peace into Jacob's.
If it were hand a million cities with the city of
... "Title to the world; a title to a human heart, from / Md.

"What have you, we do not have?" A Chimes, intrepid, uncompromising
boldly, with his army following on the front, over which he rules.
No changes there, by and large, opiate of the people. How do you live without it?
"We do not need your church, religion."

Our reply:

1. Artistic. Bridges - architecture - gives life; pictures, art "No that..."
2. Philanthropic. Do, organize; relief & assist "
3. Education. Colleges, schools, seminaries. "
4. Moral.

But our other: a Christ, a Saviour, a Redeemer who loves

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OUR PRICELESS POSSESSION

I. All That He Is - and He Is Ours!

Eph. 1: 20b-23; Col. 1:15-19

What say more? John 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:26-4; Rev. 5: 11-14

II. The Attempt to Take Him Away.

1. Liberalism, modernism: the worship of science so-called wisdom,
the repudiation of the supernatural, miracle.

- (a) Harry Emerson
- (b) Alfred Noyes

2. Materialism: the worship of things. Money, power, possessions.

3. Hedonism: the worship of pleasure. Entertainment. The long
rows at theater the Sunday.
The money
in our ticket stubs of nearly
Dollars. y. over \$5,000,000!

III. Are We Willing To Let Him Go?

Trade Him for a mess of pottage? A theory, finely spun, brilliantly stated.
A business of money.
A night of pleasure, entertainment.

Before you say "no, I'll trade. Set him up." Consider:

1. What it means to us as a people, a nation.
A Chinese communist leader: a paper philosopher. No brain thinking
of ^{old} _{new} ^{old} _{new}
mental trappings

But we X, no savings, no church.

2. What it means to us, personally.
(e) The American correspondent to his Buddhist friend. (Garrison's Atg)

Conclusion

Our one possession. A precious gift to the world,
"Hear, O earth. Here say, O heavens. Heaven, ye idols of the earth. Jesus, the Lord reigneth!"
To you - on hand the Bible to the world) - gift of Christ, gift of love, family of God.
To others hand your Jesus.

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Gifford Noyes, joint British poet, man of letters, writer concerning the godless teaching of the past fifty years and its results in his new book (1983) The Edge of the Abyss: "The forces of destruction have been at work, within our borders, over a long period. For more than half a century . . . the sapping and mining has been carried on, . . . confusing all the lines of right and wrong, and all the loyalties of mankind. Not one of the essentials that belong to our peace has been left to me in its integrity - the religious life has gone, for a great number, and the family, with its affections following. The young have been robbed of their birthright in Christendom by the egotism of already men of letters. I think that, sometimes, in the silence and emptiness of their hearts, they must often hear a distant echo of that bitterest of all human woes, 'They have taken away my Lord and we know not where they have laid Him.'" P. 180, 186 8.23

Henry Nieman, The Growth of Religion

"Liberalism, as we have noted, undertook an urgent and insuperable task. It sought to interpret the ancient faith to modern thought, and modern thought to that faith. But after liberalism had done, religion no longer seemed to be very important." p. 252

Then through the midst of my confusion
Then through the passion of my prayer,
Leaps with a start the sense of my possession,
Thrills me with wonder, for my God is there.

Whoso hath felt the Spirit of the Highest
Cannot confound me doubt His verity:
Yea, with one voice, O world, tho' thou deniest,
Stand thou on that side, for on this ^{the} am I!

When professors with high sounding titles attempt to palm off their pernicious denials of the Holy Scriptures by labelling them: "The Findings of Science" or "The Concensus of Scholarship," some folks take them seriously and are ready to throw away their Bibles.

But Premier Winston Churchill is not in that class. Hear that rugged and eloquent individualist say:

"We reject with scorn all those learned and laboured myths that Moses was but a legendary figure upon whom the priesthood and the people hung their essential social, moral and religious ordinances.

"We believe that the most scientific view, the most up-to-date and rationalistic conception, will find its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible story literally, and in identifying one of the greatest human beings with the most decisive leap forward ever discernible in the human story.

"We remain unmoved by the tomes of Professor Gradgrind and Dr. Dryasdust. We may be sure that all these things happened just as they are set out according to Holy Writ. We may believe that they happened to people not so very different from ourselves, and that the impressions those people received were faithfully recorded and have been transmitted across the centuries with far more accuracy than many of the telegraphed accounts we read of goings on of to-day. In the words of a forgotten work of Mr. Gladstone, we rest with assurance upon 'THE IMPREGNABLE ROCK OF HOLY SCRIPTURE.'

"Let the men of science and learning expand their knowledge and probe with their researches every detail of the records which have been preserved to us from these dim ages. All they will do is to fortify the grand simplicity and essential accuracy of the recorded truths which have lighted so far the pilgrimage of man."