

DIVINE PARADOXES

A paradox is defined to be a "tenet or proposition contrary to received opinion, and seemingly absurd, but true in fact."

The Gospel of Christ is full of paradoxes: for God's thoughts and ways are on a higher plane than human thoughts and ways, and therefore appear impossible and even absurd from the merely human standpoint, just as the statements and actions of an astronomer searching the heavens with a telescope would appear absurd to the wild savages in the heart of Africa.

- (1) We see unseen things. II. Cor. 9:18.
- (2) We conquer by yielding. Matt. 5:5, with Rom. 12: 20-21.
- (3) We rest under a yoke. Matt. 11: 28-30.
- (4) We reign by serving. Mark 10:42-44.
- (5) We become great by becoming little. Matt. 18:4.
- (6) We are exalted by being humble. Matt. 23:12.
- (7) We become wise by becoming foolish. I Cor. 1:20-21.
- (8) We become free by becoming slaves. Rom. 6:17-22, with Rom. 8:2.
- (9) We possess all things by having nothing. II Cor. 6:10.
- (10) When we are weak, then we are strong. II Cor. 7:10.
- (11) We triumph by defeat. II Cor. 12:7-9.
- (12) We glory in our infirmities. 2 Cor. 12:5.
- (13) We live by dying. John 12:24-25, with II Cor. 4:10-11.