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We Are Simply Christians!

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We read with interest the reports on every hand of the growing disenchantment with present religious forms which originated in the middle ages and have become meaningless to most. We hear of displeasure with denominational structures and their pronouncements which reflect only the preferences of an influential elite and ignore the convictions of the rank and file. Because of these aspects of modern religion some have decided that Christianity is not relevant to this day and age. We believe they have so decided because they are not sufficiently acquainted with the scriptures to be able to distinguish between the relevant gospel of Christ, and what men have added to religion since, and which truly are not relevant to serving God.

If some of these things have troubled you and you have felt an urge, or even a yearning, to return to the simple, uncomplicated religion of Christ, and if you have felt the desire to strip away all nonessential elements of religion and simply abide by the truths of Christ, truths which alone can transform the soul and bind it to God, let us suggest that such a possibility actually exists.

Let us begin with one essential fact. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. His coming, His mission, and His new message were all foretold in the Old Testament (**Gen. 49:10; Isa. 53; Zech. 6:13; Jer. 31:31-33**), which Jehovah used to govern Israel until the Christ should come and establish the New for all humanity (**Gal. 3:19, 23-24**).

