Edmonton - Bethal Bap - balgary - Mar 12/61 - (Detartartake Decorday) (1). "The Mainspring of the Universe". 7/6 introd: - (1). "What makes it tick?" How often this has been small boy's question..seeking satisfy his juvenile curiosity. I well remember an old alarm clock brought to dire destruction by probing screwdriver of small boy called John. Never did tick again! Mainspring permanently unravyelled. (2). Sometimes a surgeon in the incessant search after the secret of life, will satisfy his professional curiosity by probing into a human interior, and sometimes the inedvertently unravels the mainspring of life. . No tick! 8 And sometimes disease or process of age makes tick feeble. Flame of life flickers low..until almost doubt it is there (3). But today I have bigger ques. than these. What makes A CHRISTIAN TICK? What spiritual mainspring makes a X'n full of vigorous, effective. God-gloryfying life? What lack lies in X'n who barely shows faint sign of animation? There must be certainly both kinds here this horn . and a vest gulf between them. Why? What is the mainspring?

I. Believe well for us take time begin at beginning . B/RTH 2:41-46 (a). Once Mary and Joseph, with crowd, freddds, relatives. (note). began travel back home from Jerusalem..day's journey .. supposing Jesus to be with them .. Then found but ... They assumed that what they wanted to believe was so in fr fact. They took X for granted. (b). Do we? Any of us here Poss. to suppose bec. we profess some N.T. beilefs we are NT X'ns. Not necessarily. Devil is better theologian that most of us, and devil still. We come to church with our crowd..friends, relatives..and think that means X is with US. We assume somehow that religion is of value without righteousness. There seems to have grown up in our day a whole new generation of church people who think it is poss to "sccept" X .. without forseking the world. Gut God says: James 4:4... I John 2:15. I add no comment to Holy Writ. (c). New life begins with new birth. Are you born again? Unless pulse of that new life heating .. showing .. I must of necessity doubt the birth. X's redeeming work makes it pos for bad men to become good, deeply, radically, finally. Translates men out of kingdom of darkness .. K. of His Son. To bel. translated men must still dwell in darkness is a reflection of blood of X. and wisdom of God. When God decl ares a man righteous, He goes about to MAKE him righteous. We err when not expect converted man to be transformed man Thus churches full of substandard X'ns. Time we returned to belief that REAL FAITH inver. prod. holiness of heart and righteousness of life. ARE YOU BORN AGAIN? this "crowd" .. taking for granted .. yet utterly selfish & self-centred .. in life .. home . WHERE YOUR PULSE BEAT?

search our hearts .. convict .. until KNOW LIFE IS THERE .

(MATT 18: 33 II. But this merning chief concern is with the truly Born Again. (a). You are satisfied life-pulse is there..beating sure, steady Satisfied life growing holier .. more dedicated .. "narrowed" .. Purer Are you WHOLLY satisfied? Someday, like woman with 3 measures of meal .. I shall present before the eyes of my Lord Jesus . . the sum total of my life, , for His holy, searching inspection. I am sure that Day .. at His judg. seat .. be not very jolly time. For some..most dreadful day of all existence. Gpd gives everone of us a measure to fill. Different. BUT EVERY ONE O. US CALLED TO FULFILL IT .. FILL IT FULL. What mine be like .. yours? Little down in bottom? Spoiled by leaven of carnality? Life's tasks only half done .. or less .. Only 30% X'n .. instead of 100%? Only half the job done today .. stewardship Sunday? God forbid! (b). What is mainspring that stirs X'n to be top-notch for God? Let us not make mistake here. TOO OFTEN DONE . AND FAILURE FOLL. Illus:- Russian.. Pavlov -. exper. with dogs. Range bell bef. fed. until they assoc bell with feeding. Finally he rang bell and didn't feed..but dogs salivated as at meal time. Although food not forthcoming, they reacted just as though faced full plate. THEIR REFLEXES HAD BECOME FULLY CONDITIONED! We like that? Think about this today . . when missionary and financial tasks are set before God's people? By literature .. pictures .. messages .. THE DESPERATE NEED is portrayed hoping it will move some sympathetic hearts to give. This is like Pavlov's "bell". Ring it .. and people conditioned to give! Some to go. (c). Please do not misunderstand me. WE MUST BE SHOWN THE NEED! These things are proper. Jesus said:- "look on the fields". LOOK! Think! Not just Bethel involved today, although it is. WHAT DONE TODAY HERE AFFEOTS A WORLD OF LOST SCULS! How great is that NEED. What burning SHAME that some of our missionaries struggle to exist (literally) on meagre rations while we have our abundant eat, drink, be merry at home! May God shame all of us when we look on the NEED ... BUT .. but that is Not the true mainspring that should move us for God. "These all" great Heada represent our tOPPORTUNITIES .. not our motivation. (d). WHAT IS IT? (p) What is it? Let me draw you onto holy ground indeed. Listen: - to one of most sacred yet startling scenes portrayed in whole Bible. Luke 22:39-45. One man in utmost agony .. and 11 men fast asleep. Look at our Saviont! 1. Wikidrawn "a stone's cast". Distance between a sinner and the righteous. Alone, sep. from sinners..yet there He took the CUP. All burden of His prayer around that CUP. and Goo will. The CUP of our sin. . laid upon Him until He became SIN! Sin is so unspeakably evil .. awful .. it "sore amazed" Him. It made His spotless humanity sick, blind, .. staggered His soul! In agony it slew Him..to death and hell. It filled Him with a terror, a horror at Himself, to absolute stupefaction. He was MADE SIN. It was not approaching death, with all its pain a terrors that so staggered Him. The next day He faced it all in a calm dignity that overwhelmed the centurion and almost convert Gone from my heart, the world and all its charms, Now thru. the blood I'm saved from all alarms, I wan at the cross, my heart is heading low; The precious blood of Jesus cleanses white as snow.

I love Him, I love Him, Because He first loved me, And purchased my salvation, On Calv'ry's tree. Mis Governor . . BUT SIN STAGGERED HIM! All that accompanied that .. sin's wages .. discovery .. remorse .. death .. judgment of fire not quenched ... these were all mere froth on the cup... but undermeath was the impure eswential, unadulterated SIN. AND HE, THE SINLESS ONE . DRANK THAT! - while follower plays Do you wonder at the bloody sweat in Gethsemane? When His enemies took Him, they had never before seen such a Prisone There was no mark on Him .. and yet His hands, His head, His beard were full of blood! (e). Why did He do it? Bec. of our need slone? No. That which moved Him from heaven to hell .. was HIS LOVE for us. The mainspring is LOVE. He loved me. I love Him. Let me ask....what cup will you drink. for Him, and for others? What will you swallow . . for others? For Him? of the The bitter cup of self-pride .. when set asdie with no apprec istiong or honour. Choke on it? Cup of annoyance, irritat Swallow hard! Cup of persecution, ridicule for X's sake? Some of you scared fof that one? Cup of a martyrs death? Some of our missionaries dying .. by inches .. for X .. laying down life bit by bit. Why? Bec. they love Him..others. CUP OF EVERTY FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE? Dare you make yourself poor? Drink that ... while neighbours get shead?

NONE OF OUR CUPS WILL EVER BE AS UTTERLY LOATHSOME AS HIS!

Conclus: - 1. The mainspring is LOVE. And that which we do today will measure our LOVE FOR HIM. His all-seeing eye is upon this house..this people..you..me....Not on this faith promise card . ON YOUR HEART , . MINE . . . What does He see? (2). When John and Rets preparing for return to Indis .. waiting on God...needed money seemingly slow to come... a young lady came to our home . . You would not think her very prepossessing . . Not strong, either physically, mentally Tried struggle through some Bible courses .. not strong enoug Not there now. Earning power literally minute. Yet that day .. walked over mile .. came .. into John's hands placed her bank book..savings accit..all she had .. cheque for total am't .. a little over \$50.00 SHE DRANK THE CUP OF POVERT Great God! What do we know about it?... John and Rets wept.. and wept. They have taken that bank-book to India..in memory of what happened. What could they do? Try to give it back .. rob that girl of joy of sacrifice? rof reward in heaven that will stagger some of the ungrateful rich? Why did she do it? BEC. SHE LOVED THE LORD JESUS. Motive. 3. The moment has come for us ... NOW . We wait to tell God how we love Him. "I love Him, because He first loved Me". This I will do for love of my Saviour . . My utmost for His Take cord on hand - bow head head - "Lord - here we - Look at it - on more lake cord on hand - bow head head - "To the right? - Thy will? - Illed ! highest!