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Saint John U.C. Vancouver

Anniversary

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The Glories of the City of God :-

Psalm 87
11 Cor 6:1-11

It's a solemn thing to be invited to preach!

But to be invited to preach on Anniversary Sunday :-

More frightening still.

This Role does not fit easily on a stranger.

This is the Day on which ^{Anniversary} Saint John and its friends
celebrate the fact that you came to be.

This is the day in which you rejoice in your being.

An anniversary is not so much a matter of counting of
the years of existence.

But of rejoicing in the unique, unrepeatable reality ^{Anniversary}
which in this case is the really called Saint John
Vancouver.

Many of you will be recalling the story of Saint John.

you will be recalling your story of Saint John. ^{Anniversary}

It would be so much better if you could all say your
piece as I am sure many of you have a secret desire so to do. ^{piece} ^{we claim it to mean this}

The men & women whose self-giving made St J's possible.
made it what it is. ^{Anniversary}

Its glories & stark comings :-

in kindness - tumults

its sufferings - chastenings - joys - riches!

I don't know these → I am an outsider to the
celebrations.

The only reason I was asked :- Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Have had to do with other congregations -

Come to know - other unique variations - some they grow
so here.

Some things about Paul → he held - appeared
members of God → Chap 6 of II Cor.

② If I'm to help you celebrate - We have
the Church of Jesus Christ here.

That I can do: -

If I preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gospel that creates the Church: -

Grateful as we are for the sacrifices that put this House of God here

wondrous and glorious as this is,

We are not celebrating the advent of the Church here -

if that is its only glory

we can Put up a fine building, - long rows
 open a get up and go programme,
 attract old and young - we are sure of a future.

and not establish the Church here.

We can make all these glorious sacrifices to an inglorious end

miss the true nature of the Church.

In the 87th Psalm: ->

Text: -

Hyman Celebrates Glor of Zion
 City of God.

Line "Of Zion it shall be said that
 This and that man was Born in Her."

If there is any ^{Remembrance} glory to Saint John

It will be that This and that man was born here

What are we talking about? -

a fellowship in which men are born again?

Reborn man?

Believer is Born then

(A) Something New - Becomes Real
Sovereign Love of God!

(A) 1. Ground of his safety: -
 too late our existence is threatened -
 no ^{solid} reason for being -
 allow ourselves to have one - fate, scratch it from us
 remove brand it & we are safe
Belies God's Love - ground of his safety

2. Ground of his Status -

aggressive about
 position for it. - get two people together -
 - which of them is the greater
 children - first or last? one up
 best or worst?

gain status.

free at hands of God's Love: -

Love of God real -

3. Ground of his courage - Takes courage to love
 make life's decisions - wrong -
 unexpressed regret on the road not taken
 prone to yourself you are right
 know yourself loved -
 Good news - God is forgiving love - TRUE
 New Man - Courage to be from New source

(B) Something New Becomes Sovereign

Subdues Man - Lord over Man.

1. Love - Constraint -

2. Demand

3. Control Factor.

Love of God
Real

Sovereign

Reborn Man

Reborn of the Gospel

Reborn of God's Suffering Love.

Confronts him in the Fellowship of Believers: -

Meaning of the Church's Existence:

Continues - Created by God's Love.

Confronts men with Himself.

This is what creates believers

Forgiveness Fellowship: -

Sinner known & accepted.

P.A. Road of mind.

- Pimp -

C.G.V.T. Fund

Believers Fellowship

Suffer known - Born :- parlance of.

Blow - Terror - Darkness.

Conscience and true sin with guilt producing colours

is conscious of Love - accomplishment over to accept

Believers Pimp:

Doubter - known - Accepted Power.

Trust levels - in God who is the giver of
His own gift of Faith.

Love Fellowship: -

Suffers for the sin of the world, - points finger
lost - don't know God Love them.

Paradox of this religion a guard that!

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Men are Born again?

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Question so Poignant perpetually

foundation for their Coop IS, Laid,

— no foundat. can any man lay — then that
is Laid,

— It's Been Laid — makes hamburger

Dr A.P.B. now — Now President of Victoria University Toronto

Men Conf Devotes

Trip to Manitoba ; — foundation for a Man's
filament — little hut —

→ Foundation is Laid

→ Chicken coop we build upon it