

I thought it would be could if we could consider together for a few minutes one of the verses in the Scripture which is perhaps one of the most familiar, and yet one to the bottom of which we can never fully hear. That is Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

I am always afraid of Scriptural interpretation which is divorced from context. We have to take a passage in the light of the other verses, in the light of the chapter, in the light of the book in which it is, in the whole Bible, in order to truly and properly understand it, and yet there are certain verses which seem to gather together within themselves a great deal of truth in brief concise expression. A verse which reminds us of much of the teaching of the Scripture, and which present ~~us~~ to us the vital essential features of the Scripture in such a remarkable way that I think that they can be considered apart from context very very profitably. I feel that this verse is one of the Scriptural verses that we can never ponder on too much. And that none of us fully and entirely ~~can~~ comprehend. And so I thought this morning I would look at a few of the aspects which come out of this verse, which I believe are of great importance to every one of us, whether we are saved or not. They are of importance for us if we are lost, they are of importance for us to present if we are saved, but they are of equal importance for us to apply to our lives. You know there is a great danger of the Christian worker looking at the Bible and saying now where can I get a message from this verse. What is there ~~xxx~~ here that would be good to give somebody... 2 3/4... to make a presentation in a sermon. All that is fine, but it first must grip our own soul, and it first must be seen in its application to ourselves, and every part of the Scripture does have a very vital application to us. This verse is a verse which is one of the finest of evangelistic verses, but it is a verse which does not cease when a man becomes a Christian. I think it is still of great importance, and great vital significance to each one after he has accepted the Lord. ✓