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## **"Be Not Conformed to This World."**

Rom. 12, 2.

In these words the apostle Paul warns all Christians against conformity to this world. The world consists of those who are not born again and who still live according to the flesh. Christians should not have their aims, nor adopt their principles, nor imitate their ways, nor follow their customs, nor admire their tastes, nor engage in their pleasures. The Christian confesses with St. Paul: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6, 14. The Christian is God's friend and cannot at the same time be the world's friend; for the world is God's enemy. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4, 4.

There are thousands who sneer at all this as out of date and as "old fogysm"; but no matter what people say or think, the word of the Lord abideth forever: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2, 15.

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## **A Pillow for Jesus.**

A little boy read from his Testament the words: "The Son of man hath not where to lay His head." He sobbed aloud. His mother asked him what was the matter. At last, as well as his sobs would let him, he said:

"If I had been there, I would have given Him my pillow."

"Why, my dear," replied the mother, "you can give a pillow or any other thing to Jesus, if you, out of love to Him, give it to the needy

among His disciples. Just look up Matt. 25, 40, and read what Jesus there says."

The boy looked up the passage and read:

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

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If we just thanked God for every mercy and pleasure received, we should find no time to complain of our ills.

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## **"Jesus Redeemed Us from Sin, Death, and the Devil."**

A pastor, as was the custom, was holding the yearly examination of his flock at which both old and young were asked to give a reason of the faith and hope within their heart. He asked which were the three greatest and most terrible enemies of the human race, and received the answer: "Sin, death, and the devil." He now turned to a child and asked which one of these three was the greatest enemy. The child answered: "Death. I want to go to heaven, but I do not want to die nor be buried in the grave." He then turned to a man and asked the same question and received the answer: "The devil. For when one thinks of hell, a shudder comes over him and his hairs stand on end." Finally he turned with the same question to an old man who was wise and well instructed in the Word of God, and he answered: "Sin. For if this enemy had not first bound us with his chains, death and the devil could have no power over us."—C. W.

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If the Bible is to be understood aright, then two must always read it together, man and the Holy Spirit.—Arnd.

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**A Useless Member.**

"Yes," said Aunt Sarah, looking at her bandaged wrist, "the doctor says it's a bad sprain; and the minister says, I know now how the church feels in not having the use of all its members. The minister didn't mean that just for a joke, either; he looked at me as if he wanted to see how I'd take it. I had sense enough, too, to feel I deserved to have him say it to me. A word like that comes home pretty straight when one of your own members is useless, and worse.

"I've never thought just what being a member of the church meant before, though I've been one for thirty-five years. I've never felt obliged to do what the church wanted done. I felt it was a favor, my doing it at all, and half the time I let some one else do it instead. When I was through with work at home, and with what things I liked to do outside, then I was willing to do something in church—if it was that kind of work that suited me. I guess I've been about as useless a member to the church as the sprained hand is to me, all stiff and crippled, and refusing to bend more than an inch or two.

"There's lots of things I need to do, but I can't use this member to do them—that's certain. That's the way the minister felt about me, I guess. I've been a useless member for thirty-five years, that's the long and short of it; and, if the rest of the members had been like me, the church would have been as paralyzed as old cousin Josiah Jones, who can't move hand nor foot. I'm ashamed of myself—I truly am—and things are going to be different from now on," and Aunt Sarah nodded her head with a firm determination, as she looked at the church spire from her window.—L. M.

A Brooklyn magistrate, Judge Lewis L. Fawcett, says: "Approximately 2,700 cases have been brought before me in my five and a half years of service on the bench. During all this time I have never had to try a man who was at the time of the alleged offense, or ever had been, an active member of the Church."

A Chicago judge who had tried many divorce cases, recently gave like testimony. He said that rarely, almost never, were the parties to a divorce suit active Church workers.

In view of such testimony as this, it is time that the croakers, who are asking: "What's the matter with the Church?" and, "Can the Church make good?" would change the form of their questions, and ask, "What's the matter with me?" and, "Can I make good outside the Church?" And many well-meaning men who are secretly nursing in their minds the thought that the Church has become a back number, would do well to bring themselves up to date, meet the facts in the case, and stretch forth their hands to help the Church in her influence of restraining crime.—Presbyterian.

**Beware of Idleness!**

A crooked twig makes a crooked tree, and lazy boys make lazy men, and lazy girls make lazy women. It is said that the largest portion of the criminals in our prisons and of the paupers in our poorhouses have come to what they are by being brought up in idleness. Beware of idleness!

"An idle soul shall suffer hunger." Prov. 19, 15.

"If any would not work, neither should he eat." 2 Thess. 3, 10.

**Trust God.**

When God does not answer our prayers at once, then let us remember that He often puts perseverance to the test, and delay does not mean denial. Many a faithful mother's prayers for her children have brought down precious blessings upon them long after the sod has grown green on her grave. Said a simple-hearted old colored nurse to a mother who was worrying over her sick child: "Ma'am, you just trust God; He's tedious, but He's sure."

### Seeking the Lost.

Years ago when Charley Ross was kidnapped, his broken-hearted father declared: "I will search for my lost boy while life lasts. I will go up and down the earth, and look into the face of this child and that to see if it is my lost boy."

Such was the love of an earthly father for his lost child, but what of the love of our heavenly Father who sent His only Son into the world "to seek and to save that which was lost." In this work the heavenly Father will not become weary for He will "go after that which is lost, until He find it." Luke 15, 4.

These are grand texts: "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world. Again I leave the world and go unto the Father"—whose mysterious fullness St. Augustine fathoms and displays in these great words: "Our belief hath altogether been that Christ so came into the world as never to leave the Father, and so went unto the Father as never to leave the world."

### AMONG OUR DEAF.

**Milwaukee.**—Public confirmation services were held in Emmanuel chapel on Sunday, Sept. 1st. After due instructions in the Catechism, Miss Myrtle Holverson of Delavan, Wis., renewed her baptismal covenant in the presence of a large congregation, after which she took her first communion with 24 other deaf. God grant her steadfastness in faith that she may receive the crown of life promised by our Savior to all such as love and serve Him. The confirmation address was based on the words of Jesus, which He addressed to Peter after His resurrection, John 21, 15-17: "Lovest thou Me?" Miss Holverson was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. Holverson. Both made their stay with Rev. and Mrs. T. Wangerin during their visit in Milwaukee.

**Watertown, Wis.**—At Watertown last month Rev. Wangerin invited the local deaf to a service which was held in the residence of Mr. Uttech. All the deaf, five in number, were present and were overjoyed because of the event. Four of them have had no one to preach to them for three and five years respectively. The missionary preached to them on the true way of

salvation. Long after the services this little gathering remained together for a social conversation.

**Merrill-Wausau.**—On Ephphatha Sunday Rev. Wangerin of Milwaukee delivered two sermons and two addresses to the deaf and hearing in the interest of our mission. In the morning he gave a detailed report to Trinity congregation. After the usual sermon in the sign-language in the afternoon he reported on our work among the blind-deaf, and in the evening preached to the deaf at Wausau. The attendance in every service was good, and the collections lifted on that day went into the treasury of our mission. In the evening of the same day also Rev. Kissling of Merrill spoke in the interest of our mission.

In the past month we have gained 30 new subscribers to the Deaf Lutheran, 25 of whom are in Nebraska. Thanks!

**Kansas City, Mo.**—On Sunday, August 11th, Holy Communion services were held here. Eleven deaf partook of the Holy Supper. Among them were Miss Flora Neff of Corder, Mo., and Miss Fannie Shafer of Windsor, Mo. Miss Shafer has obtained employment and will stay here some time so as to be able to go to church more frequently.

**Plymouth, Nebr.**—The Lutheran congregation at Plymouth, Nebr., celebrated its annual mission festival on August 18th. Rev. Jensen preached the afternoon sermon to an audience of almost 1,000 people and set forth the necessity and the success of our mission among the deaf. A part of the collection was given for the support of our cause, and twelve new subscribers were gained for "The Deaf Lutheran." We thank our many friends in Plymouth for the interest shown in our work.

**Gaylord, Minn.**—On the 4th of August Pastor Salvner held services for the deaf and our hearing friends at Gaylord. Five deaf were present and also a large gathering of our hearing Christians had assembled for this occasion. First a short confessional service was held with two deaf who afterward partook of the Lord's Supper. Then the pastor preached a sermon to the deaf on Acts 16, 30, 31, answering the question, "What must I do to be saved?" There-

upon a sermon was preached also to the hearing on Mark 7, 31-37, urging one and all to support more and more earnestly the blessed work of our Lord and Master among the deaf. The choir sang the two hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus, Lover of my soul," which the pastor rendered in signs for the deaf. A collection for our mission was lifted in this service which amounted to \$29.68. We also secured a few new subscribers to our paper and quite a few renewed their subscriptions. For our church fund several friends gave us \$3.00. We thank all for the interest they are taking in our mission for the deaf and hope they will continue to help in bringing more deaf to Jesus, the friend of sinners, also of deaf sinners.

**Minneapolis, Minn.**—A few days ago we received another encouraging letter from a subscriber in one of our hearing congregations. He writes as follows, "Enclosed find 25c in stamps for another year's subscription to the dear Deaf Lutheran. Would not like to be without it and always learn from it." We hope all our subscribers do not like to be without it and always learn from it, and therefore renew their subscription to our Deaf Lutheran. Have you renewed your subscription, dear reader?

For several weeks we have in our midst Miss Minnie Dunk, one of the three blind deaf whom Rev. T. M. Wangerin confirmed last year at Milwaukee. She is a faithful attendant at our services and has not missed one of them since she is here. Surely, a good example for us all and brings to our minds the words of our Savior, "He that is of God, heareth God's words." John 8, 47.

#### SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

##### CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. N. P. Uhlig, 2042 Cortez St., Chicago, Ill.

##### NEW YORK, N. Y.

Services every Sunday at 3 p. m., St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth and Broome Sts., by Rev. A. Boll, 122 E. 88th St., New York.

##### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

##### ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services every first Sunday of the month by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### EVANSVILLE, IND.

Services every Saturday before the third Sunday of the

month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Lutheran School, on E. Illinois St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every third Sunday of the month, at 10:30 a. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

##### TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

##### DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. O. Schroeder, 630 Lakeview Ave.

##### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

##### ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

##### ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

##### SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

##### KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every Sunday except last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

##### OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

##### MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

Oral Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m.

##### RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Brown St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

##### LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.