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remaining years yet to be fulfilled come at the end of the present intervening period. The most terrible tribulation that must befall the nation that exclaimed when they crucified their Messiah, 'His blood be upon us and on our children', is still future. The return of Christ, the revival of Israel, and the full restoration of Jerusalem will be the consummation of that final seven years of the seventy sevens of years revealed by Gabriel to Daniel.

(To be Concluded)

UNDER CONTROL

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The Christian life is a dominated life. It is the domination of the earthly by the heavenly. It is a life of firm control albeit a life of glorious liberty. It reaches its loftiest heights when the lordship of Christ is acknowledged and experienced. To be under the control of Christ is to manifest a love unflinching, a loyalty unshaken and a zeal unquenched. When Christ sways the sceptre of sovereignty in the life a dynamic and transforming power is inevitably manifested. Perhaps in no other life more than in that of the apostle Paul do we see the radiant glories of a life completely controlled by Christ. After his never-to-be-forgotten experience on the Damascus road Paul was radically changed. Laid prone in the dust after that blinding flash of heavenly glory Paul realised he was in the presence of supremacy and he acknowledged it in those moments of overthrow by calling Jesus Lord. Henceforth Paul's life moved into the mysterious and magnetic constraint of a new and powerful gravitation. He was continually drawn towards that all absorbing sovereignty of Jesus his Lord. His writings bear abundant testimony to this truth. As we study his writings we discover that Paul lived

A Life Abandoned to the Will of God

The experience on the Damascus road was the end of Paul's resistance movement. He ceased to kick against the pricks. He was conquered and captivated by Christ. The glory of his Master became the ruling passion of his life. He gave himself wholeheartedly and unreservedly to Christ.

Bond which cannot alter though the flesh may falter,
In Thy face I've looked Lord, placed my hands in Thine;
Owned Thy claims upon me, Thou my Master only,
I Thy slave for ever, nothing henceforth mine.

How true these words were in the experience of the apostle! He loved to designate himself as 'the bondsman of Jesus Christ'. His chief joy was being the 'glad vassal of a Saviour's throne'. To do his Master's will was his only desire in life. 'For me to live is Christ'. Even in times of sorest anguish and bitterest sorrow he framed his lips to say joyfully and triumphantly 'Thy will be done', He knew that his Master's will was 'good acceptable and perfect'. He was never carried away by the lure of a lesser loyalty. The siren voices of earth had no attraction for this devoted servant of God. He became intimate with God yet was always found close to the crowd whom he ever sought to win for his master, Who had so strangely and so completely won his allegiance. Paul was no recluse. He loved the fellowship of his fellow believers from whom he hated to be separated. He loved to stand in 'the chief place of concourse' and proclaim to plebeian and patrician alike the unsearchable riches of Christ. And let us remember that this devoted servant of God speaking with the authentic accents of divine inspiration says: 'Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ'. Further, in the letters of the apostle we see also

A Life Ablaze with the Glory of God.

Paul was a 'glory Christian'. The glory of Christ was conspicuous in his life and labours. He says: 'We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord'. The glory

which lightened the face of Moses was only skin deep. It was transient; it faded away and left no trace. It was a superficial lustre which had no permanence or transforming power. The glory of which Paul speaks penetrates inwards and transforms. We are changed as we behold. The life of contemplation becomes a life of assimilation. We become in measure like Christ and the glory manifests itself. The glory of the world to come is very intimately connected with this present life. It is the hope that inspires and the dynamic that energises all our being. Paul's writings are full of the glory of the Lord. Everything connected with our salvation is associated with glory. The Master Who had so completely dominated his life Paul calls 'The Prince of Glory'. The Gospel he loved to proclaim to all men he calls 'the glorious gospel of the blessed God'. The power he experienced day by day in all his labours of love for Christ he calls 'His glorious power'. The church, concerning which he received a special revelation from God he calls 'a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing'. The body he longed to receive at the coming of the Lord he describes as 'a body like unto His glorious body'. How Paul yearned for that day when he should see his Lord face to face! 'Now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face. Then no veil between, no obscuring mist to intercept the glory, no separating distance and no estranging circumstances. Then shall there be no more curse and death will be swallowed up in victory.

Again as we study the writings of this man of God we see how he lived

A Life Abiding in the Love of God

To the apostle the love of God which is in Christ Jesus was no mere theological speculation. It was no thin abstraction. It was a tremendous reality. It was more real to him than the solid earth on which he stood. The roots of his being and the foundation of his life were fixed and fastened in the love of God. The love of Christ was to Paul 'an atmosphere in which all his thoughts and purposes and labours found their enriching and sustaining breath'. Paul was no spiritual vagrant. He made his home in

the love of God. Nothing could tempt him away from that blessed abode. The love of Christ possessed for him a strange and ever increasing fascination. It was not illusory, it was substantial. That love was the spring of all his action. 'The love of Christ constraineth us'. He lived in the heart of that love. He knew the affection of that love because he had opened his heart to the entrance of it. His life was filled with it. And that life lived in the love of God meant for the apostle a wealthy sufficiency in all things.

Finally, we may trace in the life of the apostle

A Life Abounding in the Resources of God

Paul realised that in Christ there were illimitable resources. He knew that if God were for him who could be against him. He knew as few know today the mighty array of hostile spiritual forces that unceasingly make war against the child of God. He never underestimated the power of these unseen antagonisms but he never mentioned them timidly. He never met them with a shiver of fear or with a pallor of defeat. He moved against them with the mien of a conqueror. He stood unafraid when assailed by these mighty foes because he knew that clad in the panoply of God he was invincible. 'God has not given us the spirit of fear'. He braved every danger with the utmost calm because he knew the power of a risen Christ. Paul's outlook comprehended an unconquerable array of spiritual abilities both for warfare and for witness. He boasted that his sufficiency was of God, 'Our sufficiency is of God Who hath made us able ministers of the new testament'. There was nothing wanting in Paul's spiritual life. It was a life in which he enjoyed the riches of God's grace. In Christ were all his needs met. 'My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus'. How refreshing to be in the company of such a man!

Let us emulate this outstanding man of God and give ourselves over completely to Christ as he did. Then life for us will be rich, and deep; triumphant and effective.