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Can A Person Once Saved, Be Eternally Lost?



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"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. And have tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."—Heb. 6:4-6.

The only authoritative, satisfactory and final answer to this question is the Word of God. By it man is saved, cleansed and will be judged. For "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," Rom. 10:17. And Peter said, "Being born again . . . by the word of God," I Pet. 1:23. Then in the Old Testament we read, "Wherewithal shall a young man thereto according to thy word,"

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Christian Dancer

A young woman, who was a Christian, but unfortunately like many other Christians today, went to a big ball which was one of the brilliant events of the season. A costly gown enabled her to present a beautiful exterior, but she was not happy. She had a hunger to live a consistent Christian life and to do the Lord's will, yet the appeal of the world was strong and she had yielded to it and gone to a dance—a very poor place for a believer to find the will of God. A few days later, on being ap-

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NATURE KNOWS NO NOVELTIES

"The modern church has all things new—
New prayers, new hymns, new preaching;
And though they read the old Book through,
They found therein new teaching!
For in their notion of revival
The ancient things had no survival.

So when the Spring came back to earth
The church had half-expected
New flowers and trees would spring to birth,
And old things be rejected.
But lo, old buttercups and daisies
Came as of yore, to show God's praises.

The leaves came on just as before,
With just the same unfolding;
The fruit-trees just the same bloom bore,
No leaf through shame withholding.
And once again in woodland bowers
We saw anew the dear old flowers.

The blackbirds sang the same sweet song
Among the same old bushes;
The cuckoos' spring-calls heard so long.
The music of the thrushes,
Were just the same, and sweet at ever,
For Nature's gospel changes never.

So as I only know one God
In Bible and creation,
I doubted of the path men trod,
Their new-found revelation.
And 'til the meadows bear new daisies
I'll preach old truths, and sing old praises."

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Which tribe of Israel was noted for its left-handed warriors?
2. In whose army did the soldiers carry each a branch of a tree, and why?
3. What great city was saved from destruction because it repented?
4. What had woman saved her own life and that of her family by repenting, and became an ancestress of Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of our Lord?
5. What general won a crown of gold and jewels for his king?
6. Who sold his life for some gold, silver, and a garment?
7. Who received baskets of the heads of princes?
8. Whose life depended on a golden sceptre?
9. Who won a wife by capturing a city?
10. What greatly loved woman was buried at Bethlehem?
11. What great general lost the ambition of his life by losing his temper?
12. Who had quail for dinner every day for a month?

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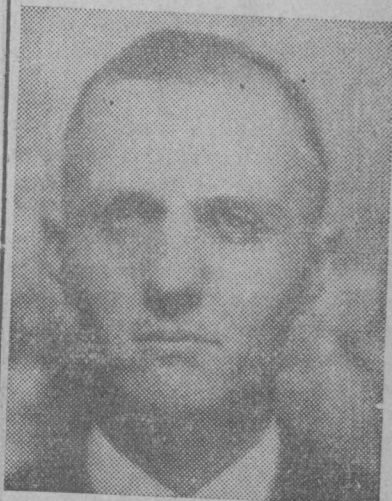
The Name That Shall Endure

"His name shall endure forever." (Ps. 72:17).

What a contrast between the name of Jesus and everything else. Men's works do not endure. In the age succeeding the flood, they made brick, they gathered slime, and they builded the tower of Babel with the thought in mind that it would last forever. When it was finished, God confounded their language and with His lightnings He destroyed it, and left the remains as a monument to their folly. It is thus with all of man's works. They do not endure.

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Will You Help Send A Mission- ary To Brazil?



C. W. DICKERSON, RUSSELL,
KY. SOON TO GO TO BRAZIL.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." (Acts 13:2, 3).

This was what God told the church at Antioch relative to the work of two noble men of God in the early mission fields. We believe that the same God has called us to assist in sending Bro. C. W. Dickerson to Brazil. It is really amazing and gratifying how that others feel the same relative to his going. We thank God for the response that we have had thus far to our appeals for the needed money, amounting to approximately \$500 for his passage alone.

The following letter tells its own story and we print it as a sample (Continued on Page Seven)

Service To Others

An express train was pulling out of the station at Alexandria, Va., when an old negro hurried onto the train at the last moment. He was the picture of weariness. He said he had had nothing to eat that morning and had been walking since four o'clock to catch the train. He was going to his old home down in Georgia. You would have thought Georgia was Heaven to hear him talk. He had been saving up for years to buy the ticket. The conductor came

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AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE FIRST BAPTIST
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THE EDITOR'S FRIENDS

As doubtlessly most of you know, the editor of this paper is likewise pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky. On Sunday, April 16, we began our eleventh year as pastor of this church. Just a few days ago, the following letter was sent to each member of the church whose correct address we had.

In view of the fact that it mentioned the various types of work in which we are engaged, and thinking that this would be of interest to the readers of our paper, it is therefore printed in this issue:

Russell, Ky., April 14, 1939.

Dearly Beloved Member:

Years ago, one much wiser than your pastor, wrote to a local church, "Brethren—this one thing I do, forgetting things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13, 14).

These are your pastor's thoughts toward you today now that we are beginning our eleventh year together. As we write these lines, we are praying that this text may appeal to your heart today as it does to mine.

As to retrospect, Paul said, "Forgetting those things which are behind." That includes both failures and successes. We have made our mistakes and for these we humbly beg your forgiveness. The dear Lord has blessed us and for these blessings we are indeed thankful. But if we are to do our best work in the days before us, we must forget all the past. If we may liken the past to a hatchet then let us bury it today. (Don't even leave the handle protruding, so you may be tempted to grasp it again).

Facing the future with all of its uncertainty, Paul said, "I press on." I trust that those three words may be our slogan for the future. "I PRESS ON!" There is something about these three words which challenges the last bit of spiritual, mental and physical manhood there is in us.

Above all else I beseech you to

pray as you have never prayed before. We are living in perilous days, when it seems that the whole world is getting ready for the rise of a world wide dictator. Our only hope in these terrible and distressing days is that we be shut up to prayer.

Furthermore, I appeal to you to throw yourselves into the task of personal evangelism and to lead the lost to Christ. God has been so gracious to us in saving many lost souls in the days that have gone by. We have stood uncompromisingly for the whole Word of God and have fought against every form of false teaching and God has, accordingly, blessed us with flood tides of spiritual blessings. But now, beloved, as never before I urge you to visit the lost and to deal with them personally concerning their salvation. I am trusting that next Sunday we will witness the turning of many to the Lord Jesus.

I still further appeal to you concerning your financial support of the church. No church, to my knowledge, anywhere at any time, has contributed as nobly as you have in the past ten years. And now with numbers of our members without work and financial support themselves, our hearts go out to them in deepest compassion. However, those of you who still receive incomes, I appeal to, that you should remember I Cor. 16:2 and Mal. 3:10.

In addition to our regular work, we have two special objects which we should remember prayerfully. First, how God has highly honored our church in calling Bro. C. W. Dickerson as a missionary to Brazil! I think it has already been, and will continue to be, a marvelous blessing unto us to develop a mission spirit among us. You will note from week to week in my paper a report relative to this fund. I am asking that on Sunday, April 30, we shall have a special missionary offering. How I trust that the membership of our church, along with the readers of my paper, shall at that time be able to contribute the entire amount necessary for Bro. Dickerson's passage.

The second object, that I especially mention, is that of our radio. Our time will expire with the first Sunday of June. We have no money in the fund to carry it further. It will cost us at least \$700 this next year because of an increase in the broadcasting rates. I have made it a point in the two years in which we have been broadcasting that I should never mention the question of money nor beg of my radio audience for contributions. I expect to continue thus. I would rather go off the air the first Sunday in June and never broadcast again than to have to carry on our broadcast as a begging proposition. I, therefore, urge you to pray definitely as to what God would have you do in this matter. And between now and the first of June you may make your

contribution toward this radio program. This coming Saturday is pay day. Then we will have another pay day the fifteenth of May. By that time I trust that we will have sufficient funds for this year's contract for the broadcast. God possibly wants you to have a part in it, ask Him what that part might be.

Lastly, I urge you to visit one another and love one another more. May you lay aside all jealousies, strife and envyings and give yourselves unreservedly to the task of supporting the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ through our church. I haven't time to do pastoral visitation as I would like and for that reason I urge you to pray one with and for, another.

Beloved, I trust you will take this letter seriously. This is no (Continued on Page Eight)

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through the car for tickets. On the next seat sat a pale-faced woman with her babe in her arms. She said to the conductor, "I haven't any ticket. Don't put me off. My husband is down South. The doctor's word has come saying he cannot live and I must go to him although I haven't any money." The conductor said, "Sorry, madam, you will have to get off. I must do my duty." The old negro had been listening. Finally he turned around and said, "Here is your ticket." The train slowed down. The old man shuffled wearily to the door and the last they saw of him he was patiently trudging along toward Georgia. It was the Christ spirit in his heart that prompted him to do it.—Sunday School Times.

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"THE NAME THAT SHALL ENDURE"

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Neither do nations endure. Where is Nineveh, and where is Babylon today? Where are the cities of Persia? Just as these countries have faded, and the successive countries of Greece, Rome, and others have arisen and fallen again, even so down to the present time, all nations have failed to endure.

In like measure, our houses and our property do not endure. There is constantly the work of repairing, painting, and renewing which must go on, and even then the property we build scarcely outlives the builder, and in a few years after his demise the property too is razed to make room for some other building.

So it is with our bodies. The hands grow feeble, the legs grow tottery, the eyes grow dim, and sooner or later each of us must fold our arms across our breast for a last long sleep for the body, so far as this world is concerned.

That which is true of our bodies has been likewise true of the styles. What changes there have been in the clothing worn by men and women within the past hundred years. Short breeches, long breeches, hoop skirts, hobble skirts, short dresses, long dresses, bobbed hair and switches for the women, with wigs for the men—all these have characterized the styles of the past few years. How remarkable the fluctuation and changes have been. Someone has said, "If you see a man running home with a hat box under his arm, don't stop him; it may be his wife's hat, and he is trying to get home before the style changes."

Even our friends do not endure. One by one we drift apart; east, west, north and south. One day they fall asleep, some in Jesus, and some unsaved, so that our friendships of yesterday are but myths of today, perhaps nothing more than the material out of which we fashion our day dreams of yesterday. How often I think of that group of boyhood associates. Some scattered to all points of the compass, and some now departed; and whenever I recall them to mind I say in the words of the poet, "I would give the whole world to see that old gang of mine."

Further, our homes do not endure. Just as the house where we live falls away, so the home likewise vanishes. Perhaps a divorce brings this about. Years ago H. P. Danks wrote "Silver Threads Among the Gold." With the coming of wealth from the sale of this song, came also the disruption of his home by divorce. Even when our homes survive the rocky breakers of the divorce court, they are rudely broken up the entrance of death. Many a home wherein there is a loving husband and wife fails to endure because death takes one or the other.

Thus beloved, I am simply trying to show you that the things of this world do not endure. Men's works, the nations, our houses, our property, our bodies, the styles, our friends, and even our homes fail to endure. In contrast to that which is fleeting in this life, the Lord Jesus Christ endures forever.

I

His name shall endure because He is God, and God shall always endure. How wonderful it is to know that Jesus is God—God in the flesh. "I and my Father are one." "That ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him." (Jn. 10:30, 38). "And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me." (Jn. 12:45). Yet, it is just as wonderful to know that God shall always endure. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." (Ps. 90:2). Listen again: "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end." (Ps. 102:25-27). Someone may object to say that this is speaking of God. May I remind you that the God of the Old Testament is the Christ of the New. I say again that Jesus' name shall endure because He is God, and God shall always endure.

II

His name shall endure because of His unique birth. There never was a birth like it. It was prophesied for four thousand years before it came to pass. Was He not born the seed of the woman alone without a human father? This was first given us in prophecy hundreds of years before it became a reality. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15). "Therebefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isa. 7:14). Even the very place of his birth is prophesied. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judea, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

(Micah 5:2). The gifts which were presented Him by the wise men were foretold. "The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord." (Isa. 60:6).

Not only was His birth unique because it was thus prophesied, but it was unique because He was born of a virgin. "Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:19-21). It is true that the birth of other great characters has been prophesied; however, Jesus Christ is the only one who was ever born a virgin. That which is biologically and physiologically impossible, became a reality in that Jesus was conceived in His mother's womb without a human father.

Co-operating with the prophecy of the past, and His virgin birth, a star was hung in the heavens for Him, in order to make His birth all the more unique. The wise men came from a distance and asked as to the star, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." (Mt. 2:2). Never before nor since, so far as human recollection and earthly history goes, was there ever a star hung in the heavens honoring the birth of anyone.

All heaven was ablaze with the angels of God. The first gospel message that was ever preached was preached by one of these. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Lk. 2:10, 11). At His birth, the entire heavenly chorus with their seraphic melodies sang the first Christian hymn. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Lk. 2:14). See the shepherds as they bowed in His presence, clothed in their simple home-spun garments, in adoration of Him who was the Christ of God. What a contrast, when we behold the wise men bowing before Jesus and offering to Him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Truly, His birth affected both worlds, for the angels sang His praise in the skies, while on earth the humblest and the mightiest, the shepherds and the wise men bowed before His crib in humble adoration. Truly His was a unique birth. Born of a virgin, with every event of that birth having been prophesied hundreds of years before, being honored with a star especially hung in the heavens for Him, and being worshipped by the angels, the wise men, and the shepherds, marks the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ as the most unique birth ever known in this world. Truly His name shall endure because of His unique birth.

III

His name shall endure because of the greatness of His power. How marvelous was Jesus' power over nature. On one occasion He turned water into wine. And again He walked upon the sea, contrary to the laws of nature. On still another occasion He commanded the wind and the waves to obey His voice, and the wind became a calm, and the boisterous waves became hushed at His feet.

If His power over nature would cause us to stand in awe and admiration, how much more His power over disease. The lame walked and the deaf were made to hear, the blind eyes were opened, the palsied bodies were rejuvenated, and the demoniac's intellect was restored again. In view of this power over disease, we sing:

"The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus,
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh! hear the voice of Jesus.

Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue;
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus."

Look at his power over Satan. On three occasions during the early part of His ministry, by simple quotations from the Old Testament Prophets, He was able to rout Satan and completely defeat him. Once Satan suggested that Jesus turn stones into bread, and thus feed His hungry body. Again he tempted Him to cast Himself from the roof of the temple. And on a third occasion Satan offered Jesus the glory of the world if He would only fall down and worship him. In each of these, the Lord Jesus Christ became the victor by a quotation of the Old Testament saying, "It is written." Yet look at the cross of Jesus if you would see Him finally victorious in His power over Satan. The devils of hell must have laughed with glee when Jesus was crucified.

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Ps. 119:9. Then too, Jesus said, The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day, Jn. 12:48. Now if man is saved, cleansed and will be judged by the Word, surely the Word ought to be the only authoritative way to answer questions of this nature. Isaiah said, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to THIS WORD, it is because there is no light in them," (8:20). Elsewhere we read, "The entrance of thy words giveth light." So let's see if the Word can shed light on this question.

In the above text, there is a seeming indication that one can be saved, yet eternally lost. And I will say this, if the expressions "once enlightened," "tasted of the heavenly gifts," "made partakers of the Holy Ghost," and "the power of a world to come" are synonymous with salvation; then the text teaches that a person can be once saved, yet lost forever. But the text doesn't present such a case. Heb. 6:4-6 presents the case of Jewish professed believers who halt short of faith in Christ after advancing to the very threshold of salvation, even going along with the Holy Spirit in His work of enlightenment and conviction" (Schofield). Not once are we told that they had faith, and as you very well know, one must believe to be saved. "For he that cometh to God must believe," Heb. 11:6; Acts 16:31; Mk. 16:16, etc. On the other hand, the passage nowhere states they were saved. They were enlightened, awakened and at the turning point, but they had never yielded themselves to God. The joys of salvation they had never experienced. In verse 9 Paul says, "We are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." Note the change from "they" to "you." They were enlightened, you are saved. They had come to the point of being saved, but you have experienced the things that accompany salvation. Like Israel at Kadesh-Barnea saw the land, had the very fruit of it in their hands, even tasting of it, and yet turned back to death and destruction, so the "they" of Hebrews 6:4-6 had seen, tasted and partaken of the Spirit and powers of the world to come, yet they too turn back to crucify the Son of God afresh in sin.

To say that a person can be once saved, and then eternally lost, we must prove two propositions. First, that the one lost had actually been saved. And second, that the one saved was actually

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fied. Yet their laughter was in vain, for the cross sounded the death knell for Satan. Paul thus declares that the cross of Jesus was the death blow for Satan. "For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death; that is, the devil." (Heb 2:14).

Behold also Jesus' power over the grave. On three occasions in His life He manifested that power. One day He called to life a little girl twelve years of age. Still again, as they were carrying a widow's son to his burial, Jesus halted the funeral procession and commanded he dead to live. At a later date, He stood at the tomb of one who had been buried for four days, where decomposition had already set in. Nothing daunted, he spoke and the dead arose. Is it any wonder then that on that first resurrection morn, that He rolled the stone from His own tomb, and rose victorious and triumphant over the grave? In view of this, we say with Paul. "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 54:57).

Then there is that most marvelous power which Jesus possesses—His power of giving eternal life. "As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (Jn. 17:1, 3). Look at the Hill of the Skull, there is a thief hanging on the cross near to Jesus, who is condemned sinner, justly condemned for his deeds. Clammy sweat is on his brow; his heart is filthy with the crust of years of sin, as he hangs there dying. The fiends of hell wait for his soul, with the thought in mind that another soul shall be with them in hell.

As he hangs there, Jesus looks his way. There is power in Jesus' eye. Slowly and feebly the thief whispers, "Lord, remember me." To which Jesus replies, "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Lk. 23:43). Now look back at the cross where that thief is dying. The look of horrid anguish is gone from his face. In its place there is actually a smile. The fiends of hell are gone, and an angel of mercy is ready to receive the soul—now a precious jewel, fit for God's Kingdom. The heart, lately crusted with the filth of a sinful life, is now white with purity. Instead of being a sinner condemned, he is now a sinner justified by grace.

A little while and the soul which hung trembling in life, takes its flight to be with Jesus and the redeemed of God. In your realm of imagination, look at him amid the glories of God, clearer than the sun and fairer than the moon. Who is this one of wondrous beauty. It is none other than the thief who hung upon the cross. I tell you, as long as Jesus can redeem the lost, give eternal life to those who are spiritually dead, and give grace to those who are dying, His name shall endure.

When I stand before Him and behold the greatness of His power—His power over nature, His power over disease, His power over Satan, His power over the grave, and His power of giving eternal life, I declare again that His name shall always endure in view of the greatness of His power.

IV

His name shall endure because of the marvel of His message. It was a marvelous message that the Lord Jesus Christ preached. No one ever heard such a sermon as that embodied in the text of the Good Samaritan, until Jesus preached it. No one ever heard such exhortations as are given us in the Sermon on the Mount. Just listen to these: "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou away. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thy enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (Mt. 5:39-44). "Therefore take no thought, saying,

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What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Mt. 6:31-35). Then hear Him again as He tells the story of the prodigal son. See Him as He pictures the old father with arms outstretched to receive his wayward son home again. Under the law, this prodigal should have been stoned, yet Jesus gave him a robe and a ring instead.

Yes, it is a great message which the Lord Jesus Christ preached. It is interesting to notice how the folk appraised His message, and what they thought of it. "The officers answered, Never man spake like this man." (Jn. 7:46). "And the common people heard him gladly." (Mk. 12:37) "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mt. 7:28, 29).

This message which Jesus thus preached, and which was thus appraised by the people, will never cease. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Mt. 24:35). How marvelous is this. Not only a marvelous message which was marvelously accepted by the people, but the prophetic utterance that it shall never end makes it all the more marvelous. Because of the marvel of His message, His name shall endure forever.

V

His name shall endure because of the universality of His influence. Our Saviour only wrote once in the days of His flesh, and then He wrote in the shifting sands, which with the next gust of wind that came was scattered, and the message unknown by all, was never read. We have no true picture of Him. No one knows exactly how He looks. Though we have no set of books which He ever wrote, and not even a single volume which He compiled, and though we have no true picture of Him, yet His influence lives on.

Every time you date a letter, you acknowledge His influence. Every church spire which pierces the blue of the etherial spaces is an acknowledgment of the influence of Jesus. Every Sunday school and church service which calls young and old from the cares and the toils of the material world into a spirital realm is a reminder of His influence.

Throughout the years gone by since His coming to earth, martyrs by the millions have bled and died in His behalf. More than fifty million Baptists alone have sealed their testimony with their life's blood. Even today millions could be found who would die rather than renounce their faith, and who would step boldly into the flames to perish therein rather than recant. When burned, you might take out their hearts and you would see engraved thereon a name—the precious name of Jesus. Truly, His name shall endure forever because of the universality of His influence.

VI

His name shall endure because of the honor which is accorded His name in Heaven. Throughout the ages gone by since the days of Abel's conversion, multiplied millions have been redeemed, and are now in the glory land of God. Though every man on earth were to cease and there might never be another mortal who would speak His praise, each of the redeemed in Heaven will still adore and breathe the name of Jesus. "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, 'What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?' And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, 'These are they which came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them'" (Rev. 7:13-15).

Even if these mortals might be able to perish, and though these who have been redeemed by blood might cease to be, the name of Jesus would still be honored; for every angel of God and every archangel in Heaven, daily sing His praise. The seraphim and the cherubim bow before Him daily saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory" (Isa. 6:3). Their seraphic melodies and their angelic chorus shall never cease to speak the praise of His name.

Even if the angels as well as the redeemed of men now in Heaven

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lost. With all of my heart, I believe if a person is once saved he is saved eternally and all the devils of hell cannot unsave him.

Now as I said in the beginning, it isn't what I have to say, it's what the Word declares. Does the Word of God affirm the truth of the eternal security of the Believer? Let the word speak.

1. The Word of God plainly declares there is no created thing in Heaven, earth or hell that can destroy one of God's children.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature (created thing), shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:35, 37-39). Thus in a word, Paul says, no created thing can separate us from God's love. If this be true, then it follows that the following are helpless in this respect.

1. Satan can't. Is he not a created being? To be sure he is. And John says, "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (1 Jn. 5:18). Read the experiences of Job and Peter, dear Christian, and take courage. If he failed with these two, then he will fail with all others. He is powerless in this respect.

2. The world can't. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." (1 Jn. 5:4).

3. Temptation can't. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13).

4. Even sin cannot. "For sin shall not have dominion over you." (Rom. 6:14). Sin may cast its influence over you just as the world may attract you, but it will not dominate, neither will it control your life. The controlling influence in your life is Christ. While you may fall you will not wallow in sin, and the new nature which God has placed within you will cause you to get up and get out of sin. So even sin cannot destroy us, for "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin," past, present and future.

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"THE NAME THAT SHALL ENDURE"

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should cease, then the name of Jesus would still be honored; for the Father and the Holy Spirit must still honor His name. Even if Heaven itself were annihilated, the name of Jesus would still be heard, for the Father and the Holy Spirit, each co-equal with Jesus, must still speak the praise of Jesus, the Son of God.

Possibly the most of my audience realizes that George Whitefield along with John and Charles Wesley, have been given credit of founding the Methodist denomination. When Whitefield was asked whether he would found the denomination, he said, "No, Brother John Wesley may do as he pleases, but let my name perish; let Christ's name live forever." This is my declaration too. Let my name perish; let the name of this glorious church which I serve as pastor, and which I love with all my being, perish; let the name of our statesmen perish; let the name of our country which we love so well, let the name of America perish; and let nations perish, but let Christ's name endure forever.

"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all"

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5. Neither can the saved person himself sever that connection. What! Do you mean to say that a Christian cannot forfeit eternal life? Exactly. Did you ever hear of a child being saved from a fire and then jumping back into it? Neither will you ever find in the Scriptures where Christ ever saved a soul and that soul perished. God says, "I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." (Jer. 32:40). Many a Christian has become discouraged and turned from that straight and narrow path for a while, but the fear of God has always brought him back. Beloved, the teaching of God's Word is that no created thing can separate us from the love of God.

11. The Word of God also emphatically declares that we are saved and cannot perish. Note these Scriptures:

1. In John 3:16, 17, Jesus says we shall "not perish but have everlasting life." Mark it. Shall not perish. Then too, we have everlasting life. I ask you, if we have everlasting life, is it not everlasting? Forty-three times in John's Gospel it is declared that we have eternal or everlasting life. Then are not these emphatic declarations that we are saved and can never perish?

2. Jesus also says we "shall not come into condemnation." (Jn. 5:24). Now if there is "no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:11), pray tell me how a Believer can perish.

3. In John 10:27-29 Jesus says concerning His sheep that they have "eternal life" and "shall

never perish." Yet the majority in professed Christendom say, there is a possibility that some will perish. Who will you believe—Christ or Men?

4. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," said Jesus (Jn. 6:37). That is, under no circumstance will I cast you out. Why? "This is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (Jn. 6:39). And when Jesus prayed as recorded in John 7:22, He said to His Father, "Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition." So we can see from Christ's own words that we are safe and secure and shall never perish.

5. Paul, however, gives us the same definite assurance. In Romans 4:5-8, he tells us why God's people are happy, for said he, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." That is, He will not charge sin to the Believer's account. Is not such a guarantee that we shall never perish?

6. Then in the Psalms we are

told (37:23-28) the saints "are preserved forever." Now to preserve is just the opposite of to spoil or loss. And I want you to notice that God says they are preserved, not spoiled, and are preserved forever, i. e., they can never spoil. Why? "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." "The Lord upholdeth him with his hand." And He forsaketh not his saints."

7. They are "perfected forever," "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." This is what Paul says of God's people in Heb. 10:14-18. It seems to me if His saints are preserved forever and He will not remember their sins any more, there is no possible chance for them ever to be lost. When God disposes of sin, sin is disposed of.

8. In Ephesians 4:30 we are told the Believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit. The word sealed means "securely kept." So the Holy Spirit not only indwells the Believer (Rom. 8:9b). He securely keeps the Believer "unto the day of Redemption," the time when the body will be redeemed (Rom. 8:23).

9. Furthermore, we are kept by the power of God. Note these great words of assurance. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24). "Wherefore He is able (Continued on Page Seven)

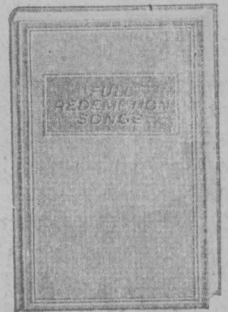


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to save them to the uttermost that cometh unto God by Him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

10. Last but not least, God's people shall "endure forever." Read the 89th Psalm and marvel at your security. How good God is to us. We shall never die, but endure forever. The sinner may perish, but God's people will live on and on. I say again, how good God is to us. Do we appreciate it? Are we grateful? Beloved, we ought to be. And may God help us in view of the fact that He has done so much for us that we will live lives that will glorify Him and bring honor to His name.

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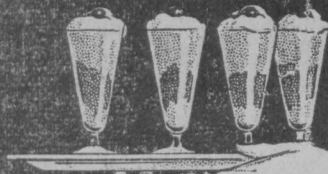
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AN OPEN LETTER

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trivial matter with me. I know that you are concerned about our church, the same as I. I urge you to rally to the support of His cause and be present for all the services next Sunday. Your attendance next Sunday will be a favorable reply to this letter.

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1. Benjamin (Judg. 3:15; 1 Chron. 12:1, 2; Judg. 20:15, 16).
2. The army of Abimelech, at the siege of Shechem. The boughs were piled up and used to burn the tower. (Judg. 9:48, 49).
3. Nineveh. (Jonah 3).
4. Rahab the harlot, who saved the life of herself and her family at the siege of Jericho, and afterwards married Salmon of the tribe of Judah, the great-grandfather of David the king. (Josh. 6:25; Matt. 1:5).
5. Joab. (1 Chron. 20:1, 2).
6. Achan. Josh. 7:21, 25).
7. Jehu, after he killed Joram and Jezebel. (2 Kings 10:7).
8. Esther. (Esth. 4:11; 5:2).
9. Othniel won the daughter of Caleb by capturing the city of Kirjathsepher. (Josh. 15:17).
10. Rachel. (Gen. 48:7). "And Ja-

cob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her."

11. Moses. At Meribah "spake unadvisedly with his lips" to the Israelites when he brought water from the rock to quench their thirst. By so doing he lost the privilege of entering into the Promised Land with the nation which he had brought out of Egypt. (Num. 20:10-12; Deut. 32:48-52; Psa. 106:33).

12. The Israelites, after they grumbled at the manna provided for them. (Num. 11:31).

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