

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL



RETRACING OUR ROOTS

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Alliance History

It is important to understand where you have been and recognize where you currently are in order to have a clear vision of where God wants you to be

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Alliance History

- ▣ Humble beginnings of A.B. Simpson
- ▣ A.B. Simpson begs father to enter ministry
- ▣ Graduates and takes first pastorate in Hamilton
- ▣ 8 years later accepts a call to Louisville, Kentucky (Chestnut Street Church)
- ▣ Civil war bitterness inspires revival meetings
- ▣ Major Whittle - "I must have more of God!"
- ▣ Heart for the lost emerges

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Alliance History

- ▣ A wholesale smashing of religious precedence - an evangelistic service in a theatre!
- ▣ A vision of great need and a desire to see the great forgotten commission of the church re-established
- ▣ New York bound - 13th St. church
 - New converts not welcomed

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Alliance History

- ▣ Health problems bring trouble
 - “Your days are numbered”
 - Deep depression
 - Humble seeking leads to his healing
- ▣ Returns to 13th St Church, but resigns shortly thereafter
- ▣ Begins a non-Denominational Church – Gospel Tabernacle

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Alliance Heart

- ▣ 2 societies are formed in 1887:
 - The Christian Alliance
 - The Evangelical Missionary Alliance
 - ▣ Reality of inadequacy of what had been done
 - ▣ Obedience to Christ's commission to the church
 - ▣ To reach unreached people groups with the gospel
 - ▣ Functioned as a sending agency for foreign missionaries funded by the Christian Alliance (the church at home)

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Alliance Heart

- ▣ Christian & Missionary Alliance is born 1897
 - “We are an alliance of Christians for world wide missionary work” – A.B. Simpson
 - A movement first, an organization second
 - 3 Core values of the movement
 1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 2. To lead God’s children into the deeper life in Christ (abundant life)
 3. To do the neglected work of our age to reach the unchurched masses at home and the lost and perishing peoples abroad with the gospel

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4 Core Pillars of Gospel

- ▣ The fuel that gave “feet” to the 3 main values or purposes for the movement – the fourfold gospel



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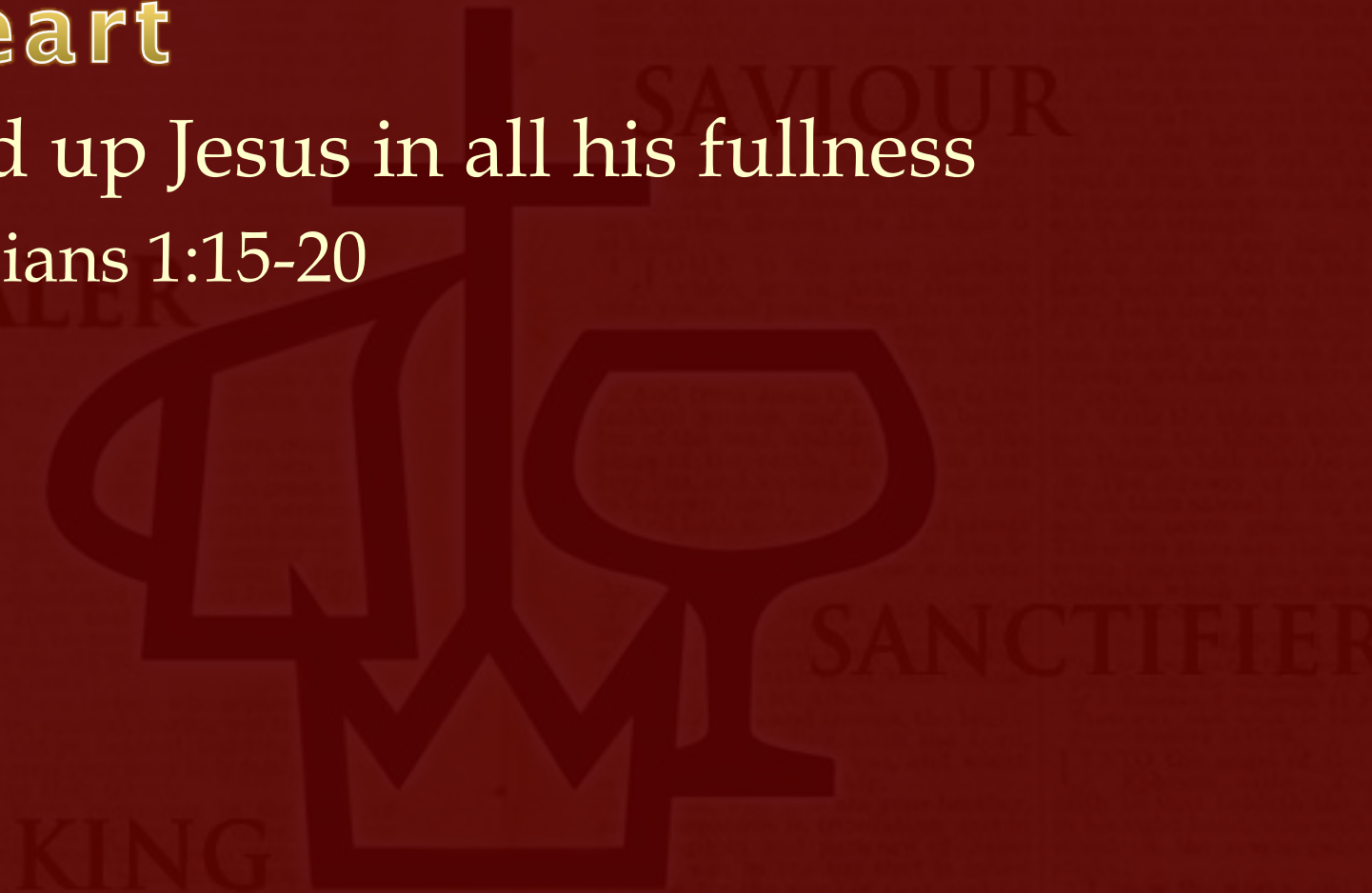
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Our Heart

1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 - Colossians 1:15-20



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Our Heart

Colossians 1:15-20...

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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Our Heart

Colossians 1:15-20...

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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Our Heart

1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 - Colossians 1:15-20
 - A movement first, an organization second... if an organization at all!
 - A move away from human tradition, rules, and regulations to true freedom in Christ
 - Preach the word (faith comes by hearing the word of Christ... Rom 10:17)

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Our Heart

2. To Pursue the deeper life in Christ

- So many distractions, so many idols, so much empty religion

- An invitation to come and die...

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. – Gal 2:20

- Luke 9:23-27

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Luke 9:23-27...

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

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- The purpose of your life to be transformed into the image of Christ (Rom 8:29)
- Living the Spirit-filled life (1 Jn 2:6)

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3. To do the neglected work of our age to reach the unchurched masses at home and the lost abroad with the gospel
 - Do you care about the lost?
 - Do you care more about people finding Jesus than having a comfortable chair to sit in on Sunday morning?
 - God desires that none would perish, but all would come to repentance
 - God has chosen you to be a light and to spread the message of Jesus where you are

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Our Secret

Colossians 1:25-27... ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness — ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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Summary... It's all about Jesus. It always has been and always will be – not about what he can do for us or what we can get from him, but Jesus himself. It's Christ in us the hope of glory!