

I. THE WORLD BELONGS TO CHRIST

Paul and John teach that the world was made by Him and that in virtue of His relation to the creative energy of God the Father the world is His to be made worthy of perfect wisdom and love. But in addition to this there is the moral and spiritual relation in which He stands to humanity. He is the origin of life in man thereby constituting man as God's child even though he wander away as the prodigal. But there is another claim, and that is His saving work of meeting the enemy of humanity, sin. By offering up His life He has made possible and actual the salvation of every soul which will accept His redemption. He is Lord and Saviour of the world because He alone has a right to the world, He alone has power to save the world and only as men submit to Him are they saved.

II. CHRIST CLAIMS THE WORLD

It is well to call for some of the evidences of His kingship among men. Begin with the note of authority and assurance in all He thought and did. He saw all the ages, all the antagonisms, dangers and agonies, but He never hesitated, never modified His principles, but went on steadily, firmly as a conqueror. In no other life do we find such an unflinching devotion to such a world consciousness of supremacy. Further deal with His kingly bearing. He knew, felt and called Himself a king. Men obeyed His word, even sick, helpless cripples. The Samaritan woman obeyed, Judas, demons, all surrendered at His word, although He never used His power to break down the freedom of the will in men. Now, take the note of finality. See how He does things, ends discussions, and fixes the limits of action. Notice also His judgment of men and movements and listen to His last word. It is final.

III. CHRIST MEETS THE WORLD'S NEEDS

Take His conception of God as Father. Jesus revolutionized men's ideas about God. He talked to Him in complete sympathy. He dwelt upon His love and goodness. He encouraged confidence in His fatherly care for all men. He enforced His claims to a true filial obedience which rejoices in the limits imposed and responds with eagerness. Then take His conception of men. He knew men, but believed in them, and also believed that only when they knew Him would they find their highest life. He also knew the world and showed its beauty, its dangers and possibilities. He sought to harmonize God, man and the universe. When God is supreme, when man serves God faithfully, the world will be paradise indeed. Jesus looked to the future for this realization.

If Jesus is the world's Saviour and king, it only remains to make Him such in the human heart. King as He is, He makes His appeal to the freedom of will in us all. He awaits our decision. Whoever will let Him have His way in the heart will need no other proof of His divinity, for experience will testify to His character and love will crown Him Lord of all.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW

FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS: A Review by Places

Remind the class that we have been studying for the Quarter the closing scenes in the life of Jesus. Closing scenes in the life of any loved one are always sacred and memorable. How much more so in the life of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. These closing scenes may be reviewed by recalling the places where they were enacted:

1. *Bethany*, Mark 14 : 1-11. What did we witness when we visited Bethany last? What did the anointing mean? What objection was taken to it? How did Jesus interpret it? Is there any way in which we can express our devotion to Jesus as this woman expressed it? Remind the class that Christ often sees more in our good deeds than we do ourselves. This is also true of our evil deeds.

2. *The Upper Room*, Mark 14 : 12-25. What took place in the upper room that night? What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper? Bring out that it is intended to keep the memory