

Appendix A - The Heart of the 1888 Message

The Lord in his great mercy sent a most precious message to his people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to his divine person, his merits, and his changeless love for the human family. All power is given into his hands, that he may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of his own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of his Spirit in a large measure. {1888 1336.2}

The uplifted Saviour is to appear ... sitting upon the throne, to dispense the priceless covenant blessings. ... Christ is pleading for the church in the heavenly courts above.... {1888 1337.1}

The efficacy of the blood of Christ was to be represented to the people with freshness and power, that their faith might lay hold on its merits. As the high priest sprinkled the warm blood upon the mercy seat, while the fragrant cloud of incense ascended before God, so while we confess our sins, and plead the efficacy of Christ's atoning blood, our prayers are to ascend to heaven, fragrant with the merits of Christ's character. Notwithstanding our unworthiness, we are ever to bear in mind that there is One that can take away sin and save the sinner.... {1888 1337.2}

... God gave to His servants a testimony that presented the truth as it is in Jesus, which is the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines. {1888 1338.1}

This ... testimony ... presents the law and the gospel, binding up the two in a perfect whole. (See Romans 5 and 1 John 3:9 to the close of the chapter). These precious scriptures will be impressed upon every heart that is opened to receive them. {1888 1339.1}

This is the very work which the Lord designs that the message He has given His servant shall perform in the heart and mind of every human agent. It is the perpetual life of the church to love God supremely and to love others as they love themselves. There was but little love for God or man, and God gave His messengers just what the people needed. Those who received the message were greatly blessed, for they saw the bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness, and life and hope sprang up in their hearts. They were beholding Christ.... {1888 1339.3}

... Neglect this great salvation, kept before you for years, despise this glorious offer of justification through the blood of Christ, and sanctification through the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, and there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation. I entreat you now to humble yourselves and cease your stubborn resistance of light and evidence.... {1888 1342.1} (Ellen G. White to O. A. Olsen, Letter 57, May 1, 1895; in *1888 Materials*, p. 1336-1342, and *TM*, p. 92-98)

10 Great Gospel Truths (from above unless otherwise referenced)

1. Divinity and Humanity of Jesus

Jesus is fully God (the fullness of the Godhead bodily), and, retaining His divinity though laying down its inherent powers, became fully man (in the likeness of sinful flesh).

a. Divinity "his divine person"

b. Humanity "a Saviour who was not afar off, but nigh at hand" (*1888 267.4*; South Lancaster Meetings, January 1889)

2. Divine Initiative

God is always taking the initiative to save us, each step along the way of salvation.

"his changeless love for the human family"

3. Divine Accomplishment

In giving Himself to the world, He saved all from the death of the cross, from having to experience the death of hopeless separation from God.

"bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world"
"(See Romans 5 and 1 John 3:9 to the close of the chapter)."

4. **Divine Freedom**

Man is free, and in light of the above must resist to be lost.

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5. **Divine Faith**

Man's positive response to God's initiative is to "keep ... the faith of Jesus"--to respond to God's faith and love with faith and love, in mind, heart, and life.

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6. **Divine Covenant**

Faith is trusting totally in God's promises to us in the New Covenant, in which He writes His law in our hearts, teaching us again how to live by faith and love as the law describes.

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"The uplifted Saviour is to appear ... sitting upon the throne, to dispense the priceless covenant blessings."

7. **Divine Victory**

Jesus on our behalf "condemned sin in the flesh"--"the likeness of sinful flesh." His victory--being obedient unto death, living by faith and love to the end--is ours, to live by that same faith that works by love.

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"Notwithstanding our unworthiness, we are ever to bear in mind that there is One that can take away sin and save the sinner."

"Those who received the message were greatly blessed, for they saw the bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness, and life and hope sprang up in their hearts. They were beholding Christ."

8. **Divine Motivation**

The love that Jesus expressed in giving Himself for all will constrain all who surrender to that love to give in the same way--their all for Him and for others. This motive transcends all fear and self-focused motives.

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9. **Divine Cleansing of the Sanctuary**

Following Jesus by faith into His final ministry in the Most Holy Place brings the blood of the sacrifice (Calvary) into contact with the gold (faith and love) of the mercy seat (covering of the ark) under which is the law of God. The Third Angel's Message draws all into that experience, which cleanses them of self.

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10. **Divine Yoke is Easy**

The gospel reveals the precious reality that God designed us for joy in unselfish service; that such a life is easy for one who believes from the heart the gospel, because he surrenders to the omnipotent power of the Spirit. The thought that the way of salvation is hard comes from focusing on the flesh, on unbelief.

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Appendix B - Saviour of All Men (Chapter 24 in planned Second Volume)

(See also *Saviour of the World*, Jack Sequeira, ISBN 0-8163-1342-3; focused on 1.b. above)