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A PAPER WITH A NATIONAL CIRCULATION

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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## Regeneration

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3: 3.

That, there is an experience known as regeneration or the new birth, is an indisputable fact. It is a fact attested to by human experience and divine authority. The words of our text as well as the repeated statements of Scriptures declare this glorious truth. Read John 3: 1-8 and hear Jesus as He declares in a few words this solemn fact. But as you read, know this, you are considering a theme so vast and an experience so momentous that a careless reading or a biased attitude may plunge your soul into unspeakable horrors, fraught with grave dangers. To be sure this passage is plain, and the Word of God is powerful and life giving, but many times individuals grope in the dark because they entertain warped opinions and prejudiced interpretations in preference to simple truth. So beware of fixed opinions, and search earnestly the Scriptures if you would be born again.

In considering this subject, let me call your attention to five phases of it. Consider first, the nature of regeneration. What do we mean by it? What does it mean to be born again? Does it mean that one can enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born? This was the thought that puzzled Nicodemus when Jesus said "Except a man be born again, he can not see the Kingdom of God." And perhaps this thought is troubling

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## Knowing The Author

A young lady once laid down a book which she had just finished with the remark that it was the dullest story she had ever read. In the course of time she became engaged to a young man, and one night she said to him: "I have a book in my library whose author's name, and even initials, are precisely the same as yours. Isn't that a singular coincidence?" "I do not think so," he replied. "Why not, pray?" "For the simple reason that I wrote the book." That night the young lady sat up until two o'clock reading the book again. And this time it seemed the most interesting story she had ever read. The once dull book was now fairly fascinating because she

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## AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Shall be forever mine."

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. When was a dry valley filled with water without rain, and what happened when the sun shone on that water?
2. Who defended a bean-patch against an army?
3. What mighty men risked their lives for a drink of water, and what became of the water?
4. Who laughed at angels?
5. What woman gained a gold ring, a bracelet, and a husband because of her politeness?
6. What hero fought a giant unarmed, and killed him with his own spear?
7. What two men stormed a fort and defeated a garrison?
8. What general made a fortune out of earrings?
9. When did the sword of a dead giant cause the death of an innocent man?
10. What giant had six fingers on each hand, and what became of him?
11. What man found a kingdom while looking for some lost donkeys?
12. Whose lives were saved by a scarlet thread?

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "Sowing And Reaping"

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6: 7-8.

This is one passage which no skeptic would dare to deny. It stands on its own evidence. We can see it fulfilled in life about us every day.

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This is an eternal truth; it is Heaven's eternal decree. We might as well try to blot out the sun, or lift ourselves by our own boot straps, or to turn over a mammoth office building single handed, as to try

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## The New Pastor

It is commonly true that the first year of any pastorate is usually the best year any pastor experiences. The following article dealing with this fact is a masterpiece. It sets forth the reasons why this is true. It is so interesting we desire to share it with our readers.

"That the first year of many pastorates is more fruitful than succeeding years is not due to the fact that pastors make a greater effort during their first year than during succeeding years. Broadly speaking, every church feels that with the coming of a new pastor a new day of opportunity is dawning.

At such a time the church presents a solid front, and the new pastor, as least for a time, has the cooperation of the entire membership. Old disputes are forgotten, and members who have grown cold and indifferent appear at the church and often stand closest to the new pastor. The pastor pleads for a new consecration and a campaign of soul winning.

The people are aroused and eager to do all that can be done to bring their loved ones and friends to Christ. They sing the praises of the new pastor and tell their unconverted friends of the wonderful happenings at the church. The unconverted people begin to come in large numbers and the new pastor presents the old truth in a new way. It grips the people and they gladly yield to Christ. A wave of revival blessing begins to roll over the church. At the end of the first year the following news comes to the Watch-

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## Plain Talk About Sin

It is related that after a sermon by a distinguished minister dealing most pointedly with sin, one of the church officers visited the pastor and remonstrated as follows, "We do not want you to talk so plainly as you do about sin, because if our boys and girls hear you talking so much about sin they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, do not speak so plainly about sin."

The pastor took down a small bottle of strychnine, marked "poison" and showed it to his visitor, saying, "I see what you want me to do, you want me to change the label. Now, suppose I take this label off and substitute another, say 'Essence of Peppermint', do you see what happens?"

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