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"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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WHOLE NO. 77

Rapid Increase Of Indecent Literature

Did you ever go into the corner drug store, or news agency, and investigate what kind of literature they sell? Sometime ago we reported that a men's club in a certain city looked into this matter, asked the vender of salacious literature to desist from selling magazines which tended to break down the morality of the community, and he complied with the request.

Fifteen million copies of obscene magazines, some of them disguised as "art", flood the United States every month, declared Dr. A. F. Schersten, professor of sociology at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., during a recent meeting in Chicago.

Never before has such a volume of salaciousness been turned upon the public, especially upon youth asserted Dr. Schersten. "There are hundreds of erotic periodicals in the nation," said he. "More than 100 magazines published in the United States are banned in Canada, four times the number of prohibited magazines from all other countries combined.

"From 1870 to 1919 there were hardly twenty-five lewd publications in the entire country. Between 1920 and 1935 the number jumped to 291. Since January 1933, ninety-four new obscene magazines have made their appearance of which sixty-eight were edited and published in New York City.

"The magazines not only parade nudity of a salacious type, but they also make it appear smart to violate the conventions. A flip-pant, unconcerned attitude toward

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Fancy Among Thieves

The theft of radium from a physician in Brooklyn, N. Y., and a similar loss in Detroit are not the only robberies that turn policemen's hair gray. Persons have been known to make away with disease germs, snakes, dynamite, and with objects so unwieldy it is hard to think they were removed.

Institutions which employ animal experimentation in seeking cures for disease have to be especially careful to guard against thieves.

Not long ago one of them sent

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STOP! CONSIDER!

"There is a time, we know not when.
A point we know not where,
That marks the destiny of men,
To glory or despair.

There is a line by us unseen,
That crosses every path;
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and His wrath.

To pass that limit, is to die;
To die as if by stealth;
It does not quench the beaming eye,
Or pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,
The spirit light and gay.
That which is pleasing still may please
And care be thrust away.

Oh! where is this mysterious bourne
By which our path is crossed,
Beyond which God Himself hath sworn
That he who goes is lost?

How far may we go on in sin?
How long will God forbear?
Where does hope end? and where begin
The confines of despair?

An answer from the skies is sent:
"Ye that from God depart!

While it is called today, repent
And harden not your heart."

—Alexander.

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What king installed water works in Jerusalem?
2. Who hid earrings and idols under an oak-tree?
3. Who were made to drink gold?
4. What man decided that it was more profitable to sell than to slay his brother?
5. Where is the first mention made of angels in the Bible?
6. At the sight of what city did men hiss and wag their heads?
7. What woman stole idols and sat upon them?
8. What woman received wages for nursing her own child?
9. What men were first called to fame and then doomed by the same prophet?
10. Who traded in apes and peacocks?
11. Who was advised to serve that he might afterward rule?
12. Whose hand was first withered and then cured by a man whom he sought to harm?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Is Your Preacher Blind?

"And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."
(Matt.15:14)

I am preaching to you tonight from a subject which is a question: Is your preacher blind? I use the word preacher, beloved, in a wider meaning than that of one who stands behind the sacred desk on the Lord's Day. I use the word "preacher" to mean anyone who attempts to give religious instruction. It may be a mother, a father, a school teacher, some associate where you work, or it may be a preacher in the house of God. Any individual who attempts to give instruction relative to the Word of God, whether he stands before a congregation or whether he speaks to an individual, is a preacher to that extent.

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Our Radio Fund Receives Two \$100 Gifts

This past week our hearts were gladdened by two gifts of one hundred dollars each. This, in addition to what we had on hand last week and other sums which we have received this week, brings our total now to \$220.65. A few weeks ago it began to look as though we might have to cease broadcasting. The coal strike which resulted in enforced unemployment for approximately 95 per cent of the membership of our church, came just at the time we were ready to renew our radio contract. And even though we have not had a pay day here in Russell yet, we are confident that the Lord is going to provide and supply. We believe that He has allowed this experience just as a matter of testing us, and to Him this morning we give all thanks.

Deep down in our heart we are singing a song of praise. The music box of the soul has been over-turned. The following Scripture expresses our sentiment today: "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." (Psa.105:1,2)

This past week we received among other letters relative to our broadcast, the following for which we give thanks and which is indicative of the letters which we receive from week to week:

Coal Grove, Ohio

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am so happy to be able to send you this contribution on your

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Ways Of Giving

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 2. THE IMPULSIVE WAY — To give from impulse—as much and as often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.
 3. THE LAZY WAY — To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.
 4. THE SELF DENYING WAY — To save the cost of luxuries and apply them for purposes of re-
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THE EDITOR'S LABORS

This past week has been one in which I have been exceedingly busy, as the following detailed events will indicate:

On Tuesday evening, May 23, I went to Sandy Hook (county seat of Elliott County), and preached for Pastor Bert Caldwell. This is one of the youngest churches of Greenup Association; and is the only Baptist Church in the entire County. It is indeed a joy to see it growing under the able leadership of Brother Caldwell.

On Thursday evening, May 25, I went to Cincinnati to the church of which I used to be pastor ere coming to Russell, to have part in the home-coming services being held there last week-end. The church has been recently rebuilt, enlarged, and beautified, and this along with the splendid numerical and financial growth, indicates a fine work on the part of the present pastor, Brother Francis. It was not only a season of joy to be associated with their pastor, but to meet old friends whom we had had the privilege of pastoring in days gone by.

THREE FUNERALS

Last Sunday we conducted the funeral of Mr. Hugh Diales of Coalgrove, Ohio, who was a constant listener to our radio program and also a subscriber to our paper. Then on Monday we had the funeral of Mrs. Gibson, the mother of Mrs. Joe Wood here in Russell. On Tuesday we had the funeral of Brother John Jones near Rush, (Carter County), Ky.

It is indeed most interesting that each of these were listeners to our

radio program, and particularly do we refer to Brother Jones. He was injured in a mine accident over twenty-three months ago, and at the time of his injury he was unsaved. During the period of his illness, he was a steady listener to our program, and since January of this year, he has left a testimony that he was saved and ready to meet his Lord. This certainly brings a joy to the editor's heart to know of this one soul being saved through his radio efforts.

To the family of each of these who have departed, we offer our sincere sympathy and commit them unto Him who is able to comfort them in all their sorrows, and in so doing, urge them to remember that He said, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matt.5:4)

A NUMBER OF MARRIAGES

This past month has been a rather busy one for us from the standpoint of weddings. It has been the editor's happy privilege to share in the joy of the following twenty-four couples whom he has united in matrimony:

Linden C. LaFayette and Angeline M. Schmidt of Columbus, O.

Jackson Curtis Summers and Mary Elizabeth Kuhn of Charleston, W. Va.

..... and of Chicago, Ill.

Winfred Dumm and Grace L. West of Laurelville, Ohio.

Earnest Shull and Ruth Glaspell of Logan, Ohio.

..... and of Vinton, Ohio.

..... and of Ewington, Ohio.

W. Clinton Jarrell and Mary Lee Dolan of Charleston, W. Va.

Clifford Coates and Ella Mae Stapleton of Circleville, Ohio.

Patrick Leo Clifford and Wanita Wasem of Columbus, Ohio

William Orien O'Conner and Mil-

dred Irene Glick of Columbus, O. Jay Garland Hewlett and Ethel Marie Ward of New Boston, Ohio. Ervin David Ward and Virginia Graham of New Boston, Ohio.

Marvin Ellsworth Wickersham and Margaret Ella Hartsough of Columbus, Ohio.

Charles Francis McCormick and Naoma Nadine Hupp of Columbus, Ohio.

John T. Embry and Mayme Adele Sweeney of Huntington, W. Va.

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Fullerton, Kentucky.

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IS YOUR PREACHER BLIND?

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Therefore, tonight, to that individual who may be looking to someone else and who may be depending upon the teaching of someone else, I ask you a simple question, "Is your preacher blind?"

I

I would like to say first of all, your preacher is blind if he can't see any faults in himself. A few days ago in a court room I talked to a lawyer,—one of the most intelligent men in the city of Ashland, who said to me, "I believe the first two chapters of Genesis, and I believe much of the balance of the book of Genesis and the rest of the Bible, but I don't believe the third chapter of Genesis at all." Said he, "I would just as soon tear the third chapter of Genesis from my Bible for all it means to me." He went ahead to say that he did not believe there was such a thing as sin. He denied the fact that he was a sinner or had ever sinned in any respect in his life.

This reminds me of another character with whom I talked some months ago who told me that she had gotten beyond the state of sin. Said she, "There is not a fault in my life. You can't find anything wrong with me." I am saying tonight, beloved, your preacher is blind if he doesn't see some faults in himself, for this Bible tells us that man has plenty of faults which the Word of God chooses to call sins. Listen: "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Ps.14:2,3) If you will come to the third chapter of the book of Romans, you will find the Apostle Paul stating the same truth in a little different words, when he says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom.3:23)

Beloved, even the Apostle Paul after he had been saved for nearly thirty years' time, and after he had been preaching the doctrines of this Word as I believe them, for perhaps twenty-five years, wrote to us in the seventh chapter of Romans and the 20th verse to say, "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Oh, I ask you tonight, does your preacher, your religious instructor, tell you that you are not a sinner? Does he or she say that you are a pretty good sort of a person? A few months ago I went home one Sunday morning, and though it isn't often that I listen to the radio, while I was awaiting my noon lunch, I tuned the radio in just in time to hear some preacher say, "There isn't very much wrong with man, he is just a little bit out of tune with God; what he needs is to be brought into the proper environment and that spark of divinity that is in the inside of him, will burst forth into a flame and he will be another God here within this world." A spark of divinity in man? This Bible says concerning man that there is nothing good about us, and if your preacher tells you that he sees no faults in himself and sees no faults in others, I tell you, your preacher is blind. He is a blind leader of the blind.

Several months ago I went into a home to talk with two young girls whose mother was a member of the church of which I happened to be pastor at that time. I tried to talk to those two girls about their faults, and the mother said, "Oh, Bro. Gilpin, you don't need to worry about my girls; they are good girls; they don't need to be saved." That mother was a blind leader of the blind. I come, beloved, to the Word of God, and I find the Apostle Paul writing to the churches at Galatia: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Gal.3:22) I am saying tonight, if your preacher,—if your religious instructor, tells you that he sees no faults in himself nor in others, he is blind, for the Word of God says that "the scripture hath concluded all under sin."

II

But I go a step further, and say to you that if your preacher tells you that he sees no danger in the hereafter and that there is no hereafter for you to fear, he is a blind leader of the blind. I turn to the Word of God and find the Apostle Paul saying to us: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb.9:27) Listen again: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Rev.14:10,11) "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev.20:15) "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." (2 Thess.1:7-9) What do these verses tell us? They tell us that there is a hereafter and that the man who dies without Jesus Christ shall spend his eternity in a Devil's Hell; and brother, if your teacher, if your preacher, says

that there is no hereafter and that men shall not be punished for their sins, your preacher is blind. God's Word is emphatic.

I have been very much interested in some of the radio programs that are being sold nationally for religious purposes. There is very little of the true preaching of the Word of God over the air today. One of the outstanding groups of heretics is that group of folk who say that there is no Hell and that when a man dies he is dead and there is no hereafter. The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, told us of two men who lived,—one fabulously rich and the other extremely poor. The rich man died, so the Word of God tells us, and went to Hell. He did not go to Hell because he was rich. The poor man died and went to Heaven. He did not go to Heaven because he was poor. The rich man went to Hell because he rejected Jesus Christ and died in unbelief, and the poor man went to Heaven because he accepted the Son of God and died in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of God tells us that the rich man looked up out of Hell and cried saying, "Send Lazarus that he might dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." Beloved, that isn't what I wrote, and that isn't a story from my own imagination; that is what the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said. I am saying tonight that the preacher, the religious leader who would dare to give instruction and who would say that there is no hereafter,—that preacher is blind.

I grant you we are living in a modern-twentieth century. I grant you that churches are different to what they used to be, to the same and disgrace of the churches of this twentieth century. I grant you that we are living in a day when men don't like to hear sermons about Hell, but it is right here within the Word of God. God has said, "the soul that sinneth it shall surely die." Beloved, as long as that Scripture is in the Word of God, just that long will I continue to say that the man who says there is no hereafter and no Hell of torment for the lost—that preacher is a blind leader of the blind.

III

But I ask you again, if your preacher says that you can join a church and that you can go to Heaven by joining a church, your preacher is blind. Oh, but you say, "Surely there isn't anyone in the world who believes that?" I visited a church some months ago that was pastored by one of these modernists, and I heard this preacher with my own ears, say, "All you need to do is join the church if you want to go to Heaven." Does your preacher tell you that this is all you need? The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jn.3:7) Listen again: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk.13:3,5)

I mean to say to you tonight, it takes more than church membership for a man to go to Heaven. In fact, church membership does not have one thing to do with a man's salvation. Just because a man goes to the zoo does not make a monkey out of him, does it? Because a man goes into a garage does not make a Ford automobile out of him, does it? Because a man goes into a grocery store, it doesn't turn him into a can of sardines does it? And beloved, you can join all the churches in this world and it will never change your nature one particle, for beloved, the church, the local church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the home of saved people and is not the Saviour.

I remember many years ago reading the experience of Peter Cartwright. He was one of those early Methodist saints who believed the Word of God. He believed that men were lost and that they had to be born of the spirit of God or else it meant a Devil's Hell for them. One day he walked into a blacksmith shop and started talking to the smithy. The blacksmith said, "You're a Methodist aren't you?" Peter Cartwright replied that he was a Methodist evangelist. The blacksmith said, "When the Methodists got too thick in Vermont, I moved to New York and then to northern Ohio, and then out here. Now since you've followed me, I guess I'll have to move on." Peter Cartwright said, "You can go out on the prairies and you will find some Methodists there; you can go down to the Golden Gate in California, and you will find some Methodists there; you can die and go to Heaven and you will find some Methodists there; and you die and go to Hell and you will find some Methodists there." Peter Cartwright was right. There will be Methodists in Hell — great loud-shouting, hallelujah swelling Methodists. There will be Presbyterians in Hell—Presbyterians that could swallow the whole of the Westminster Catechism. There will be Catholics in Hell; there will be Campbellites in Hell; there will be Protestants of all kinds in Hell; there will be Jews in Hell; and there will be Baptists in Hell who thought that all they needed was to join the church and they would go to Heaven when they died.

I mean to say to you tonight if you are depending upon the fact that you have joined a church, God pity your soul. If your religious instructor tells you that that is all you need to do to go to Heaven, your preacher is blind—he doesn't know the first principles about the Word of God.

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reap."

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broadcast, and so happy to receive
your book. It is food for my soul,
and every time I read one of the
messages, I feel that much closer
to our Saviour. I thank God we
have a minister who isn't afraid
to preach the Word. The stronger
you preach, the better it suits my
husband and myself. Your mes-
sages are the kind that satisfy.
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WAYS OF GIVING

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ligion and charity. This may
lead to asceticism and self com-
placence.

5. THE SYSTEMATIC WAY —
To lay aside an offering to God
a definite portion of our gains
— one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third,
or one-half. This is adaptable
to all, whether rich or poor;
and gifts would be largely in-
creased if it were generally
practiced.

6. THE EQUAL WAY — To give
God and the needy just as much
as we spend on ourselves, bal-
ancing our personal expenditures
by our gifts.

7. THE HEROIC WAY — To limit
our own expenditures to a cer-
tain sum, and give away all
the rest of our income. This way
John Wesley's way. Dr. A. T.
Pierson.

(The Gospel Messenger)

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IV

Again, if your preacher tells you that there are three forms of baptism and that you can take any form you wish, your preacher is blind. The Word of God tells us something of baptism, for we read that it says, "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism." (Eph. 4:6) It doesn't say that there are three; it says there is one; therefore, one is right and two are wrong. Who said so? Not this preacher. The Apostle Paul under inspiration wrote thus and said, "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism." If your preacher tells you that you can take your choice of three different modes of baptism, he is blind. He is so blind he has never read the fourth chapter of Ephesians and he has never seen the fifth verse of that chapter. And now listen to the account of the baptism of Jesus: "But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him." (Matt. 3:14-16) Brother, a man would have to be more than blind,—he would have to be stone blind,—he would have to be completely blind if he can read that and see anything in it other than the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ was immersed by John the Baptist. As I often say, any man with one eye and half sense ought to know that John immersed Him there within the Jordan River.

Listen to the experience of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch: "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more." (Acts 8:36-39) Beloved, what kind of baptism did he have? They went down into the water and he baptized him, and they came up out of the water. A man said to me, "I'll tell you what kind of baptism he had. They went out into the water and Philip dipped up some water and sprinkled it on his head." I said, "Brother, you remind me of an experience that my forbearers tell which took place over in Scotland. They tell me that there was one fellow who walked all the way from Edinburg to Glasgow behind a wagon in order to see whether the hind wheel ever caught up with the front wheel." You say that was a fool's errand, but I say that for Philip to take the Ethiopian eunuch down into the water without going there for the purpose of immersing him, was a bigger fool's errand than for the man to walk behind the wagon to see whether the hind wheel ever caught up with the front wheel. If your preacher says you can take your choice of baptism, your preacher is blind. He doesn't know the first principles about the Word of God. I dare say there are men and women listening tonight who have never been Scripturally baptized. You can go to Heaven without baptism. Yet when you get there, you'll wish you had been baptized. One minute after we get to Heaven there are going to be a lot of regrets. I have an idea that all you stingy church members,—one minute after you get to Heaven, would give anything if you could come back and have just one more pay day. I'll bet you all this card playing group, and all this crowd that goes to the picture shows, one minute after they get to Heaven, if they get there, that they would give all they might ever have to come back to this world just to live one hour for the glory of God and for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Those folk who are following blind leaders tonight, allowing some blind preacher to tell you that there isn't any difference relative to baptism, one minute after you get to Heaven you would to God you could live for God just one day in a true church. Your preacher is blind if he tells you it doesn't make any difference how you are baptized.

V

I go further and say that if your preacher tells you that there isn't any difference between churches and it doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of,—I say your preacher is blind. It does make a difference! I dare say you didn't select your
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wife on that basis. I'll bet you didn't say, "Well, they are all women, I'll just reach out and grab one, it doesn't make any difference which one I get." If it makes a difference which woman a man marries, then surely it makes a difference as to what church you are a member of. Beloved, I want to be a member of the church that is after the pattern the Lord Jesus Christ left for us.

I went down to New Boston and took dinner with Bro. and Sister Barndollar a few evenings ago, and my what a fine evening repast it was! I was in jail recently for a little while and saw a man with his tin plate and tin spoon scooping up some white beans. It doesn't make any difference? Well, I'll sit down with Bro. and Sister Barndollar and eat strawberry shortcake and ice cream, and you can go to the jail and eat the white beans. It makes a difference in food; it makes a difference as to the husband; it makes a difference as to the wife; surely, it must make a difference about the church. Beloved, your preacher is blind if he tells you that it doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of. I tell you I would want to be a member of the church that I was sure Jesus Christ established 1900 years ago when He was here in the days of His flesh. If I didn't believe tonight that I was in that church, then I'd get out and look for that church for Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He guaranteed perpetuity to this church. I say to you, if your preacher says it doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of, he is blind. What do you think about it?

VI

I go one step further and remind you that if your preacher tells you that you can be saved today and lost tomorrow, and then be saved the next day and lost the next day, and on in that manner, "off again, on again, gone again, Finnagan,"—if your preacher tells you that you can have that kind of experience with the Lord, your preacher is the blindest preacher that ever lived in this world. My brother, the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't do business on that basis. When He saves a man, He saves him eternally: I know Jesus is a Saviour who not only saves but keeps. I don't always live like I should, but I have a Saviour that keeps me saved. Listen: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (Jn. 10:28,29) Listen again: "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, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38,39) Isn't that enough beloved?

"But," you say, "The Devil can take a man out of God's hands can't he?" Let's see what the Book says: "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (1 Jn. 5:18) Why, brother, the Devil can't so much as put his little finger on the new nature that God puts in the man the day He saves him. Oh, how I thank God tonight that this is true,—just to know that I am safe and secure in the Lord Jesus Christ. Suppose the Devil could take one man out of the hands of God. Well, if he could take one, he should be able to get all. Suppose he could get all and doesn't. Suppose he takes everybody to Hell with him but one. Would not that one be saved by the grace of the Devil? But the Bible says that we are saved by the grace of Almighty God. I tell you, the Devil can't take a man out of the hands of God.

"But," you say, "If a man breaks the law won't he be lost?" Listen: "For ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14) Thank God, the child of God is no longer under the law; he is under the grace of God. Before Jesus Christ could confer grace upon us, He fulfilled the law to the letter, and therefore, having fulfilled the law, He could become the grace of God in our behalf. We are not under the law, we are under grace.

But someone else says, "Can't a man take himself out of the hands of God?" I was preaching in the new shops at Raceland several years ago, and a man came up to me and said, "Couldn't a man crawl off the 'Rock of Ages' if he wanted to?" I said, "Brother, show me the man who is saved that wants to crawl off the 'Rock of Ages.'" Suppose I wanted to damn my soul in Hell; suppose I wanted to lose my salvation; suppose I make up my mind

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RAPID INCREASE OF INDECENT LITERATURE

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martial infidelity is prompted, and marriage as an institution is held up to jest and ridicule.

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5. The cherubim who guarded Eden. (Gen. 3:24)
6. Jerusalem. (Lam. 2:15)
7. Rachel. (Gen. 31:34)
8. The mother of Moses. (Exod. 2:9)
9. Saul. (1 Sam. 10:1; 15:26); Jeroboam (1 Kings 14:2,7-16)
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IS YOUR PREACHER BLIND?

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that I was going to damn my soul eternally. Surely a man could take himself out of God's hands if he wanted to, couldn't he? Listen: "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." (Jer.32:40) A man couldn't take himself out of the hands of God if he determined to do so. A man might waste his life; and many a Christian does. he might wreck his influence for the cause of Christ; he may become a cast-away so far as God's service is concerned; but beloved if you are really saved, you are saved and safe and secure for all eternity. If your preacher tells you otherwise, your preacher is blind.

I ask you a simple question in closing: "What's going to happen to that blind preacher of yours?" The same thing that's going to happen to you. "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." What does the word ditch mean? It's another word for Hell. This is the second largest word used to describe Hell, the largest being, a lake.

Many a blind preacher is going to fall into Hell and wait for a blind congregation to fall in on top of him. I think there are many churches up and down this Ohio Valley who are being pastored by blind preachers. My brother, when that day and hour comes, there are going to be blind preachers and whole congregations of blinded folk who are going to fall into the ditch.

Oh, I thank God tonight for Jesus, and I love Him, and I rejoice tonight that He is my Saviour. I'd like for Him to be your Saviour too.

I remember back yonder when I first come to my pastorate here in Russell, that an old gentleman said to me, "Bro. Glavin, there's a man over in the hospital in Ashland who is dying. He has pernicious anemia. I want you to go see him." I visited him and talked with him. I didn't lead him to the Lord that first experience, but I went back again once or twice more and lead this man to a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. He wanted to get well so badly. We made a blood transfusion but in less than a week, he had burned up this new blood. Then a second, with the same result; and a third transfusion soon followed. A few days later, we took him out and buried him beneath the sod. When I turned away, I said, "Human blood failed,—for his own blood failed, the blood of three of my best friends failed; but thank God, the blood of Jesus Christ did not fail." I stand here tonight to say to you the only hope that you can have is the blood of Jesus Christ to blot out your sins. Oh, that God would open your heart tonight and that He would help you to cease following blind leaders of the blind, and may you put your trust in the One leader—the Saviour of your soul and the Captain of your salvation.

DEFLECTING THE HEART

Capt. Scott, in "The Voyage of Discovery," tells of the immense care that was taken by the magnetic experts on board to banish all iron and steel from the vicinity of the magnetic observatory. Everything within thirty feet of the observatory had to be made of brass, lead, hemp, or some other non-magnetic material. These regulations secured the accuracy of the magnetic observation. But the motions of the heart are disturbed by a bit of gold anywhere in its neighborhood. The thought of gain seems to mar and deflect the most delicate machinery of the moral sense. Let a single yellow particle insinuate itself too near the sacred circle of the conscience, and the judgment is no longer true to the eternal verities. We must watch here lest greed should cause us to forget honesty, fairness and brotherliness. — Watkinson.

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"The public school system must be adequately supported. In the field of education we should consider the child first.

"I shall endeavor at all times to procure for our teachers compensation commensurate with the great work they are doing."

GOSSIP-GRAMS

PICKED UP HERE AND THERE

While in the office of the Ashland City Jailor, Charles Haller this past week, I copied the following motto from the wall: "The stones of time wear away, but the soul of man, like a river flowing to the sea, sweeps on, gathering force and size on the way to eternity."

A Christian business man wrote us a few days ago relative to a trip which he had made just recently. He closed his letter by saying, "While on my trip North, I spent Sunday two weeks ago in Buffalo attending the largest Baptist Church in that city. To my surprise I found the pastor to be a follower of 'Fosdick'. They did not have any Sunday evening services, and of course, I could see why they would not, and I understand this same condition exists in practically all the Northern Churches, and as we know, it is creeping into the Southland."

Forty-eight nations now have 55,000,000 trained soldiers ready for war. This is 35,000,000 more than in 1914.

"I was told yesterday by a prominent member of a Baptist Church in the Tri-State region that Bro. Gilpin's broadcast program and his paper had done more to establish the Church of which he was a member, in Baptist doctrine, than all the preaching they had had in the past seven years."

Signed C. W. Dickerson

Earl Eubanks of Nashville, Georgia, who is an afflicted 23 year old lad, receives our paper as a gratuity each week. He says, "I am truly glad you were interested enough in me to send it to me. From the depths of my heart, I thank you for it. Those sermons, as well as other articles, are a source of joy and inspiration to me. Each issue I have gotten has been getting better and better."

The former Kaiser, at the age of 80, is said to breakfast at 7:30 and at 8:30, with his entire household assembled, reads the Bible and offers a prayer. Well, he's marked off anti-Christ possibilities.

There are 10,000 villages in America without churches.

A recent statement by the American Institute of Public Opinion says that church-conducted lotteries are "the commonest form of gambling among Americans today." Just one of the dire results of abandoning the Word of God.

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Moffat translates 2 Tim. 3:1-5 in this striking way: "Mark this, there are hard times coming in the last days, for men will be selfish, fond of money, boastful, haughty, abusive, irreverent, callous, relentless, scurrilous, dissolute, savage. They will have goodness, they will be treacherous, reckless, conceited, preferring pleasure to God; for though they keep up a form of religion they will have nothing to do with it as a force."

"Just a word to let you know that those articles on doctrinal subjects are as good as a theological school to me. In fact, with Baptist schools advocating alien immersion, unionism, universal church, and other heresies, I much prefer your paper," so writes a Tennessee pastor.

Church leaders of the Presbyterian General Assembly in Korea have yielded to government demands and endorsed obeisance at the state shrines. What about the faith and testimony of the hundreds of Christians who have been looking to these leaders as examples of devotion and courage in the cause of Christ? May God forgive them for such surrender!

J. Edgar Hoover is authority for the statement that children of this country are committing 17 percent of our crime. Judge Alfred Murray has said, "One of the worst tragedies in this country today is the number of desperate young criminals we have on our hands. It may be that in some of these cases their parents ought to be sent to prison for not properly disciplining them." We believe the judge is right.

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FANCY AMONG THIEVES

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out an alarm for some stolen guinea pigs which had been inoculated with the germs of typhoid fever. Another station was troubled about the disappearance of chickens afflicted with cholera. Dangerous animals have been filched from zoological gardens. Recently a group of snakes purloined from a cage in the New York Zoological Park caused anxiety among the general public until the curator announced they were of a harmless species. Then every one relaxed.

Often the loot of thieves includes articles for which there would seem to be no motive for stealing. In Pana, Ill., thieves took a tomb-

stone from the grave of a dog. In another town James Sparrow, a policeman, caught a man running away with sacks containing 120 pigeons belonging to a fancier.

The bulkiest of objects often challenge thieves. Safes and desks are carried off at night. One of the outstanding feats in a New York City suburb was the theft of a ten-ton road roller used in highway construction!

The Apostle Peter wrote about "exceeding great and precious promises... that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). When one becomes a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus, he hears the oracle of God saying: "Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:28).

Man started his downward course stealing the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; and the Law which says, "Thou shalt not steal" has not cured him of the evil habit. He needs a new nature—and provision has been made for him to have it.

What changes the grace of God works in a believer! The thief has not only been changed into an honest laborer, but he also has something to give to him that is in need.

No wonder the Apostle Paul said: "This is a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men" (Titus 3:8).

The Bible was first crowded out of the home by parents who were too busy. Then it was crowded out of the schools by teachers who were too smart. Finally it was crowded out of the pulpit by preachers who were too broadminded.

"It's not what you do with a million. If riches should e'er be your lot, But what you are doing at present With the dollar and quarter you've got!"

It is alright for a ship to be in water, but it is not alright for water to be in a ship. Likewise, it is alright for a Christian to be in the world, but it is not alright for the world to be in a Christian.

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