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THE CUP WHICH MY FATHER GIVETH ME, SHALL I NOT DRINK IT?

When I think of what most people call The Christmas Story, I think of the LORD JESUS CHRIST who was always from the BEGINNING (John 1: 1-5). HE BECAME GOD IN FLESH THAT BIRTH-DAY! FROM THE TIME OF HIS MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION AND HIS EARTHLY BIRTH, AND FROM HIS GODLY LIFE, TO HIS AGONIZING DEATH, AND TO HIS ERUPTION FROM THE TOMB, JESUS'S MISSION WAS TO DIE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD! The Lord Jesus Christ was transformed from death to life, that first Resurrection morning to seal my salvation and yours, too, if you genuinely believe and accept His sacrifice for your sins. **It was then that the Lord Jesus Christ laid aside His splendor and became a Man—the God-Man!** His life's goal was to look steadfastly forward to THE CROSS. The manger and all the shepherds, angels, and wise men were only the BEGINNING of HIS JOY. In fact, they were the beginning of His pathway to Calvary thirty-three years later. **It was THE CROSS which was set before Him! That was His goal! That was why God so loved the world" (John 3:16a)! His whole life of performing miracles and teaching parables, preaching on the mountain side, or healing the sick in the cities consumed His purpose. The Son of Man came to seek and to save those who were LOST! I WAS ONE OF THOSE "LOST ONES"! AND SO ARE YOU!!** The Son of God came to reveal His Father's love in human flesh that "whosoever believeth in Him (JESUS) should not perish BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE" (John 3:16).

YES, THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US.

CUPS WE MUST DRINK

I am thinking about you—and me, too. We have cups that we, too, must drink. Of course, our cups are NOTHING like the one which the Lord Jesus Christ drank! You know what I mean. Perhaps you have had an illness that has affected your whole life. It changed the whole direction your life. You became the person that illness permitted you to be.

I WAS SICK AS A CHILD!

A "FEW WEEKS" BECAME "THREE YEARS"

The hospital was going to keep me for a few weeks--weeks which turned into T-H-R-E-E- L-O-N-G - Y-E-A-R-S from my home and my parents. You see, I had tuberculosis of the bone and spent three years flat on my back in RAINBOW HOSPITAL FOR POOR AND CRIPPLED CHILDREN near Cleveland, Ohio. There was no cure for me. That hospital is now associated with the CLEVELAND CLINIC, I believe. The "cottage" where I lived all those days has been torn down.

I COULD NOT STAND OR SIT

My earliest childhood memories are my lying flat in a children's hospital crib, strapped to a frame with my left leg in traction unable to move much at all. I could not stand or sit --just rest or slightly raise myself up on my right elbow to eat. I used a bed pan (knew nothing else) and had sponge baths every day. I was three years old. Stayed there until I was six years old.

DRINKING UNPASTEURIZED MILK

Though my mother was very careful from where she purchased my milk, the disease came upon me from drinking unpasteurized milk, which people drank in those days. I was born in 1927. Evidently the farmer fooled the testing agency, for his cows passed the TB test.

THE FEVER CAME BACK

There was no cure for me! So, I was in bed--flat on my back waiting to get better. There was nothing to do or NOT to do for me to get better--just rest. As long as I rested in the bed tied to that metal frame, the disease was arrested, but as soon as I was allowed to stand up and move around the bed, the fever returned, and the disease began its destructive work again in my left hip.

MY IMAGINATION--MY ENTERTAINMENT

The best I remember, I never walked around outside of my bed for three years. And I only remember walking inside the bars of that bed one time when we were in quarantine for whooping cough. It was my home. All I could see in the large ward that was my quarters were beds, and children's legs or arms pulled high in traction. All I could see, as I lay flat on my bed, was the big bag that held my toys at the end of my bed. Some of those ward-children could walk and go to the school the hospital had for them, or walk up the stairs to the play house. I could only stay in my bed and use my imagination for entertainment all those years.

THE PLAYHOUSE AT THE END OF THE WARD

At the end of the ward, there was a room affixed to the wall. I was told it was a play house. The children who walked could climb those stairs and play in that play house, but I never could, for I was not able to get out of bed. **How I longed to be able to walk up those stairs and play in that play house!!**

(To be continued in a future UPDATE.)

FROM PHILLY TO DETROIT IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS

It was the morning of SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH (2014), THAT DR WAITE AND I BOARDED A PLANE FROM PHILADELPHIA FOR DETROIT, MICHIGAN. We were on our way to VOLENIA BAPTIST CHURCH in Decatur, Michigan. Through the wonder of air flight and the invention of the Wright brothers, we landed safely at our destination in less than two hours.

It had been some time since being in Detroit, but memories stirred. Detroit is close to Ann

Arbor, Michigan, and the UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. That was my husband's and his father's (Virgil H. Waite) *alma mater*. **It was from the UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN that my husband received his Bachelor of Arts degree in the summer of 1948, the same year we got married.** He finished his four academic years of college for his Bachelor of Arts in three chronological years. He always said that he accelerated his college so he could marry me as soon as possible. I hope I was worth it!

THIRD FINGER, LEFT HAND

There are many memories of the University of Michigan in our minds. It was there on that expanded campus, on a stone bench, in the summer of 1947, that my husband placed a beautiful diamond solitaire engagement ring on my third finger, left hand. I wear it to this very day and seldom take it off. My parents and I visited my husband-to-be on that campus that summer I remember it well. That is why I was there at that momentous time. **As to my wedding ring which became mine in August of 1948-- I have never taken it off in sixty-six years--but, I must admit there have been some close calls. (HA!) WHY AM I LAUGHING?**

FROM PRE-MED TO CLASSICAL GREEK

It was also there that Dr. Waite changed his major from pre-medical to a major in classical Greek and Latin, which included some Spanish and French, also. His fluency in Spanish became apparent then, as it is today. It was honed, for a time, during his stay in the International House there on campus. He roomed with FRANCISCO BOSCH, a man from Chile and learned Spanish with a Chilean flare.

FROM PENNIES TO PEANUTS IN ONE GENERATION

This change of his college major was a big step for my husband-to-be. Science, Math, and Medicine was his scholastic comfort zone subject-wise. His whole educational bent was in that direction. My father-in-law was a chemical engineer, and was one of the scientists who worked on the MANHATTAN PROJECT during the Second World War. So, when God reached down into VIRGIL WAITE'S son's life and made it very clear that he should switch majors, it was a dramatic change to Dr. Waite's thinking and mental bent. This was not a change that his parents were thrilled with! **My father-in-law was heard to have said--concerning his son's career-change, "FROM PENNIES TO PEANUTS IN ONE GENERATION."** But young Waite persevered, majoring in classical Greek and Latin, studying Homer, Plato, Aristotle, and Euripides with great difficulty at the time because of the change in his major.

EIGHT SEMESTER HOURS OF GREEK A REQUIREMENT FOR DTS

You see--back in those early days when Dr. Chafer (the Seminary's founder), was still alive and teaching--to enter DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, a student had to have eight semester hours in NEW TESTAMENT GREEK (Koine Greek) before he could become a seminary student. OTHERWISE, the student had to take BABY GREEK (introductory Greek) without any credit given before he could continue with the more advanced language study. My husband majored in New Testament Koine Greek while in Seminary and excelled in that language discipline. Today, it is my suspicion that the language requirements at Dallas are not as stringent in either Greek or Hebrew as they used to be. One of the reasons for such a surmise is that the seminary campus is large, like a university, and women have been able to enroll as students. My personal opinion is that Dr. Chafer must have turned over in his grave several times with

such change. **My husband's four-year Th.M. class of 1952 was the last class that Dr. Chafer taught in his old age, and, in my opinion, that was the beginning of the end of the OLD DALLAS!** (Just my opinion)

Dr. Waite received his Th.M. in Greek Exegesis from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1952.

He received his *Th.D. from Dallas in Bible Exposition in 1954.

Also, he received an M.A. in Speech in 1954 from Southern Methodist University, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1956.

***I am told that Dallas Theological Seminary no longer gives the Th.D., only the Ph.D.**

MEETING AT VOLENIA BAPTIST CHURCH

IN OCTOBER this year (2014), My husband, Dr. D. A. Waite, had four days of meetings with PASTOR & MRS. THOMAS STOUT and his people at their beautiful VOLENIA BAPTIST CHURCH at 19526 Marcellus Highway in Decatur, Michigan. He tells people that this beautiful church is out in the middle of a corn field. And he is right! It is a beautiful building--but more than that, it is an active church with a new Bible college, as well as a missionary heart to open closed churches in-and-about the Volinia Baptist Church in the state of Michigan. The dates we were there were October 26-29, 2014. This was the fourth time that Pastor Stout had invited my husband to come and teach about the defense and worthiness of the King James Bible. **I hope that you will listen to these October, 2014 meetings. They are most informative. You can click on the 6 LINKS below and hear all 6 of these messages on the Internet.**

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I heard PASTOR STOUT tell my husband that after the meetings were over, as far as a lasting numerical benefit to his church goes, THAT MORE PEOPLE RETURN ON A CONTINUAL REGULAR BASIS to attend Volenia BAPTIST CHURCH as a result of Dr. Waite's meetings than from any other guest speaker he has had in his pulpit. Interesting!

This time at VOLENIA Baptist, Dr. Waite reviewed for our friends in Decatur his early teaching on the TEXT, TECHNIQUE, TRANSLATORS, & THEOLOGY concerning the translation of the Authorized Bible back in 1611. You probably remember much of this teaching from my husband's signature book *DEFENDING THE KING JAMES BIBLE* (BFT #1594 @ \$12.00 + \$8.00 S&H). If you are new to our ministry, it is a **MUST READ BOOK! In fact, you should invite Dr. Waite to explain to your church these teachings concerning the proper Bible translation.**

THE SUBJECT OF GNOSTICISM

Also on Wednesday evening (October 29, 2014) Dr. Waite opened up the subject of GNOSTICISM, using his power points, as he taught recently at the July, 2014 DEAN BURGON SOCIETY'S BIBLE CONFERENCE in Marietta, Georgia. **This GNOSTIC TEACHING HAD A DIRE EFFECT UPON THE EARLY CHANGING OF THE SCRIPTURES CENTURIES AGO! I recommend that you get the book, *GNOSTICISM: The Doctrinal Foundation of the New Bible***

Versions by the late JANET MOSER. It is a 205 page book, 8 ½ by 11" size book, full of valuable research for anyone interested in this King James Bible defense. (BFT #4088 @ \$20.00 + \$8.00 S&H) THIS IS A POPULAR BOOK ON OUR BOOK TABLES!

WE LEARNED HOW EARLY IN THE LIFE OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE AUTHORIZED VERSION (KJB) in ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, THE GNOSTIC CLERICS, WHO DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, REMOVED THAT TEACHING AS MUCH AS THEY COULD FROM THEIR EARLY GREEK MANUSCRIPTS.

This is one of the reasons that many of the new Bible versions have passages like I John 4:2-3 changed in the body of their work. They removed mention of Christ's deity where ever they could. They did not bother to mention His deity at all. For instance, in the verses in I John 4:2-3,

"Christ is come in the flesh" is removed in verse 2.

Also COMPLETE VERSES ARE REMOVED in the Bible by the early GNOSTIC such as Acts 8:37:

"And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Matthew 18:11:

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

FANNY CROSBY VISITED VOLENIA

Oh, I nearly forgot to tell you that I portrayed BLIND FANNY CROSBY (1820-1915) for a women's brunch on Monday morning, November 3, 2014, at VOLENIA Baptist. It was well received. People are very moved by the TRIBUTE TO FANNY CROSBY. I have portrayed this great Lady of Gospel Song since February of 1978, in the USA and Canada and other countries. Fanny has been to Liberia, West Africa, to Korea, and to groups as large as 1,000 in Singapore, or to a group as small as a handful of friends in my mother's-in-law living room in Naples, Florida. That makes it about thirty-six years since I put on that white wig and those dark glasses for the first time in our local church. It has been a joy to become blind Fanny Crosby and tell her life. I have learned so much from this blind woman's life to help me in my own life.

Years ago, a pastor in New York state told me that some day people would not want to hear about Fanny Crosby. He said they would not know who she was or about her songs. Churches would not be singing them. I really did not believe him. I do now. The old gospel songs like TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS, HE HIDETH MY SOUL, PASS ME NOT or even BLESSED ASSURANCE or SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS are not sung in many, many churches today. It is sad! Those Scriptural words, sung to beautiful melodies, are drifting away with the tide of time. In fact, I had one young woman tell me that her grandmother goes to a church where they sing those funny songs. She meant songs like Fanny Crosby wrote!

**Tell me the story of Jesus write on my heart every word
Tell me the story not precious words that are washed
Tell how the angels in heav'n sing as they welcome His birth
'Gloria to God in the highest praise and glad tidings to earth
Words by Fanny Crosby**

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The Scripture reminds us of the need for mankind to be redeemed (Romans 3:23-26). The Lord Jesus Christ is the Stone that was rejected (Acts 4:11-12). We are to rejoice in the day that the Lord Jesus Christ became the Corner Stone (Psalm 118:24). The entire human race must be redeemed (Galatians 4:4-5). God was manifested in the flesh to fulfill this purpose (1 Timothy 3:16). The purpose of His manifestation was to take away our sins (1 John 3:5). The works and head of the devil are destroyed because the Lord Jesus Christ came in the flesh (1 John 3:8).

How wonderful it is to have a faithful and reliable translation of the Bible in our own language! Since the *Defined King James Bible's* first printing in 1998, over 100,000 copies have been shipped to individuals in every state of our Union. This Bible has reached almost 100 prisons within the contiguous United States. In the last ten years, the thrust of this endeavor has been able to continue, due to the prayers of God's people and the burden and monetary kindness of a single individual who contributed *over a half million dollars* for the printing and dissemination of God's Word over the course of eight years (from 2004 to 2012). What a blessing this is!

Within the last two years this Bible For Today contributor has graduated to glory. What a blessing to know that this dear saint is present with the Lord! His robe of flesh has been dropped, and his faith is now sight. Yet, this has left the Bible For Today with a considerable financial need, which has been weighing heavily upon the heart of the Assistant to the Director for over six months. **A minimum of \$50,000.00 will be needed by June, 2015.**

While we know that God is the God of the impossible--God tells Abraham in Genesis 18:14a, "Is any thing too hard for the LORD?" -- we also know that God uses circumstances to move His people *to seek His will* and His face. **At this point, Pastor Daniel is seeking employment in a secular management position in order to reduce financial burdens to the ministry of the Bible For Today.**

Please pray with us (1) that God will raise up others to supply the necessary weekly *needed* contributions; (2) make provision for secular work for Pastor Daniel Waite *to relieve* this financial stress on the Bible For Today. Ultimately, we desire that God be glorified and His will be done. **We earnestly covet your prayers in this matter.** Pray for Pastor Daniel (3) as the LORD leads (4) that God will grant him wisdom in clarifying his *essential* BFT responsibilities, and (5) that he will secure a management position outside the ministry. **With the prayer support of God's people, nothing is impossible.** (6) Beseech the God of the impossible to raise up *volunteers* to assume some of Pastor Daniel's responsibilities. Also, please (7) ask the Lord that Pastor Daniel's new work schedule will not conflict with any of the regular services of the Bible For Today Baptist Church.

Isaac Watts reflected: "*Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb? And shall I fear to own His cause, or blush to speak His name? Must I be carried to the skies, on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas? Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood? Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God? Sure I must fight if I would reign; Increase my courage, Lord; I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, Supported by Thy Word. Thy saints in all this glorious war, shall conquer, though they die; They see the triumph from afar, By faith's discerning eye. When that illustrious day shall rise, And all Thy armies shine, In robes of victory through the skies, The glory shall be Thine.*" (By DSW)

It is that time of the year when I want to encourage you to order the DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOK, MY DAILY BIBLE BLESSINGS FROM MY DAILY BIBLE READING (BFT#4009 @ \$30.00 + \$8.00 S&H). This is a 649-page book that I wrote a couple years ago as I found comfort from God's Words after the death of our second-born son. It is FULL OF BIBLE TEACHING and PERSONAL TESTIMONY. **Just yesterday a man was here at BIBLE FOR TODAY buying some of our Bibles for gifts (BFT #3000/M&L). HE TOLD ME HOW THE BLESSINGS BOOK WAS TRANSFORMING HIS WIFE'S LIFE!** She had never read her Bible through until she started reading the *BLESSINGS BOOK*. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY THAT MADE ME! (The *BIBLE BLESSINGS BOOK* goes along with *OUR YEARLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: BFT#179 @ 15/\$2.00 + \$1.00 S&H*). You'll like it!

*Under God's Care,
Yvonne Sanborn Waite*