



Wells of Salvation Ministries

Sermon Outline 1

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“The Most Dynamic Proof That Christ Lives”

Scripture – John 20:1-20

Text – Galatians 2:20

Introduction: I wasn't in the garden when the angels rolled away the stone. I wasn't there when the women or Peter and John saw the empty tomb. I didn't hear the angels announce that He had risen – but I know Jesus lives. I know He lives because He is with me – and has been for years – making Himself known in various circumstances.

I. I Confessed My Sins

1. He forgave me – I John 1:9
2. How good I felt!
3. What blessed assurance was mine!
 - A. “Blessed Assurance” hymn lyrics
 - B. “He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.” – I John 5:10

II. I Dedicated My Life

1. He sanctified me holy
 - A. He suffered without the gate to do this – Hebrews 13:12
 - B. He accepted my offering of myself
 - C. He purified my heart
 - D. He empowered me for service
2. I serve only one master – a risen Savior
 - A. “I Serve A Risen Savior” hymn lyrics

III. I Cried In My Affliction

1. He healed me
 - A. “With his stripes I am healed” – Isaiah 53:5
 - B. He has healed so many others
 - (1) He is no respecter of persons – Acts 10:34
 - (2) “What He's done for others, He'll do for you” (“It Is No Secret” lyrics)
2. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost – I Corinthians 6:19
 - A. And God wants us to be well to serve Him
 - B. He healed the author of nervous stomach, when he couldn't digest baby food
 - C. He touched the author time and again
 - (1) “Many are the afflictions of the righteous...” – Psalm 34:19
 - (2) God touched several others as the author prayed

IV. I Pray To The Father In His Name

1. He supplies every need
 - A. Ask anything in Christ's name – John 16:23
 - B. Any need of body, soul, or mind will be supplied – Philippians 4:19
 - (1) Covered author's college tuition when no source of funds was in sight

- (2) Family had no TV in early 1960's; God provided new one in a store drawing
- (3) God provided sustenance to author's family throughout Great Depression
- 2. Christ intercedes for me at the throne
 - A. At right hand of Father – Romans 8:34

V. I Face An Unknown Future With Faith

- 1. He will always be with me
 - A. He said He would be – Matthew 28:20
 - B. He always has been
 - (1) “Experience worketh hope” – Romans 5:4
- 2. When I've done my best, He's been there
- 3. When I've failed, He's been there to help me back to the right path
 - A. “An Advocate” – I John 2:1
 - B. Though I've fallen, I haven't been cast down – or out – Psalm 37:24
- 4. Through the uncertainties of life – through the certainty of death, He will be with me!

VI. I Prize Christ Above All Else

- 1. Houses crumble with age, fire, flood and wind
- 2. Cars break down, rust out
- 3. Clothes wear out
- 4. Jewels are stolen, or lost
- 5. Friends fail
- 6. Joys fade
 - A. We have no pleasure in days or things – Ecclesiastes 12:1
- 7. Jesus...
 - A. “Will never, no never grow old...”
 - B. Is “Sweeter as the years go by”
 - C. Is dearer as we get nearer home
- 8. It's wonderful to be a Christian – to have Jesus living in my heart

Conclusion: No man, whoever or whatever he is, can make me believe Christ did not rise, that He is still in the tomb! I know He lives – in Heaven, and in my heart! Would you like for Him to live in your heart? He can. He wants to. He will – if you'll confess your sins to Him and invite Him into your life!