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THE PLEAS OF CHRIST

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~~Sample~~ Matt. 23:34-39

INT:

Text, 3rd darkest hour. 2nd. Geth. 1st, Crucifixion.
Text pronounces doom on a nation, God's abandonment.
Destruction foretold in spite of every advantage. V. 37.
Lesson: View pleas made them, so WE heed all. Jas. 2:10.

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS. Matthew 6:33.

- A. Bible teaches national goodness. Prov. 14:34. A. 24:25
- B. Jesus teaches congregational " . Eph. 5:25-28.
 - 1. Ill. Pattern for Youth: Pretend Holy Family has men. here. Youth plan things so Jesus can go!

II. PEACE. John 14:27.

- A. Hopless today! ??? No! Not then either. M. 24:6-8.
- B. Peace comes only through conversion of individuals to the Prince of Peace. Matt. 5:9. Phil. 4:6-7.
 - 1. Ill. "Momma, I've be^{en}a peace-maker. When I heard something bad about Sis. Blank, I DIDN'T TELL IT"

III. UNITY. John 17:20-21.

- A. More than union by proximity. Prov. 21:9 & 19. MAN?
- B. Unity is sameness of mind, judgment, speech. I C. 1:10
 - 1. Giving Envelopes a case in point. Reason, study, love
 - 2. Please don't be like Georgia woman: "I haven't decided yet which side I'm on; but you may be sure that when I do I'll be BITTER!"

IV. SOULS OF MEN. Mark 16:15-16. Matt. 10:32. Acts 2:38.

- A. Takes Christ's blood to save. Heb. 9:22.
Takes our Faith in the blood to Save. Rom. 3:25.
- B. Takes God's Covenant to save. Heb. 10:16-17.
Takes our acceptance to save. Phil 2:12.
- C. Takes God's Grace AND our Faith as proof. Eph. 2:8-10

INV. Answers to rejections of Christ's pleas for our souls.

- 1. Want to have fun first! Not fun, SIN. John 10:10.
- 2. Want to get better. Like: must get well before I can go to hospital. Matt. 11:28-30. Phil
- 3. I can't live up to it. How know, haven't tried? 4:1

CHRIST PLEADS: For sinners to obey gospel.
For erring children of God, R- P.
If new in area, identify to insure interest and faithfulness.