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II. But this ~~morning~~ 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 women 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. God gives every one of us a measure to fill..Different. BUT EVERY ONE OF 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. Rang 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 us. What is usually 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 AFFECTS A WORLD OF LCST SOULS!~~ 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 needs represent burnt OPPORTUNITIES..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 Savior! 1. Withdrawn "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 God's 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 and 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,
Down at the cross, my heart is heaving 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.

His 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 underneath was the impure essential, unadulterated SIN. AND HE, THE SINLESS ONE...DRANK THAT! - *while following steps*
Do you wonder at the bloody sweat in Gethsemane? When His enemies took Him, they had never before seen such a Prisoner. 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 alone? 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? *death?*
The bitter cup of self-pride...when set aside with no appreciation or honour. Choke on it? Cup of annoyance, irritation. Swallow hard! Cup of persecution, ridicule for X's sake? Some of you scared of that one? Cup of a martyr's death? Some of our missionaries dying...by inches...for X...laying down life bit by bit. Why? Bec. they love Him...others. CUP OF EVERY FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE? Dare you make yourself poor? Drink that...while neighbours get ahead? 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 Reta preparing for return to India...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 enough. Not there now. Earning power literally minute. Yet that day...walked over mile...came...into John's hands placed her bank book...savings acc't...all she had...cheque for total amt't...a little over \$50.00.....SHE DRANK THE CUP OF POVERTY
greed God! What do we know about it?...John and Reta 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? of 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 highest!

Take card on hand - bow head heart - "Lord - here it is - Look at it - on - mine - is this right? - My will? - filled with?"