

# From The Pulpit

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THE INTERVIEWS OF JESUS  
"THE CHRISTIAN"

## THE CHRISTIAN IS KINDLIER

"Little children, love one another," these are said to have been the words the aged disciple John repeated over and over again when he was carried into the midst of the Christian congregation at Ephesus. They remind us of the fundamental spirit of Christian living.

1. The Christian is taught to practice kindness. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," is the second great commandment. "Go and do likewise," said Jesus after telling the story of the Good Samaritan. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren," he said in the Parable of the Last Judgment. "This is my commandment that you love one another," we also read (John 15:12). A new kind and quality of love did appear among early Christians. "See how these Christians love one another," the pagans exclaimed.

2. The Christian has before him a new example of kindness. "He went about doing good," was Peter's summary of the life of Jesus. Doing good was part of his nature, and he wanted his disciples to love and serve men, too. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you" (13:34). The commandment is new because we have in Christ a new standard of kindness. After he washed the disciples' feet, he said, "I have given you an example," one which has been the pattern of many kindly Christian ministries.



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3. The Christian has a new inspiration for loving and helping others. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends;" (15:13). Contemplation of this friendly love of Christ makes us kindly in our thought of others, ready to be of service to them, able to forgive others when they trespass against us. "We love, because he first loved us" (1 Jn. 4:19). The Christian knows that far more has been done for him than he can ever dream of doing for others.

4. The kindness of the Christian takes on new dimensions as he responds to the spirit of Christ. Peter learned that he must put no barriers to his fellowship. The Christian is happy to number among his friends in Christ men and women of many races and nations. He welcomes the opportunity to contribute to missions that more people everywhere may come to saving knowledge of Christ. He treats all men with respect and consideration, remembering that Christ died for all and that all are capable of responding to the love of Christ.

5. The way of kindness is the only right way to live. To think of others, to help them, to forgive instead of carrying grudges--this isn't Christian teaching alone. James Tucker Fisher, retired psychiatrist, says that the finest scientific knowledge, condensed and expressed by the most capable living poets, would be awkward and incomplete in comparison with the Sermon on the Mount. To show kindness to people of other races and nations--this, too, is Christian teaching with scientific confirmation.

ASKED WHY he said so often, "Little children, love one another," the aged disciple replied, "Because it is the Lord's commandment. If this is fulfilled it is enough." How do you recognize a Christian? Here is the central test, simple but difficult, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (13:35).



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## ALTAR CALL

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MEMO TO A DEPARTED BISHOP

Sixty-one years ago on Dec. 11, in Boston's Faneuil Hall, the late Bishop Reverdy Cassius Ransom delivered an address commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William Lloyd Garrison.

One section of his address was entitled, "What kind of Negroes Do The American People Want?" Interesting, isn't it, that America's whites have not really answered this question.

NEGRO AMERICA is still victimized by their refusal to open wide the door that leads into the mainstream of America that would give definition to an oppressed people.

Rev. Ransom, who was not then an AME bishop, said, "The Negro is here 10 million strong, and for weal or woe, he is here to stay--he is here to remain forever."

Yes, Bishop, we are still here, but you would see little evidence of an answer to your question. We are here by the teeming thousands locked in all-black ghettos and slums.

WE ARE HERE entertaining welfare investigators in the midnight hour. We are here hurrying to get our unemployment compensations on the right day. We are here forced into seeing our children receive an inferior elementary education. We are here looking at the American white man in amazement, yet asking, "What kind of a Negro do you want us to be?"

We're sorry, Bishop, but we have disappointed your expectation, expressed in another question you asked that night. "Do white men believe that 10 million blacks, after having imbibed the spirit of American institutions, and having exercised the rights of free men for more than a generation, will ever accept a place of permanent inferiority in the republic?"

TOO MANY of us HAVE accepted a place of inferiority and now we have an even worse plague--the slum mentality. But, all of us haven't given up completely, oh venerable sage of old. We are saying with increasing volume and voices, "We shall Overcome."

Your admonition to America's whites that "taught by the Declaration of Independence, sustained by the Constitution of the United States, enlightened by the education of our schools, this nation can no more resist the advancing tread of the hosts of the oncoming blacks, than it can bind the stars or halt the resistless motion of the tide.

To the Altar of Historic Refreshment, we come, and take fresh courage to become even more than white America expects of us.

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During his 30-day vacation in the West (his first trip to Las Vegas), Rev. McIntyre preached at both Rev. Wesley's church in Needles and at Las Vegas' First African Methodist Church of which the Rev. Horace Gholston (right) is pastor, and who served as chaperone for the visiting dignitary during his stay here.

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