

Is your hope in what you have or receive?

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates. "In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "you must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven." The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said. The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates." The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and



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• moments from calvary

asked, "And just what do those symbolize?" The man replied, "They're Carole's." O.K. that was bad, but give me some grace!

It does remind me that just like over 2,000 years ago individuals are searching. They were searching for the Messiah, the Savior of the World. Where they would find Him they weren't sure. How He would come seemed to be unknown. But, never the less some people were at-

tentive, and looked with anticipation.

The prophets of the Old Testament told the people of the day how he would come, what to call Him, and where He would be born. You can read about it Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, Jeremiah 23:5, Zechariah 9:9, Jeremiah 33:15. Those are just a few passages. The point is the coming of the Messiah is an incredible message.

Matthew 1:23 says, "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and he will be called Immanuel (meaning, God is with us)."

What does all this have to do

with the opening joke about pulling something out of your pocket that represents Christmas? Well, let's understand that there isn't anything in your pocket that can get you into heaven. No amount of money, even if it is given to the church or charities. It doesn't matter the name on your driver's license.

The coat tails of someone else won't work for you. A "To Do" list full of good deeds and nice words? It doesn't work. It is an empty hope, a frustrating future, and lost cause.

Steve, then what is the answer? I am glad you asked! Scripture puts it very simple for us — "Immanuel, meaning God with us." What is your hope?

My hope, your hope is this baby that was born to his stepfather

Joseph, who was to give the name "Jesus" (Matthew 1:21).

Don't miss it. It is not what you can dig out of your life that will give you eternal life. It is what you place into your life and allow it to become your life is what will give you eternal life.

See through God's incredible grace. Through His mysterious grace God said, "Here, it is not what you can give me. It is what I am giving you. Here it is are you ready? My Son, Immanuel." Friend, God wants to be with you.

It has been said that when a person get to the end of themselves, they get to the beginning of God. One of the things Christmas says to me is get over yourself, and get into God, because He is here.

Madison Avenue may proclaim get into yourself, but let's be honest you and I are pretty small. Don't you want to live for something bigger? Something grander than you? I like what the Apostle Paul says to the church of Colossi, "...For this is the secret Christ lives in you, and this is your assurance that you will share in his glory" (Col. 1:27).

Enjoy the coming days, and may the majesty of Christmas be bigger than ever in your life this week.

Join us Sunday night for our Christmas Candlelight service at 5 pm.

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Marshal killed man, went to jail, then wife died

In 1902 and 1903 The Goodland News reported two tragedies that fell upon one Sherman County couple. The first happened when Goodland city marshal H.N. Schell killed a man on the city streets, an act for which he was tried for murder. The second came the next year when Mrs. Schell died while her husband was in prison.



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W.H. FRAZIER SHOT DOWN BY CITY MARSHAL SCHELL Slight Altercation on Main Street Early Tuesday Terminates in Fatal Shooting

William H. Frazer, a locomotive fireman, was shot and instantly killed by City Marshal H.N. Schell shortly after seven o'clock Tuesday evening on Main Street, in front of Ernst's jewelry store. The wounded man uttered no word after the ball penetrated his left breast and staggered perhaps 25 feet and fell face downward upon the sidewalk dead. The deadly shot was fired from a .38 caliber revolver.

Doctors were called but the victim's body was pulseless when they arrived about five minutes after the shooting. There were probably 10-12 witnesses to the shooting, and when the undertaker came to remove the body the west side of the street was almost impassible because of the crowd.

Schell's version of the causes that led up to the shooting was that Frazer was drunk and was creating a disturbance, and when he attempted to make him stop and move on, Frazer attacked him with his fists and he was forced to shoot in self-defense and in carrying out his duties as an officer. Frazer was unarmed.

While it is true that Frazer attacked Schell, several witnesses swore to facts at both the coroner's inquest held over the body and at the preliminary hearing of Schell on the charge of murder, which state that Schell insulted Frazer by calling him vile names before Frazer made any show of attacking him. The testimony also states that Schell made no attempt to arrest Frazer, but when two friends had started down the street with him, Schell followed at their heels. After Schell had killed Frazer, he addressed some very vile and heartless epithets as the lifeless body lying on the sidewalk.

There was no other officer present at the shooting, and as Schell went home and did not give himself up, W.P. Roach, a friend of Frazer,

swore to a warrant charging the marshal with murder. When Under-sheriff Jewell went to Schell's home to place him under arrest, he was not there, and as a team was gone from the livery barn owned by Schell, it was thought he was endeavoring to escape. Messages were wired about the country for his apprehension, but Wednesday morning he returned and was placed under arrest by Sheriff Walker. (W.H. Frazer was 29, and a fireman with the Rock Island railroad.)

Barely 13 months later, April 1903, Mrs. H.N. Schell, a young woman and wife of the former city marshal, died of cancer. Her story was one of great sadness.

END COMES TO MRS. SCHELL Cancer Caused Her Death After Long Suffering Operation in Kansas City Unsuccessful The saddest story of a hard fate and long suffering in the history of this city was brought to an end Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. H.N. Schell died. The cause of her death was cancer of the womb, from which she suffered for more than a year. She was but 39 years old. Funeral services were held at her home and burial in the Goodland Cemetery. A telegram was sent to Mr. Schell in prison telling him of his wife's death.

Mrs. Schell leaves four daughters by her first marriage to William Heston, a little girl born to her and Schell, and a number of step-children. Miss Eva Schell, of Lincoln, Nebraska, was called last September to care for her step-mother and siblings. She was in constant attention in the sick room and her faithfulness to Mrs. Schell was exemplary.

The story of the life of Mrs. Schell is anything but a path of roses. When she married Mr. Schell in April 1896 she doubtless thought that her widowhood would be softened and the care and toil of making a livelihood for herself and daughters mitigated. But that was not to be true. On the other hand it was to bring more heartache than she had ever dreamed. Schell was then proprietor of a livery barn and made a comfortable livelihood for his family. He had been elected twice to the city council of the First ward, and later appointed city marshal. This appointment was the worst thing

that ever happened to him. He was a man of high temper and thought

the martialship clothed him in with almost irresponsible power.

After the shooting of Frazer, Mr. Schell was arrested and charged

with first degree murder.

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 Evening Service: 6 p.m.
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