

of Christ, my safety is assured by the fact that He will never lose His grip of me.

That is the central picture of the scene ; but it is by no means all of it. Indeed the whole round of Christian experience oft would appear to be symbolized in this one incident. There is the futility of merely human effort against the darkness and the storm ; the sudden light and joy which the presence of Christ brings in to our lives ; the wonderful feeling of exaltation that comes from the consciousness of His love and strength imparted to us, making us feel as if we were walking not merely upon water, but upon very air ; the unaccountable panics which sometimes succeed our most exalted moments, when we are cast from heights of spiritual ecstasy to depths of despair ; the kind, strong arm of Jesus round about us, lifting us up ; the return to the common plane of life, now no longer common, but with the darkness brightened, the storm stilled, and the journey of life shortened by the sweetness of His continued presence.

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Right of Way for the Sunday School

Says Dr. John Douglas Adam, in his most suggestive and stimulating little book, *Religion and the Growing Mind* : "We need, with a new seriousness, to see that the work which the Sunday School is trying to do, next to that in the home and in the ordinary church service, is the most important in the world. Its lack of efficiency may be criticized, but the work to be done, the place which it holds for the spiritual enlightenment of the rising generation, must have a clear right of way, as of surpassing strategic importance. In the meantime, if we enter the Sunday School, having a definite growing spiritual experience in our own lives, determined to put conscience, faith and prayer into our work there, it will be our privilege to bring some into the conscious fellowship of the living Christ. In so doing we shall make spiritual truth all the more real and vivid to ourselves, and those whom we have helped may look back upon what took place in those early days as the most influential reality in their history.

The Open Secret

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"The communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all,"—that is the open secret of every other blessing, the communion of the Spirit with us.

Communion means fellowship, and fellowship means partnership, the partnership of the Holy Spirit with us in all our life and service, that He shall go shares with us in it all and be the controlling, inspiring power of it all. This is just the complement of that other wonderful thought in 1 John 1 : 3 : "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." Our fellowship is with the Father and the Son, we are made partakers of the divine nature, and go shares with the Son in all His fulness of grace ; the fellowship of the Spirit also is with us ; He comes to go shares with us in all our history, as a living, loving, transfiguring presence.

This is the open secret of inspiration and power, and therefore the key to all that is best in Sabbath School work, for out of it comes four grand elements of success, which are gathered together by Isaiah (ch. 28 : 5, 6) into striking and beautiful metaphor. "In that day shall the Lord . . . be for a crown of glory . . . a diadem of beauty, . . . a spirit of judgment . . . and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate."

1. "A crown of glory;" that is fertility, fruitfulness, what Samaria was in northern Israel, because of its rich soil and the radiant beauty of its vine-clad hills and laden fields,—corn and wine and oil in overflowing abundance. Fruitfulness, that is life's crown of glory. "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit,"—not wealth, genius or fame, but usefulness, helpfulness, to win others for Christ.

2. "Diadem of beauty;" that is attractiveness, winsomeness, to have character made beautiful, to have "the beauty of the Lord" resting on us, and so to have life invested with power to draw. It is not enough to obey the law of holiness ; we must reveal the beauty of it too. Young life won't be driven to Christ, but can be drawn and won