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HAND IN HAND WITH JESUS

"The Comfort Jesus Gives"

! CRADLED IN THE COMFORT OF JESUS !!!

*** JESUS WELCOMES YOU TO THIS CLASS ----- YOU ARE LOVED HERE!!!

THEME OF THIS CLASS: "HAND IN HAND WITH JESUS".

CLASS FORMAT: 1. PROMISES OF JESUS. 2. REWARDS THROUGH JESUS.
3. OUR FAITHFULNESS TO JESUS. 4. OUR FINAL WALK WITH JESUS.
(Our time limitation allows only discussion of two of these.)

I. WHAT DOES "HAND IN HAND" suggest to the Christian?

1. Ill. JUSTIN - Little tot on airplane with Gram returning to Amarillo. ???
2. ILL. JUSTIN - Omni theater - later - Intro. Helicopter roars over head...
3. Question: How many rel. songs do we have dealing with this subject? 3!!!
- ANSWER: A very-close relationship with the Lord: Thick or Thin!!
4. QUESTION: A LATE REPORT: Which is the world's FAVORITE hymn today?
- Answer : "I come to the Garden Alone". *Read Vs. 1-2. SONG.

II. FORMAT # 1. VERY SENSITIVE QUESTION: As a Christian, are you SAVED? NOW?
TONIGHT? AND IF YOU DIED ON THE SPOT WOULD YOU GO TO HEAVEN???

Previous answers heard: "I'm not SURE!" "I don't KNOW!" "I HAVE NO IDEA!"
"I'm working on it! FEW spoke in a positive vein."

QUESTION: What does this class say, here, tonight? *READ: POWER FOR LIVING,
tract. %Arthur S. DeMoss - 1925-1979. Died at 54 yrs.

SURVEY OF THIS CLASS: 1. How many of you KNOW you are saved NOW? Hands _____
2. How many of you THINK you are saved TONIGHT? _____
3. How many think you SHOULD KNOW? Hands _____

4. Did ANY Christians in N. T. Times (In N. T.) KNOW they were saved?
5. THEN, can we know what they KNEW?

A. What does the NEW TESTAMENT say:

1. * I John 1:5-7. Note: Tense of the verb "Cleansing!" Keeps on cleansing! Continues to cleanse us!!! An on-going PROCESS.
Ill. As long as we walk in the light Jesus CONTINUES to cleanse us from our sins. Second-law-of-Pardon for the Christian??
*Acts 8:22-24.
Ill. I, bap. at age 12. Have NEVER felt lost since that day! WHY?
Never let ANYTHING stand between me and my LORD! Nothing.
QUESTION: Was I saved the day of my baptism? Saved everyday SINCE - as long as I dealt with my sins
CONCLUSION: THEN, should I feel that I am saved tonight? YOU ??
2. * I John 2:24-25. As long as obeying the Goapel, then have E.L.!!!
QUESTION: Then, should I feel I have eternal life NOW? Any difference in Salvation, in Christ's continual cleansing, and eternal life?? *3:14. *5:11-13. ARE we then, SAFE in the arms of jesus now? If not, why not???

3. ● II Tim. 4:6-8. If Paul had this BLESSED ASSURANCE, should faithful Christians also have this assurance of salvation?
 ● I Cor. 11:1. All Christians are urged to enjoy the COMFORT and SERENITY about their eternal salvation that Paul did!

4. **QUESTION:** If we can FEEL saved right now, what part does HOPE play in our life of Salvation?

ANS: ● ROM. 8:24. Does Hoping for Eternal Salvation invalidate and nullify our BEING in a Saved State tonight? Not at all.

CONSIDER: the time factor involved. We live THIS side of eternity or timelessness. Our destiny is not yet sealed. That will come at Judgment--final day of time.

QUESTION: Suppose a person remains FAITHFUL to the Lord and His will throughout time. When does his temporary or provisional-salvation end and his eternal salvation begin?
IS IT POSSIBLE that his life from the baptistry to the Judgment is uninterrupted-eternal life. The first part is lived in time and the second part begins at the Judgment, when all things are made FINAL in eternal timelessness?

CONCLUSION: "The Christian lives by Faith in Hope with a Blessed Assurance of Salvation. Ill. LIKE: English eye-surgeon. back

III. FORMAT # 2. WERE FAITHFUL N.T. CHRISTIANS AFRAID OF DEATH AND SHOULD TODAY'S FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN BE AFRAID TO DIE -- or does a Total-Committment to Jesus today eliminate ANY FEAR of dying???

1. HONESTLY---How many of us are afraid of Death? Class response _____
Ill. How many can be like Carol Staley's mother who died by APPOINTMENT in All Saints hospital at exactly 2 p.m. one Thursday?
2. **WHY GREAT CHRISTIANS OF THE PAST WERE NOT AFRAID TO DIE!!!**

- a. ● Phil. 4:11 & 4:13. "Put your hand in the hand of the MAN (calmed the sea....)..who STILLED THE WATERS!....etc. Hand in hand with Jesus !!!
- b. ● Phil. 1:19-20. Paul's BODY was a TEMPLE for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Not MY body, but God's for His uses!
 Phil. 2:5 MIND a dwelling-place of Christ's mind. The SOUL, a RESERVOIR of Christ's Spirit and Wisdom. ● James 1:5-8.
Note: Paul's life was locked into the express-IMAGE of Christ in his behavior and life-style.
- c. ● Phil. 1:21-26. Paul considered DEATH a friend who would guide him to the glorious-reunion with Jesus in Heaven!
- d. DEATH, in Paul's day was an early visitor to most. Ave. age+span 46 yrs. In the USA in 1925 the ave. life-span was only 49. Why?
ANS.: Poor diet. Poor hygiene. Little medical knowledge. Diseases. Poor diagnoses. Punishing work schedules.
- ANS: DEATH was a freedom-giver from: Leprosy, Blindness, cancer, paralysis, leukemia, diabetes, MD, MS, HANDICAPS, polio, meningitis, heart-attacks, strokes, brain tumors, aneurysms, and starvation, etc.

e. PAUL looked at DEATH as a freedom TO: Perfect health, eyesight, hearing. in a Spr. body like Christ's. ETERNAL: well-being.

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ENGLAND:

COMMON LABORER: Cataracts on eyes.

Diagnosed and referred to a famous eye surgeon. Told to take lots of money. Expensive!!! Had 20 lbs, only.

Dr. "Not sure you can afford MY services." Offered the 20 lbs.

DR. "You cannot come up to my terms. Professionally, I cannot come down to yours."

LABORER: "Then I shall go blind, and remain so the rest of my life."

DR. "There is another way! I can do do it GRATIS. In the name of humanity, I am WILLING to do so.

He did! And his fellow human being enjoyed good vision the rest of his life.

SALVATION is free through Grace.
Salvation is permitted through the Acceptance of the gift.
Acceptance amounts to a faithful adherence to the Will of the Giver!!

Eph. 2:8-10.

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