

Dawson Trotman Tribute

Billy Graham

I. Introduction.

II. The death of Dawson Trotman.

- A. His life was carefully organized for Jesus Christ.
- B. He trained men to live like this.
- C. He founded the Navigators who help missionaries of all denominations.
- D. Trotman came along side the Billy Graham crusade to take up their follow up program.
- E. He touched many lives for Christ.
- F. He drowned trying to save another person.
- G. His death was not an accident and he will be seen by Christians again.

III. Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.

IV. Address.

- A. America owes a debt of gratitude to the Native American.
- B. One of the most endearing qualities of this people is their responsiveness to Jesus.
 - 1. Geronimo was converted.
 - 2. Jesus is not just the white man's God.
- C. Characteristics of Native Americans that are characteristics of Christianity.
 - 1. Strength.
 - 2. Courage.
 - a. Jesus was put on the cross but He did not stay there.
 - b. He rose from the dead and will return in great glory.
 - c. He is the great chief.
 - d. All of Jesus' disciples except one died for the faith having great courage.
 - 3. Loyalty.

- a. The highest loyalty is to God.
- b. Everyone that has forsaken family and possession for God shall inherit eternal life.
- c. The worst disloyalty is to spurn the love of God.
- d. The greatest sin a man can commit is to reject God.

4. Vigilance.

- a. Many like Paul were spiritually blind.
- b. God gave him a spiritual vision.
- c. We need Native Americans with a vision for God.

5. Religious.

- a. The Native Americans had searched after the heart of the living God.
- b. Faith must be exercised in a workable religion before it will work.

Application questions

1. How did Trotman model the disciplined Christian life?

2. How are the qualities the speaker sees like the qualities that God demands?

3. Which characteristic stood out to you? Which one could you use the most work on? Explain.
