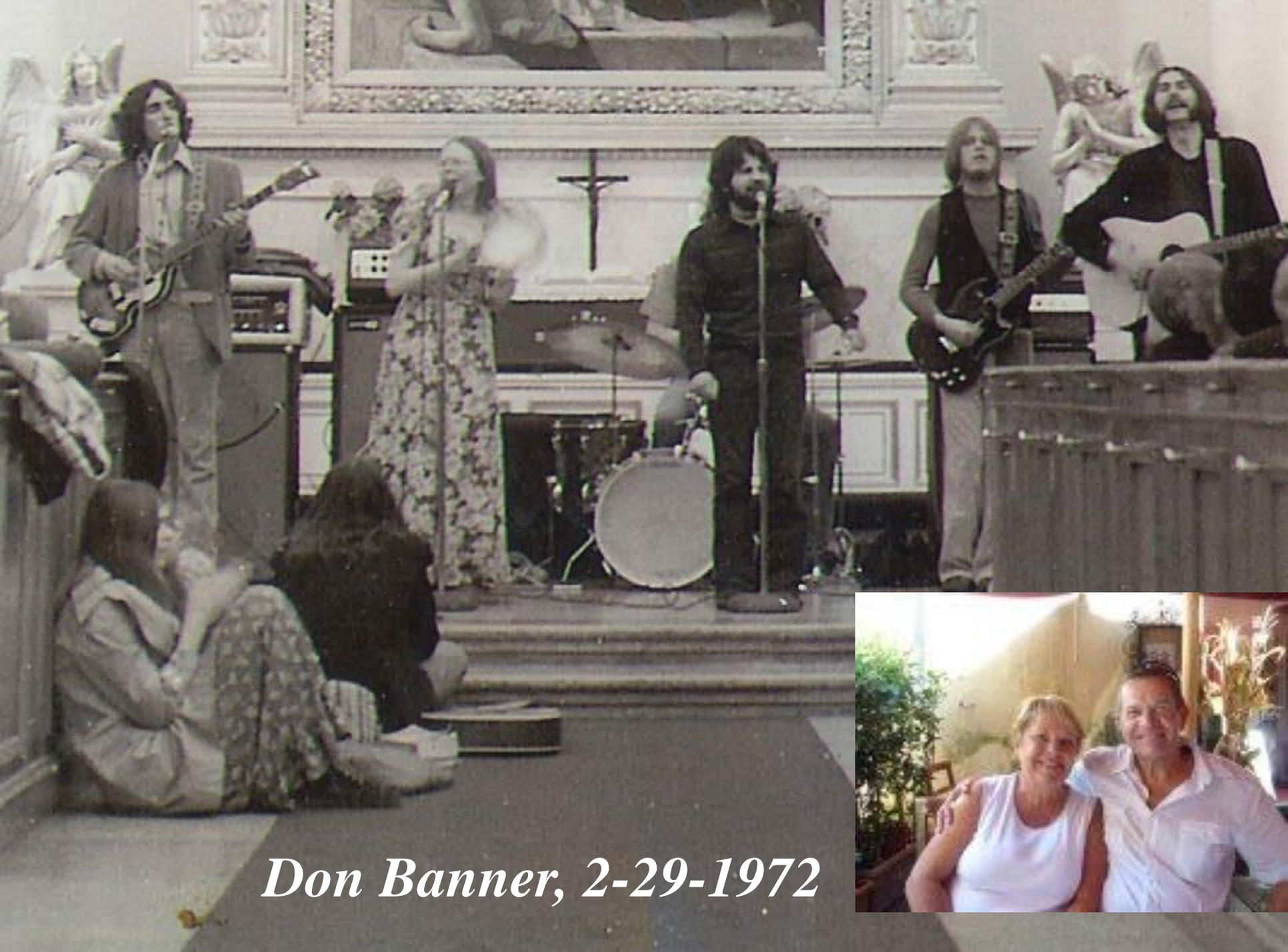


Feb 28, 2016 Cluster Lent Services

# The Role of the Methodist Laity



*Don Banner, 2-29-1972*



The 5 am  
preaching.

The  
Methodist  
Lay Preacher.

*When does  
learning  
happen?*



Mat 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

20 **teaching**  
**them to**  
*observe all*  
*that I have*  
*commanded*  
*you;* and lo, I  
am with you  
always, to the  
close of the  
age."



*“A Plain Account of the People Called Methodists”*

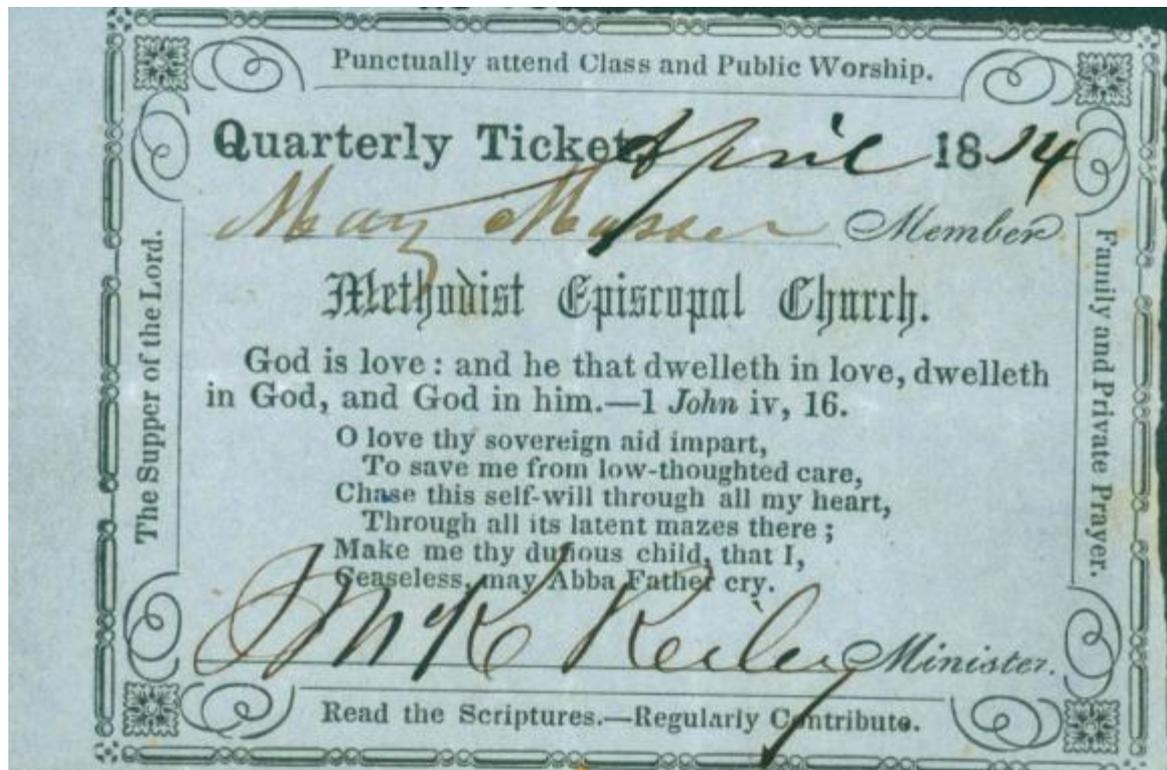
New Room, Bristol 2/15/1742 – Captain Foy

*12 @ 1 cent weekly in 1750 - \$2.50 today.*

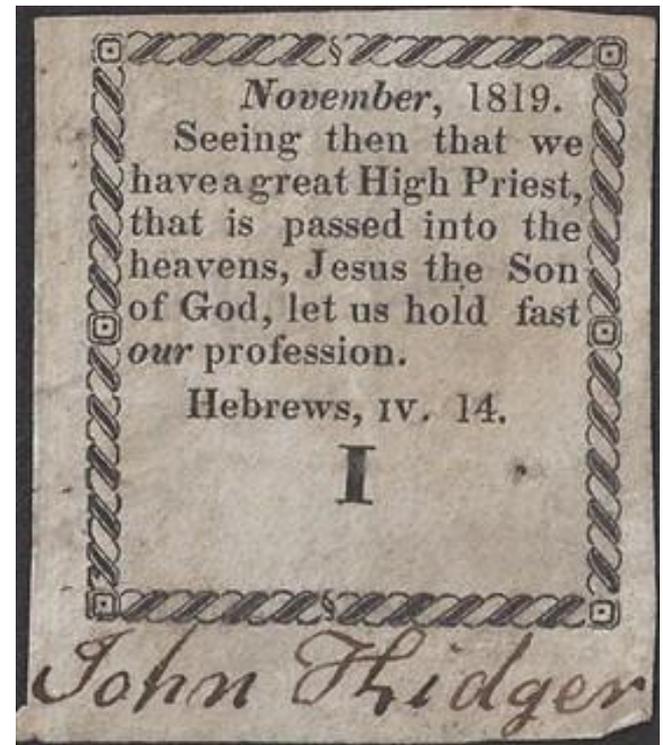


“It was done,” says Wesley. “In a while some of these informed me, they found such and such an one did not live as he ought. It struck me immediately, 'This is

the very thing; the very thing we have wanted so long.'



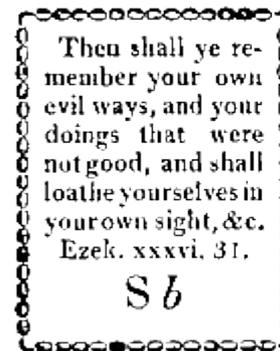
It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation, *First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced, such as:*



It is expected of all who continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,  
*Secondly: By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men:*

BAND TICKET.

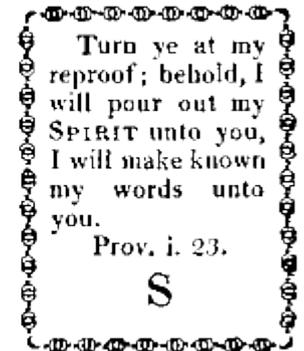
March, 1815.



Thos. Unwin.

CLASS TICKET.

March, 1815.



Jos. Cooper.

It is expected of all who desire to continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

*Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God;*  
such are:

June, 1813.

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, &c.

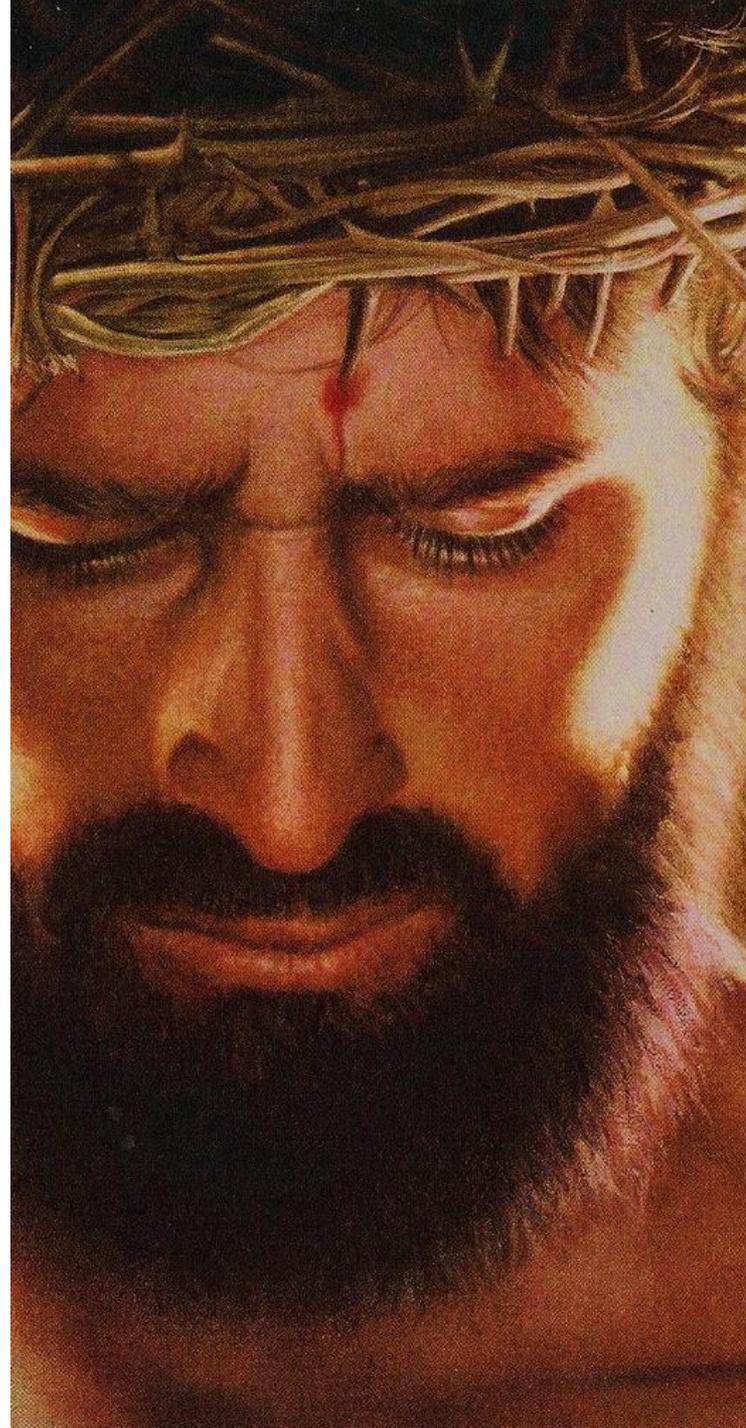
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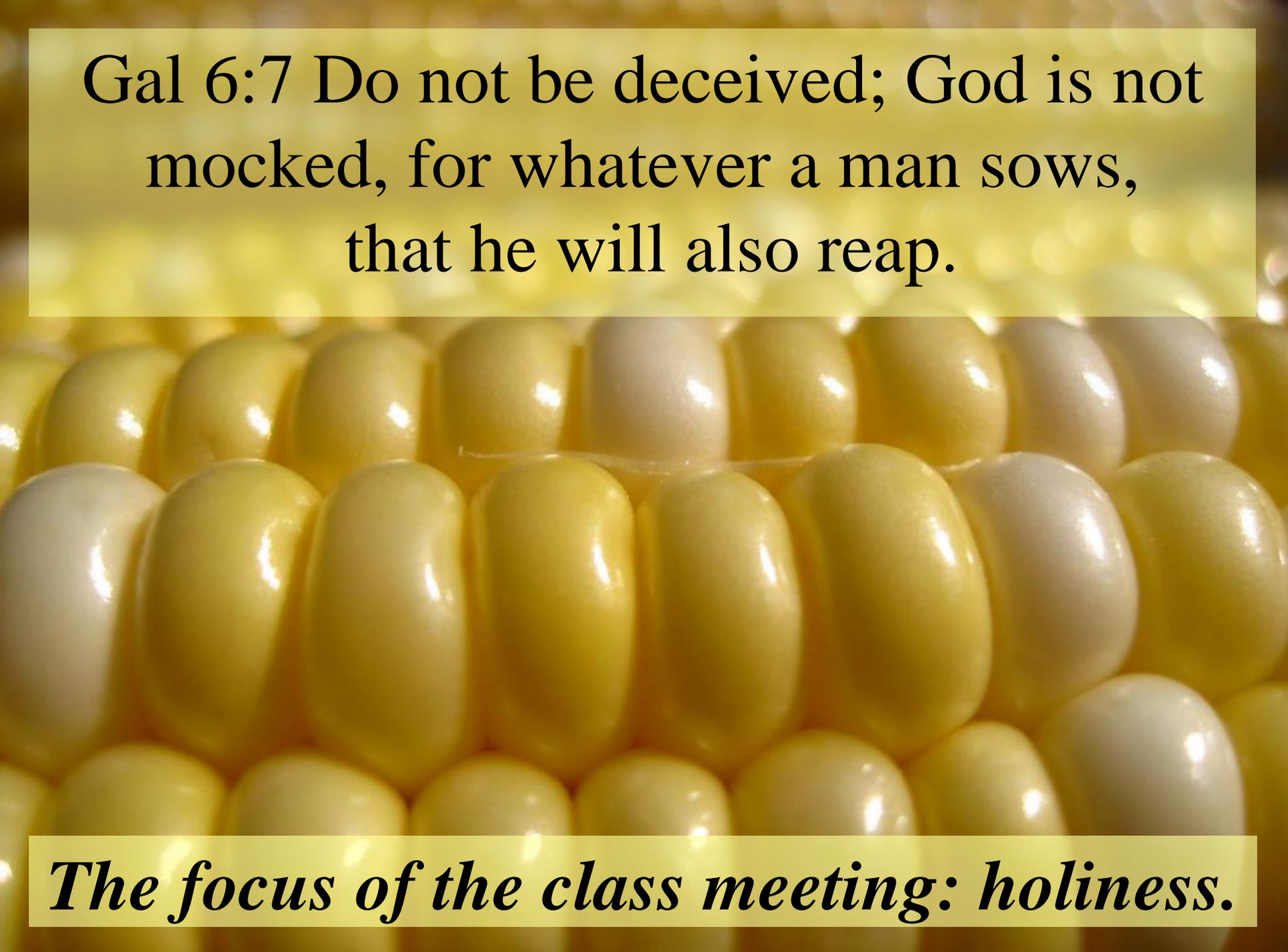
## Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.



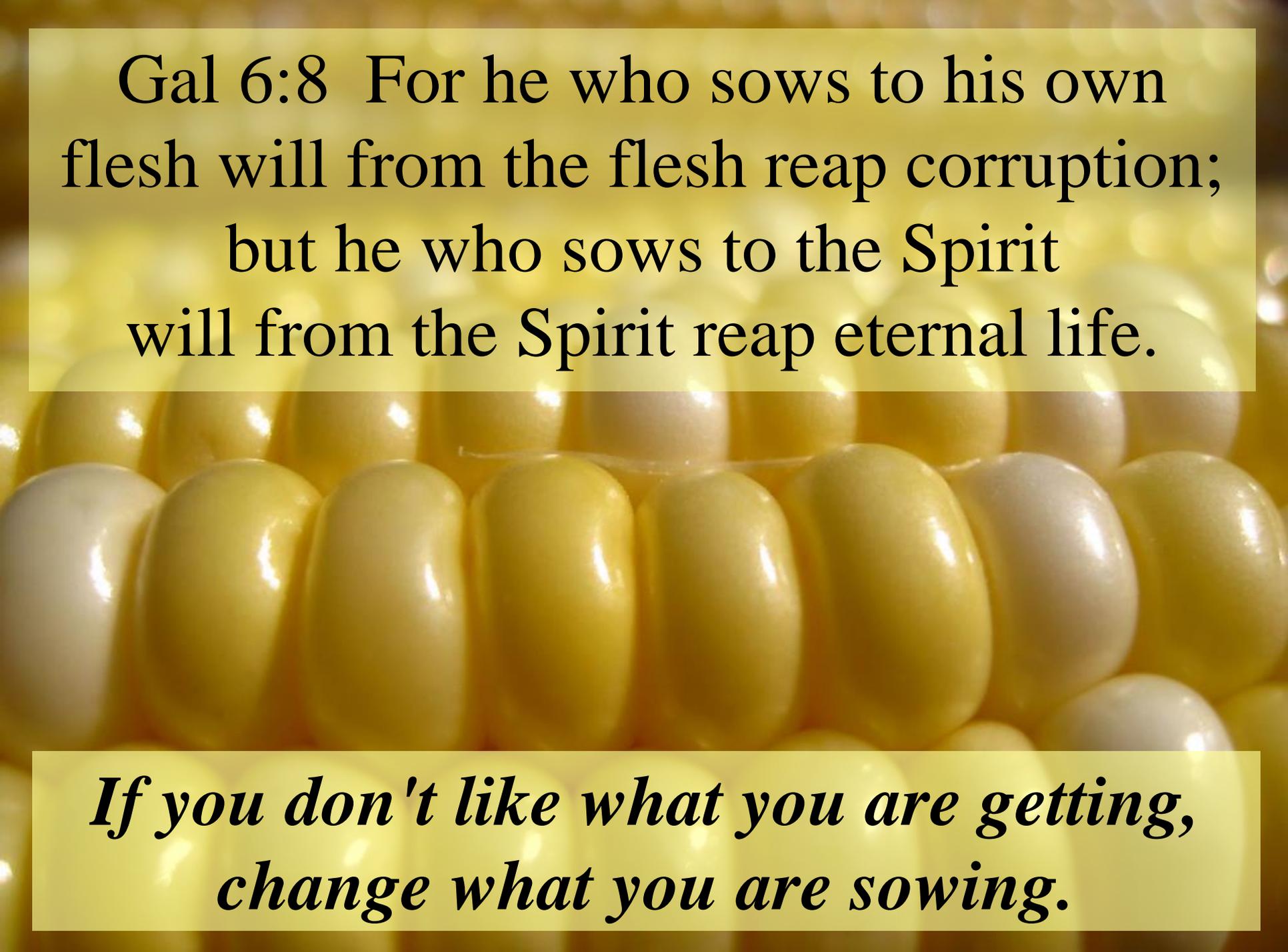
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious  
and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit, thou art mine,  
and I am thine. **So be it.**  
And the covenant  
which I have made on  
earth, let it be ratified in  
heaven. **Amen.**



The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of numerous small, smooth, oval-shaped beads. The beads are arranged in a somewhat regular pattern, with some being a pale yellow and others being a slightly darker, more vibrant yellow. The lighting is soft, creating gentle highlights and shadows on the surfaces of the beads, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

*The focus of the class meeting: holiness.*



Gal 6:8 For he who sows to his own  
flesh will from the flesh reap corruption;  
but he who sows to the Spirit  
will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

*If you don't like what you are getting,  
change what you are sowing.*

Wesley's movement originally drew its strength from the lower classes. Its effect was to “*cause diligence and frugality, which, in the natural course of things, must beget riches.*”

*Envy of holiness.*

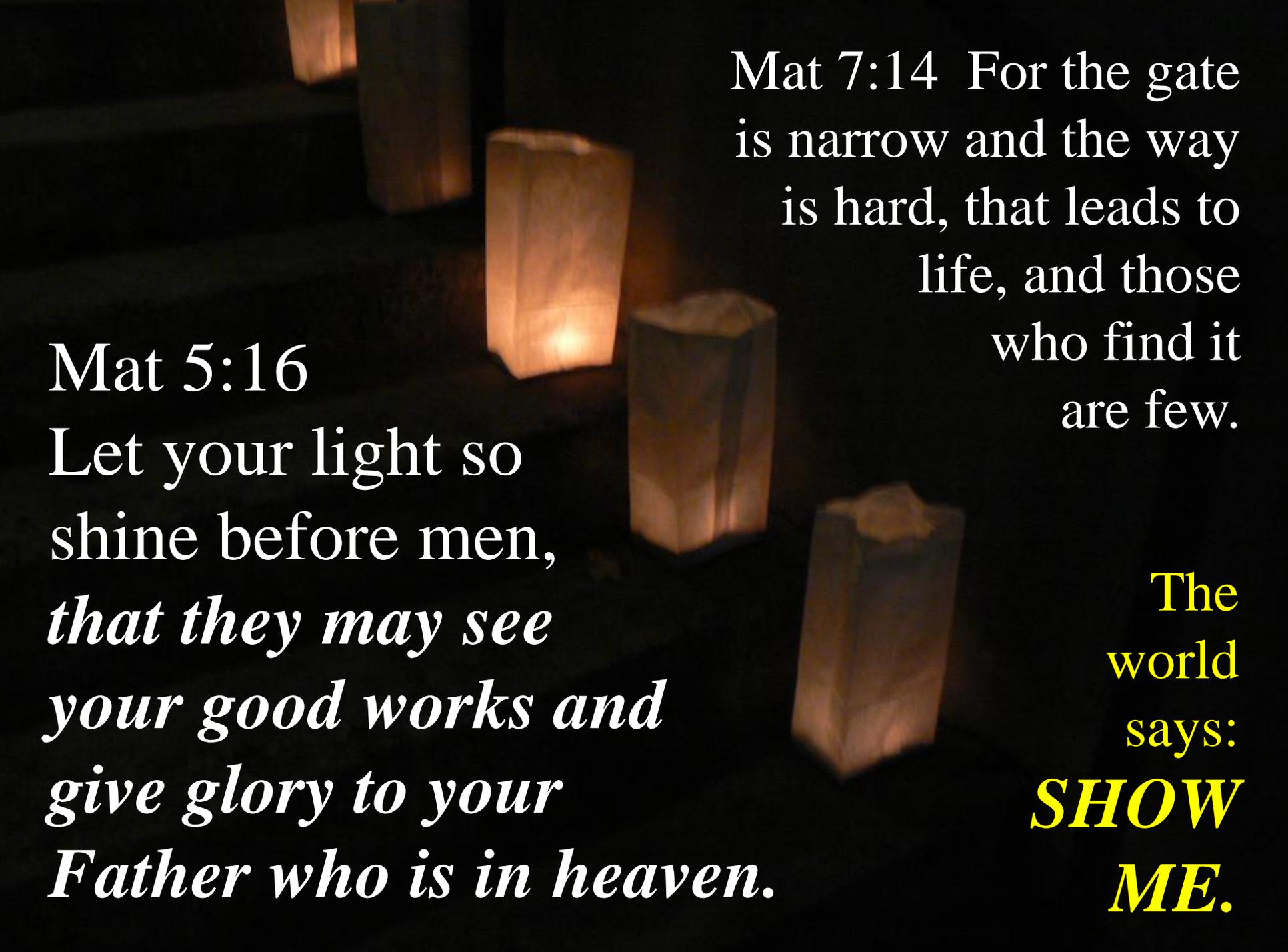
Mat 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, *for they shall be satisfied.*

The movement becomes only a church: the attendance requirement was dropped in the Methodist Church in the South in 1866, in the North in 1872, and in Britain in 1912.

"Enter by the narrow gate;



*for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.* Mat 7:13



Mat 5:16

Let your light so  
shine before men,  
*that they may see  
your good works and  
give glory to your  
Father who is in heaven.*

Mat 7:14 For the gate  
is narrow and the way  
is hard, that leads to  
life, and those  
who find it  
are few.

The  
world  
says:  
***SHOW  
ME.***

**We may  
not be  
able to  
help everyone,  
but everyone  
can help  
someone.**

Who is in your basket?

