

DISCIPLESHIP AND LIFE.

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Believe the Bible Can Stand Every Test of Honest Criticism—It Can Take Care of Itself, It Needs No Defenders.

Text: "Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, ye are My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The heart-thought of the text is discipleship, and around this center cluster its basis, its test, its fruit, and its glory.

I. THE BASIS OF DISCIPLESHIP.

It is faith in Christ. "Jesus said to those Jews who believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, ye are My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

II. THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP.

It is two-fold, made up of time and truth. "If ye continue, ye are My disciples indeed." Time is the test that tries the soil and the seed.

And it is continuance in the word of Christ: "If ye continue in My word, ye are My disciples indeed." What is meant by "My word?" Only the utterances of Jesus, or the whole Word to which He subscribed.

And the lack of Biblical knowledge which some of the critics show is amusing, if not alarming. I read of one the other day who said he could not accept that story about the ark; he was a dealer in lumber, and the ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high, and it had been filled with food and animals.

I believe that the Bible can stand every test of honest criticism. I like to see the old book tried by all fair methods. It can take care of itself; it needs no defenders.

III. THE FRUIT OF DISCIPLESHIP.

"Ye shall know the truth," Pilate's question, "What is truth?" is here answered. If ye would know truth, believe in Him who is the truth, and continue in His Word.

IV. THE GLORY OF DISCIPLESHIP.

"The truth shall make you free." It does not help us to free ourselves. It makes us free. Some prisoners in Mecca during a plague were offered their liberty on condition that they leave their isolated cells and nurse the afflicted. They accepted the condition, and thus won their liberty.

Christ frees us from the guilt and penalty of every past sin.

Three prisoners in a Wisconsin penitentiary escaped by digging a tunnel after the fashion of the Libby Prison tunnel. They worked on it two years, and finally, at an opportune time, made their escape.

"Oh, for such grace let rocks and hills Their lasting silence break, And all harmonious human tongues The Fathers praise speak!"

Again, the truth frees us from the law. Lazarus is liberated from his grave-clothes. Love takes the place of law.

We are freed from ceremonial law. Men who are the slaves of sin are sometimes bound by ceremonial law. Two burglars were heard conversing during Lent.

We are freed from habit—bad habit, if you please; the habit, for instance, of drink and tobacco. Now, let us be careful. We may hurt some tender consciences.

Even from a good habit we sometimes need to be freed. Men may perform religious duties by routine until they become mere machines. They act not from principle.

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One of the master painters has left a striking picture. It represents the scene in the wilderness when the Israelites were bitten by fiery serpents. The serpent of brass is gleaming on the hill.

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THE OLDEST NEWSPAPER.

Centennial of the Scioto Gazette of Chillicothe—Interesting History.

On April 25, 1860, there appeared the first number of a little newspaper, called the Scioto Gazette, published in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Since that first issue the paper has been published continuously for 100 years, without a break, under one name. In its first number it announced its political faith, "Republican Whig."

Nathaniel Willis, the founder of the paper, was the father of Nathaniel Willis, Jr., founder of the Youth's Companion, in 1827, and grandfather of N. P. Willis, the poet.

In the first four decades of this century the Scioto Gazette was one of the most influential papers published west of the Alleghenies.

The Scioto Gazette now issues an eight-page daily and a sixteen-page weekly. On April 25 the paper issued its centennial edition, volume 101, No. 1, containing a complete history of its existence.

President's Kruger's ultimatum was the first that had ever been received by Great Britain.

16 Day Sea Shore Excursions via Cumberland Valley Railroad.

July 5th, 19th, August 2d and 16th.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad has fixed on Thursdays, July 5th, 19th, August 2d and 16th for their Annual Mid-Summer excursions to the Sea Shore.

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It is understood that Secretary Root is preparing a bill for the radical reorganization of the army, with standing forces numbering no less than 75,000 men.

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A Whole Family Cured.

Mrs. C. H. Kingsbury, who keeps a millinery and fancy goods store at St. Louis, Gratiot Co., Mich., and who is well known throughout the country, says:

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Bear Terrifies a Town.

One day last week a dancing bear with a streak of bad in his composition gave the townfolk of Lisle, Somerset county, an exhibition of cussedness not exactly on the cards.

With two deputies he drove to the town and found the bear had things all his own way. Bruin was lassoed after a hard fight and landed in a railroad tool house to sober up.

China's Military Strength.

China's military strength is persistently underestimated in current reports. The statement made in the House of Commons on Monday last by Mr. Wyndham, Under Secretary of War should convince the doubters that the allegations concerning the poor equipment of the Chinese troops are based on misinformation.

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Losses inflicted by the Chinese on foreign contingents at Taku, Lunfang, Yangtsun and Tientsin and the inability of the foreigners hitherto gain a decisive advantage show that the Celestials have been apt pupils.

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Additional local trains will leave Harrisburg daily, except Sunday, at 5:50 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 5:30 p. m., and 9:30 p. m.

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