

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Come Home; it’s Supper Time

As a young boy born and raised in central Indiana, there was a special time that we as a family gathered around the table for the daily evening meal. My brother and I would be often playing at a public park about two city blocks away from the house. Our father would merely whistle with a loud shrill whistle that could be heard for a great distance, as he was a former Navy fireman on a destroyer in the Pacific during WW II.

I recall one instance when I heard my father whistle and I told my brother we had better get runnin’, as our dad was a strong disciplinarian and when he spoke “once,” the second time was the use of his belt. Well, my brother was stalling and about five minutes had passed, I knew that we were on the verge of getting’ into trouble. Then, I saw our father marching down the alley toward the park with his belt in hand. I said to my brother, “here comes dad with his belt in hand.” We both hastily made a run toward him with sheepish ready-to-cry appearance. Well, dad grabbed me by one arm and with a fast swat with his belt, which was strong enough almost to lift my five-year-old body off the ground, as our father was 6’-1” and about 190 of stout man. My brother, being five years older, experienced the same chastisement for our disobedience. Strange how those things come to your remembrance when you hear the “whistle” the next time.

So it is with our heavenly Father’s chastening love, “For whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth.” Divine chastening is evidence that we are HIS children, and not another’s. The Bible says, that we ALL shall be partakers of His chastening, indicating that ALL will be disobedient in time as His born-again children are exempt from perfection in this pilgrimage.

When we as God’s children are called to partake of the communion elements in remembrance of our Lord’s sacrificial blood and body, which was crucified for our redemption, it is a sweet “SUPPER TIME.” And, we are desirous to be at that beautiful SUPPER as we reflect upon the ultimate Lamb of God whose blood and body paid the price for our sin and defeated hell and death through His glorious resurrection.

“Come home dear children, for its SUPER TIME” calls out the Church of Jesus Christ in her ordinance given for her little Lambs and Sheep. We are NOT MADE to be there on time as was with my earthly father’s desire, we are CAUSED to be there by compelling love that emanates from God’s Holy Spirit within the heart, mind and soul of the believer.

As time comes to an end and our heavenly Father beckons His church bride, as the angels gather the elect heirs of divine grace from the four winds of the earth, it shall be that grand “SUPPER TIME,” when all of God’s heritage shall have their setting prepared at Christ’s banquet table for that ultimate “SUPPER” with the Lamb of God.

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:17).

Do you HEAR the Spirit and Bride say “COME?” Then COME! Do you HEAR the call to COME? Then COME! Are you athirst? Then COME and drink, for CHRIST is the LIVING WATER whereby if any drink they shall NEVER thirst for another, for he shall satisfy ALL the longings of man’s depraved heart through His work of regeneration. For Jesus said, “I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, and no man can come to the Father but by me” (John 14:6).

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