

—THE DIVINE PLAN OF THE AGES—



‘Christ in You, the Hope of Glory.’



‘Jesus, the perfect one, has been highly exalted, and now we present ourselves to him that we may be formed and shaped according to his example, and that we may be built up as a building of God. In an ordinary building there is no chief corner-stone; but in our building there is one chief corner-stone, the “top-stone”, as it is written: “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious”—“to whom coming as unto a living stone...ye also as lively [living] stones are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up *sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet. 2:4-6) And very soon, we trust, the union between Jesus, the “Head”, and “the Church, which is his body”, will be complete.

And, dearly beloved, many blows and much polishing must we endure—much transforming must we undergo, and much conforming to his example, under the direction of the great Master-builder; and in order to have the ability and ideality of the builder displayed in us, we will need to see that we have no cross-grained will of our own to oppose or thwart the accomplishment of His will in us; we must be very childlike and humble—“clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” Let us humble ourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt us in due time (1 Peter 5:5, 6), as he has exalted our Head and Forerunner.—Phil. 2:8, 9

*Sinaitic MS. omits spiritual before sacrifices.

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—STUDY V “THE MYSTERY HID FROM AGES AND FROM GENERATIONS, BUT NOW MADE MANIFEST TO HIS SAINTS”—COL. 1:26; P. A83—

