



"The entrance of Thy words  
giveth light . . ." Ps. 119: 130

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## A SURE FOUNDATION

*in a Time  
of  
Upheaval*



*Christ is Risen*

In the attacks made against orthodox Christianity by humanists, modernists and any others who do not put their trust in Christ's shed blood, there is one subject that is frequently avoided. It is the historic fact of Christ's resurrection from the grave.

Some people argue that history and religion have nothing much in common, and so it is not necessary to consider the facts of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection. These people might say that the resurrection is a picturesque way of representing the triumph of good over evil; just as Santa Claus represents a jolly Christmas spirit.

But more than five hundred early Christians testified that they had seen Christ walking around, alive, after His burial — they had talked with Him and eaten with Him. They maintained their testimony through persecution. They died rather than deny

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the facts. They pointed to the empty tomb, and the unbelievers of that day had no answer but persecution.

In these days of unbelief, in these days of social and political upheaval when civilization totters, in these days when sinners must soon face a God of righteousness, it is good to have a religion based on historic facts. Many people hope for Heaven, but they have no foundation for their hope; they are simply whistling in the dark.

The Christian, that is, the person who relies on Christ's sacrifice on the cross for salvation, has a sure foundation for his hope of Heaven, for Christ is not dead.

Christ is Risen.

—G. H. C.

## WHY A DUCK DOESN'T GET WET

The duck has a "hard shell" of oil-smooth feathers. No drop of water has ever touched his skin, though he swims every day to his heart's content. Water has too much surface tension to go through the tiny cracks of his outer feathers. But if the duck should happen to swim into water containing a detergent, he would be soaked to the skin, for the surface tension of water is broken down by a detergent.

Many people live their lives in God's world, but the Word of God is never allowed to get near them. They have a shell of "good works" and a rather high estimate of their own resources and character. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to break down this resistance, and bring conviction of sin. The detergents He uses are what we call "the means of grace": the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer. Are you hearing the Word preached? Are you spending time in prayer? Once that hard shell is opened to the sweet influences of the Saviour, there will be found the joy of being a new creature in Christ Jesus.

—E. E. E.

## Chinese Custom — and Contrast

Our fighting men have had many opportunities to observe the customs of foreign peoples. One of our soldiers tells this strange incident which happened in a small village in China. He saw a group of persons gathered around a well, enjoying themselves. So he asked his interpreter what amused them so. Whereupon the interpreter learned that a man was in the well, calling for help, which none of the bystanders would give. After much struggling the man drowned. The interpreter explained the refusal to help, saying that the villagers maintained that it was not their fault that the man had fallen in; therefore, it was not up to them to get him out. Moreover, had anyone helped him out, that person would have been responsible for the man for the rest of his life; and none would assume such responsibility.

How different is the Lord Jesus Christ! When He saw the utter helplessness of His people, He was willing to come from Heaven to earth to save sinners. He had been incomparably rich from all eternity; yet He became poor for them. He knew no sin; yet He became sin (or the sin-offering) for them. His heart was full of compassion; He helped those in trouble, healed the sick, preached good tidings to the poor, sought and saved the lost.

Reader, do you know His love and His salvation? Are you in trouble? Go to Christ, to Him who does not laugh at the drowning victim but lifts him up and sets his feet upon the rock of eternal salvation. Trust in Christ Jesus alone Who, once He saves a person, will care for him in time and in eternity.

—M. J. B.