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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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The Tragedy Of A Lost Soul

Various and heart-rending and tragic are the losses which men sustain; losses that in some cases can never be replaced, losses of fortune that plunge men into poverty, losses of position and power that cause men to chafe in their solitude and inactivity, losses of health that leave men incapacitated, losses of friends and loved ones that leave one suddenly and unbelievably lonesome.

These losses cut deep and the smart of the wound continues long. Such tragedies make jovial men solemn and bring hours and days that know no laughter. When such tragedies come it takes heroic souls, clinging to the promises of Almighty God, to rise above them and to march on confidently.

None Worse

But far worse than these tragedies is the tragedy of a lost soul. There is no worse tragedy.

When the losses referred to are sustained, God's Word and Christ's promises console and strengthen. Time also helps to heal. Then there are other things to look forward to: new starts can be made; other interests and friendships cultivated; God to go to and heaven to look forward to. But when the soul is lost there is absolutely nothing — nothing but darkness — absolute, horrifying, eternal. There is only regret, remorse and agony.

Eternally Lost

Eternal regret, abiding remorse, endless agony—without one ray of light, without one speck of hope! Regret, remorse and agony—not for

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A Farewell Message By C. W. Dickerson

Last Sunday night (August 20), Elder C. W. Dickerson delivered his last message in the United States to an over-flowing crowd in the last night of our tent revival meeting. He used as his text, "I flee unto thee." (Psa. 143:9) During the course of his message, he urged those lost ones present to heed his parting message unto them, and to flee unto God while they had an opportunity, for tomorrow might be too late.

At the close of this most impressive sermon, the editor publicly presented Brother Dickerson with two checks to finish paying for

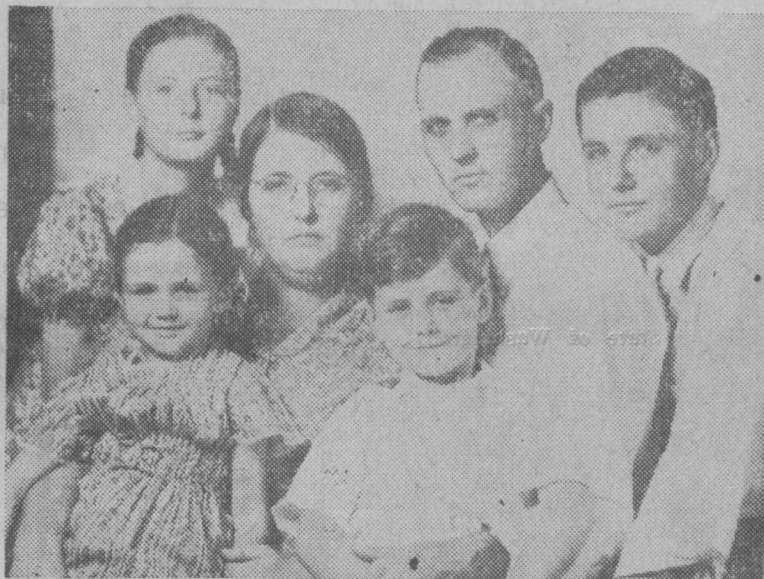
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WILLING TO LEAVE IT

Willing to leave it
Willing to go,
As he would have it
Weal, perhaps woe;
Willing to do it
Whatever He ask,
Willing to sing it
Through every task.

This is the secret
This is the way,
Darkness of midnight
Goldens of day;
This is the meaning
Life always had,
Willing to serve Him
And serving be glad.

Dickerson Family



The above picture is that of Elder & Mrs. C. W. Dickerson and family, who have given up friends and all that is near and dear to them here to go to the Amazon Valley to preach the glorious gospel of Christ to those destitute people. The underlying cause of their going is their undying love for the One who loved them, and you, and the people the world over, so much as to come to this sinful world and die that all who believe in His name might have eternal life. If God should call you to some definite task, would you, like they, be willing to surrender your life completely to Him?

The First Baptist Pulpit

God's Gracious Patience With With Back Sliders

"But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." Mark 16:7

A Great Picture....One of Ruben's masterpieces was found in an old picture shop in London amid a lot of rubbish. An expert found it covered with soot, dust and grime. It was purchased for 35 shillings — approximately \$8.50 in our money. When it was cleaned and its true value was determined, the purchaser realized that he had bought a picture worth at least ten thousand dollars

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God's Needs And His Promise

One day long ago as Jesus walked by the sea of Galilee He saw some men busy with their nets, for they were fishermen. Jesus needed these men to help Him, so He said unto them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19—and they immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. Another day Jesus was walking along and saw a man sitting at his place of business. Jesus needed him also and he, like the fishermen, left all and followed Jesus. A few years later a prominent young Pharisee was on his way to Damascus to persecute the followers of the risen Christ. God needed this young man as a missionary. Thus challenging him to leave his persecutions and go to work for Him Saul of Tarsus accepted the challenge and taking Jesus as Saviour surrendered his life to service. Through the years God has needed men and women to help Him in His great work. Day by day in joy and sorrow He knocks at the door of our hearts. Many are the young men and women who have heard the voice of Jesus and answered His call. Some have gone to the foreign fields to labor there and tell the story of Jesus, while others work here in the homeland.

When Jesus called the fishermen they were busy at what seemed an important task. Suppose instead of answering His call they had said, "We don't have time." Today we would not have known the story of Peter, Andrew, James and John or of

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God's Sky Over Us Despite Difficulties

He was a very little fellow, but he wanted to say something comforting as his childish eyes turned occasional wondering glances toward the troubled face beside him. The mother's heart was sad at leaving the dear old home and its scenes, the hills, the river, the woods; she should miss them all. Suddenly the little face pressed against the car window brightened with a joyous discovery.

"Why, Mother" he cried, eagerly, "God's sky is over us yet, it's going right along with us!" The mother smiled.

"Sure enough, dear. "God's sky

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EDITOR AWAY

On last Sunday night, August 20, the editor left by railway for Tyner, North Carolina, where he will be engaged for the next two weeks in a revival meeting with Elder W. F. Cale, Jr.

This is the editor's first visit with the people at Tyner, and we ask that you shall remember him in prayer that God shall bless him and use him greatly in His service while he is away.

His voice will be greatly missed not only by those who worship with us at the First Baptist Church here in Russell, but by his thousands of radio listeners who eagerly await his message each Sunday morning and evening.

His words of inspiration and wisdom will also be lacking in the columns of this paper, but we shall eagerly look forward to his return, and until then, we ask you to pray for us as we try to carry on in his absence.

ONE OF OUR ADVERTISERS

We are happy to have been carrying for the past three weeks in the columns of our paper, the advertisement of The Constitutional Government League of 4031 Francis Avenue, Seattle, Washington. We have a contract with them covering a period of thirteen weeks. Their business is insurance on a Christian benevolent basis. The editor has known of this organization a long time, and heartily recommends them to our readers.

They say the following in their own behalf:

OUR MOTIVE

Love is the sum of all moral qualities.

Love is God's best name as re-

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The love of God is always BENEVOLENT.

Love is always complacent — restful.

The impulses of love are to GIVE that it might have.

To GIVE predominates.

The fact of love is that God Himself GAVE— John 3:16.

The scope of love is universal— God SO LOVED the world.

The proof of love is the Cross Work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The reason of love is: That we might not perish; that we might have eternal life.

The claim of love is that God might have an expression of our love, the love of the soul.

To perish is to cease to serve the purpose of God by walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we have been called to manifest the Person and Work of Christ in our every word, deed and action.

Eternal Life is the quality of life, the life of God is us as Christians. He has said, "If a man love me, HE WILL keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." —Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

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BOOK REVIEWS

From Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

THE HOLY SPIRIT, by B. H. Carroll. Cloth Binding Price, \$1.50. This volume contains a series of studies on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. They were compiled by J. W. Crowder and edited by J. B. Cranfill. These sermons were delivered years ago when Brother Carroll was president of the South-western Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas.

The editor has never read a book on the work of the Holy Spirit which indicates as deep a knowledge of the Word of God as this one. Every one who reads it will be refreshed and encouraged. It is an unusually clear presentation of truth. Every preacher should read it. The following chapter titles will indicate the richness of the book.

1. Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
2. The First Pentecost.
3. The Church the Habitat of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Gift of the Holy Spirit.
5. Receiving the Holy Spirit.
6. The Church, the Holy Temple of God.
7. The Sin Against the Holy Spirit.
8. Judas Iscariot's Sin Against the Holy Spirit.
9. The Gospel Plan of Salvation Not a Last Will and Testament.

10. The Unchanging Christ.

THESE MEN LIVE, by William Ward Ayer. 135 pages. Cloth binding. Price \$1.00. This book presents eleven studies of Old and New Testament characters—Enoch, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses; Joshua, Thomas, Judas, Caleb; Samuel and Samson. The saving grace of God is definitely emphasized throughout. These sermons are well prepared and spiritually warm. They honor God and bless the soul of the reader.

THE GRIP THAT HOLDS, Compiled by Chester M. Savage. 184 pages. Cloth Binding. Price \$1.50. This is a series of fifteen evangelistic sermons preached by fifteen evangelistically inclined Baptist preachers of Oklahoma. A brief history of each of these fifteen prefaces each of the sermons. These sermons are doctrinally sound and are spiritually warm. They should be a blessing to all who read them. All the sermons are not only Scriptural, but the material in each of them is reverently presented. We believe it most fortunate for Baptists and others of today and tomorrow that these sermons have been conducted.

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN, by Hyman Appelman. 142 pages. Cloth binding. Price, \$1.00. This volume contains ten revival messages by a well-known Jewish Texas evangelist. The book gets its name from the first sermon. The other nine are:

1. The Answer By Fire.
2. Compassion.

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for a scant fraction of its real worth.

Beneath the grime and defilement of this life, there shines many a jewel, meet for the Masters use. Many have back-slidden and have become covered with the grime of the world. They need only to be cleansed to shine again for His glory.

Our Lord is peculiarly interested in filthy, back-slidden sinners. He thus sent a special gracious message to Peter, who was back-slidden, after he had denied the Lord Jesus.

I

It is very interesting to notice Peter's early experience with the Lord. He had really been brought to the Lord; there was no doubt of it. His first meeting the Lord is described in this Scripture. "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, we have found the Messiah; which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone." (John 1:41,42). He was also listed as one of the apostles. "Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother" (Matt. 10:2). Other experiences he had had with Jesus show that he had been brought to the Saviour. "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:13,17). He was more than a church member; he was a genuine Christian. He had been divinely illuminated. He had had a revelation from God. I wonder if tonight I speak of some back-slidden friend who can remember the time when Jesus became real. Dear back-slidden one, do you recall the time when God touched your spirit? Do you remember the assurance that came to you that God was your father, Christ was your Saviour and Heaven was your home. This was Peter's experience. He had really been brought to the Lord.

Also it's interesting to notice that Peter had been on the mountain top with Jesus. It was Peter who, along with James and John, had seen Jesus transfigured. There may be some one in my invisible audience tonight who has been on a figurative mountain top with Jesus. You have had some mountain top experience with Christ or maybe several mountain top experiences have been yours. It's always well for us to remember that though Peter was back-slidden at the time that our text was spoken, he had been on the mountain top with Jesus.

As we study Peter's early experience with the Lord we find that prior to his back sliding, he had witnessed many of Christ's miracles. He had seen Jesus still the waves miraculously; he had seen the daughter of Jarius raised from the dead. He had gone to the seaside and had miraculously taken from the mouth of the fish, a coin which he used as temple tax for both himself and Jesus. These as well as many other miracles Peter witnessed. I am satisfied that listening to this broadcast tonight there may be many who are today back-slidden and cold in the service of God who have beheld similar evidences of Divine power. You too have seen miracles wrought — at least you have seen spiritual miracles. You have seen those who are dead in sins made alive by Christ. You have seen drunkards saved and made sober. You have seen harlots converted and made pure. Every conversion is a spiritual miracle. Though Simon Peter beheld Christ's material miracles, you dear back-slidden one, have seen Christ's spiritual miracles.

Furthermore as we study Peter's earlier experience with the Lord we find that he had been very bold in his profession. "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently; If I should die with thee; I will not deny thee in any wise." (Mark 14:26-31). What boldness he thus manifested. This was a far more bold profession than was made by any of the balance of the disciples. I may be speaking to some back-slidden preacher, teacher or personal worker. I may be speaking to some father who once conducted a family altar, reading the Bible and praying daily with his own family, but now though you were once bold in your profession, you are now back-slidden like Simon Peter. Once you reverently poured over the Bible but you

have now abandoned all profession of Christ. Once you reprimanded those who sinned against God but today you do as they do. This was Peter's earlier experience. Most bold was he in his profession, but now he has back-slidden.

II

It has always been interesting to me to notice the steps in Peter's back sliding, and to notice the manner in which he had descended from a plane of spiritual living to become a back-slidden. First of all he argued with the balance of the disciples as to whom was the greatest. "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest" (Luke 22:24). Many Christians are following Peter's bad example in this respect. They allow strife and variance and argumentation to break their fellowship, one with another and also with God. Any Christian who allows strife and discord to come into his life is already on the spiritual toboggan-slide, rapidly descending into a state of spiritual lethargy and back-sliding. This was true of the church at Corinth. "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able" (I Cor. 3:1-3). It is still true of churches and individuals today.

The second step in his back sliding was that he permitted a distance to come between him and Jesus. "Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off." (Luke 22:54). Please note those last words "And Peter followed afar off". This is the way back sliding always takes place. Many a devout Christian has permitted a distance to come between him and the Saviour. Then that one neglects his Bible; he neglects his prayer life; and he neglects to witness and share Jesus with others, and the result is that the distance between him and Jesus grows wider. May the prayer of your soul tonight be the words of this song:

"Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,
Naught of this world's delusive dream;
I have renounced all sinful pleasure,
Jesus is mine; let nothing between.

Nothing between like worldly pleasure,
Habits of life, though harmless they seem,
Must not my heart from Him ever sever,
He is my all, let nothing between.

Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,
Though the whole world against me convene;
Watching with prayer and much self-denial
I'll triumph at last, with nothing between.

Nothing between my soul and the Saviour,
So that His blessed face may be seen;
Nothing preventing the least of His favor
Keep the way clear! Let nothing between".

The third step of Peter's back sliding was his keeping of bad company. "And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them" (Luke 22:55). It was this bad company as much as anything else which led Simon Peter astray. If a man is God's child he needs to fellowship with God's children. Keeping company with the world will always cause one to back-slide. Quite often I am asked if a Christian boy or girl should date with one who is not a Christian. Often I am asked if a Christian should marry an unbeliever. My answer to both of these questions is positively "No". "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (II Cor. 6:14,17). Bad company was partly responsible for Simon Peter's spiritual declension. Be careful as to the company you keep.

The fourth step in his back-sliding was that he warmed himself by the enemies fire. "But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him" (Luke 22:56). This world is not the Christians home. This world is an enemy to each child of God. Whenever a Christian finds his refreshment in the world, he is thus warming himself by his enemies fire. Always ruin is inevitable. I have seen Christians who lived lives very much devoted to God begin to mingle with the world. I have seen many Christians who were once truly consecrated to God, grow cold in their service to Him. I have seen them desecrate God's day. I have seen them find time

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a week, not for a month, not for a year, not for ten years, not for a hundred years, not for a thousand years, not for a million years, not for a billion years, but forever and forever and forever—cut off from God, shut out of heaven FOREVER.

That is the terrible tragedy of a lost soul. No wonder Christ said, "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose His own soul. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Little wonder Christ wept over Jerusalem! He longed to save Jerusalem's children, but they would not.

The pathetic story of a lost child or a lost ship or a lost plane grips our hearts and paralyzes the emotions. But far more heart-rending, far more serious, for more tragic is a lost soul.

Not Always Realized

Strange, is it not, that Christian people often fail to realize that there is no tragedy like unto the tragedy of a lost soul? They will feed the hungry and clothe the naked, but they often fail to break the Bread of Life to starved and hungry souls; they will fail to tell men of the cloak of Christ's righteousness.

There Is Rescue

In order to save men from this tragic future of being eternally, everlastingly lost—in order to save men from life's worst woe, God sent His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God's answer to this crying need of man's immortal soul was His humiliated, smitten, abused, cursed, mocked, bleeding, rejected, thorn-crowned, nail pierced, crucified Son. Calvary and all that went before is the price God paid to save men.

Offer Spurned

O that eternity-bound men and women would not spurn the offer of Almighty God! For, by evading the pierced hands of the Christ of Calvary and by ignoring his urgent invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," they plunge themselves, by a life of unbelief and sin, into the bottomless pit which there is no return!

Everpresent Challenge

The lost souls of men constitute an everpresent and continual challenge to Christian people. On the one hand we have the lost souls of men; on the other hand we have the great missionary command of our Saviour to preach the Gospel

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for card parties. I have seen mixed bathing and drinking come into their lives. The result is their devotion became less. When you inquire as to the reason, it is quite obvious that he has refreshed himself by the enemies camp fire.

The fifth step in Peter's back sliding was his cursing and his profanity. "Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew" (Math. 26:74). There is positively no quicker way for one to back slide than for one to take God's name in vain. Listen to this scriptural exaltation. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for that Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Ex 20:7). Do I speak to one tonight who has grown cold in his service for God? Be careful as to the language you use, even the slang that you speak. Remember that cursing was one of the steps in Peter's downfall and it has been a step in the downfall of many Christians before and since.

The final step in his back sliding was his threefold denial of Christ. "And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.. (Luke 22:57-60). However, before we censure Peter too strongly, may we ask have you not treated Christ in the same manner? Personally, I would to God that it were only three times that I had denied my Lord. It may be that in the place where you work Christ is dishonored. If you keep silent and fail to testify for him you deny Him. If you keep silent once, it is most difficult to break the silence afterward.

Thus step by step Simon Peter descended in his back sliding. He argued as to who was to be the greatest. He permitted a distance to come between him and Jesus. He kept bad company. He warmed by the enemies camp fire. He cursed. Ultimately he denied Christ three times. It is perhaps the same with you tonight. Little by little you have gone down — gone down hill spiritually. Little by little you have gotten cold in your service until tonight if you would analyze your spiritual condition carefully, you would admit yourself that you were a back slider.

III

Has it been interesting to you tonight to study with me the early experience of Peter with the Lord and has it been interesting to trace the step in his back sliding? Well, I trust it shall be just as interesting to notice how Peter came back to the Lord. First of all, he saw the Lord looking at him. "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice" (Luke 22:61). There may be some one listening to this broadcast tonight whose heart has grown cold and who thinks that God has forgotten all about him. May God help you tonight to look up and see Jesus looking at you now. May you remember that there has not been one moment of your life's experience but what He has seen you. He has been looking at you all the time.

Then when Simon Peter saw the Lord looking at him, he wept. "And Peter went out, and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:62). His heart was broken. Happy is the man who sheds tears because he is out of communion with God. May the Lord break some cold back slider's heart tonight and cause tears to flow.

In coming back to Jesus, he found Jesus just where he had left him. "So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? and he said unto him, Lord thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). He had denied Jesus three times. Now he is given

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a three fold opportunity to profess Jesus before the world. It is just like Mary treated Jesus. You remember she went away leaving him in the temple. Three days later she found him there just where she had left him. This beloved isn't only the experience of Mary and Simon Peter, but is your experience too. You will find Jesus tonight just where you left him.

May we take a last look at Peter's life after his restoration. On the day of Pentecost, he preached a great sermon with the result that three thousand souls were saved. There may be some cold back slidden Christian who tonight is hearing this message. It may be that as I speak your soul answers back to say "This message was meant especially for me". If there be such a one whose life is being wasted, it is my prayer that you might be restored from your back slidden state. There may be some Simon Peter listening to this message who tonight has back-slidden but who tomorrow may stir this country for God with a message greater than Simon Peter's message on the day of Pentecost. In view of this fact, may this be your prayer:

"Oh, for a closer walk with God,
A calm and Heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb!

Where is that blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is that soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and His word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

Return, O holy dove, return
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the aims that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
What'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb."

It may be that there is some one listening to this broadcast tonight who says, "This message isn't for me, for I have never been saved." To such a one I make this direct appeal that you immediately receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12). One Sunday morning a mother asked her wayward son who was growing more wild and more self-willed every day, to go to church. He replied, "Alright Mother, I'll go tonight if you'll never ask me to go again". Though at first she stood somewhat aghast at his proposition, she agreed. That night the family—father, mother, two Christian daughters and this wayward, unsaved son went to God's house. This young man made up his mind that he would not listen to anything that was said, so in order to keep his mind off of the service he began counting the bricks which formed a projecting dado around the walls of the church. Again and again he checked them to see if his count was right. Then he counted the small diagonal panes of the windows. Then he began to count the chandeliers suspended from the roof. On one of these were five gas jets. Four of them were lighted and shining while one was unlighted and black. He fancied he could smell the gas escaping from it. He wondered if there might not be an explosion. How he wished for the old sexton: he'd tell him a thing or two. The old sexton had repeatedly rebuked him for his moral delinquencies. Now he'd

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THE TRAGEDY OF A LOST SOUL

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But too often men will do little or nothing to rescue the souls of men.

Let none hear you idly saying
There is nothing I can do
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.

Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?

Concern for Souls

The youth straying from the church, older people forsaking God and Christ, and those who at home and abroad know not the Saviour and Lover of their souls should deeply concern us.

The tragedy of a lost soul should make us restless—should stir us to action.

The great Apostle Paul was ready to give his own soul as ransom for the souls of his people. Paul was ready to forego forever the joys of heaven, to endure forever the anguish of hell if that would save his fellowmen.

How does our passion for souls compare with Paul's? Paul suffered great trials and hardships in the interest of the souls of men. How little we do in comparison!

Appreciating our own salvation, concerning ourselves for the lost in obedience to Christ's command, let us get busy!

The tragedy of a lost soul should move us to action and KEEP US ACTIVE!

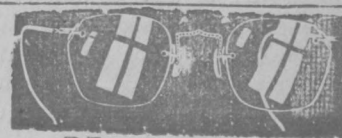
By Rudolph S. Rasmeyer

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1. Do more than exist,
...LIVE.
2. Do more than touch,
...FEEL.
3. Do more than look,
...OBSERVE.
4. Do more than read,
...ABSORB.
5. Do more than hear,
...LISTEN.
6. Do more than listen,
...UNDERSTAND.
7. Do more than think,
...PONDER.
8. Do more than talk,
...SAY SOMETHING.

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GOD'S GRACIOUS PATIENCE WITH BACK SLIDERS

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like to whisper a few words into the ear of the old sexton about his carelessness. About that time the Minister pronounced the benediction and the congregation began to file out. He had not heard a single word. That night this young man could not sleep. He turned on his right side and then on his left. He kicked the blankets off and then pulled them on. He tried every conceivable way to induce sleep. All the time he kept thinking about the gas jets—four of them lighted and one black. He kept thinking that the four lighted ones represented his father, mother, and two sisters, while the black, unlighted one represented himself. He remembered that the smell from this gas jet was disagreeable—a down right nuisance; then he thought how this represented himself for he was the nuisance and the cause of everything disagreeable around the family. In his sleeplessness, he sighed, "I wish I was lighted like the others". There within the room that night before the dawn of a new day and ere the coming of the morning sun, the Son of Righteousness lighted his soul and he became then a child of God. May this be your experience tonight and my each of us begin tonight to walk more closely by the Masters side.

GOD'S NEED AND HIS PROMISE

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Paul the Apostle who has given to us by inspiration many of the writings found in the New Testament. A Pastor once asked a young man if he had time to take a class of boys in Sunday School. His answer was, "I have twenty-four hours in each day that belong to God. I always have time for His work." In the same church a young lady was asked to assist in young peoples meeting on Sunday night. She immediately refused by saying, "I don't want to tie myself down to something every Sunday night, for I don't always have time." What a difference in the two answers. If God spoke to you and asked you to help Him which would your answer be?

If we are to meet God's need in our lives we as Christians are to let our light shine so that those not Christians might see Him in our lives. Centuries ago when the children of Israel were in the

wilderness God took Moses to give him a law for the people to live by. While he was gone they grew tired and asked Aaron to make for them a golden calf. Aaron should have let his light shine and pointed the people to God but he followed with the crowd. There is another scene in which Peter and John were in court and were told "You must speak no more in the name of Jesus." Their answer was, "We obey God rather than man." The crowd then took knowledge that they had been with Jesus. Aaron sold his influence to Satan. Peter and John used theirs for Christ. As an individual saved by the precious blood of Christ are you living for Jesus each day? Are you using your influence for Satan or are you using your influence to lead others to see Jesus bleeding and dying for their sins and to trust Him as their Saviour?

Yes, God truly needs the lives of every Christian in the world today. All can not be missionaries but each can use his life that it can count for the glory of God. God may need you in your place

of business, God may need you in your home to tell someone of Jesus. He may need you to teach a Sunday School class, or to sing in the choir. Again He may have need of you to surrender your life and to go away from familiar scenes and those you love most to labor for Him on some destute field (as he has to our Brother Dickerson and family) to give the light of the glorious gospel of Christ to those who know Him not. Wherever He may have need of you may you be willing to count no cost too great to go for Him. One cannot be happy until they find God's will for their life and surrender to that will, but what a joy fills the hearts of those who are willing to let Him have His way in their lives. May each of us as Christians be able to say with Paul in Colossians 3:1-4 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

God's need isn't all. He also gives a wonderful promise. Just before Christ ascended up into Heaven He said to His disciples in Matthew 28:18-20— "All Power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This is to all those who are willing to rest upon that promise.

From a burning bush in a desert many centuries ago God spoke to Moses and called him to a great task. Conscious of his own weakness and frightened by the thought of the undertaking, Moses hesitated to answer. Then God spoke again and gave the promise that meant victory. "Certainly I will be with thee." Ex. 3:12. Centuries later on a mountain outside the city of Jerusalem, the disciples of the risen Christ heard His challenge to another great task, and again came the promise: And, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:20. Through all these years between these two incidents, God's promise, "I am with thee", has been given to those who have heard His voice. During the centuries that have passed since Jesus' return to His Father, His followers have had the assurance of His presence with them day by day.

We are never alone with Jesus. In everything He is near. We can overcome all temptations through Him. From day to day Jesus goes with us. Jesus is our Big Brother and He watches over us to keep us from harm and danger. He is our partner in our work and gives us strength as we face the tasks

from day to day. He provides for us and has said He will never leave us nor forsake us. Often we come to the place in life where we cannot see the way and then we can hear Paul as he tells us in Philippians 4:19—"But my God will supply all my need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus."

One night a boy heard God call his name and answered, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." 1 Sam. 3:10

A man stood in the temple and heard God call and answered, "Here I am, send me." Is. 6:8

A young business man heard the call to preach. He said, "I cannot preach myself, but I will give my money to send another."

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WHY SOME PEOPLE DON'T GO TO CHURCH

Some stay away because it's cold,
And some because it's hot;
And some because they're getting
old,

And some because they're not.

Some stay at home to entertain
And some to cook the dinners;
And some, because they're good
enough.

And some because they're sin-
ners.

Some stay away because their hat
The millener's not finished;
And some because their liking
For the minister has diminished.

Some stay at home because their
clothes

Are looking old and shabby;
And some because their special type
Of piety is "flabby."

Some stay at home because they
have

A farm and lots of stock;
And therefore cannot spare the
time

To gather with God's flock.

Some stay away because their
beaux

Care nothing for the church
And some, because a "special
friend"

Has left them in a "lurch."

And some declare they don't en-
joy

The singing of the choir;
And others 'cause their fellow
saint
Aroused their wrathful ire.

Some stay at home, because they
saw

The weather's cold or rough
And some to vent a little spleen,
Because they've got a "huff."

Some stay away because they've
long

In single harness tarried;
And some because as they protest,
They're settled down and mar-
ried.

—Richard Dobson.

SALVATION BY GRACE

1. It magnifies Grace because
it attributes salvation from start
to finish to the unmerited favor
of God bestowed on hell-deserving
sinners through the Lord Jesus
Christ.

2. It Removes Boasting. Grace
leaves no place for human merit.
Grace finds man wholly bankrupt,
with nothing to pay.

3. It Destroys Pride. Such a
picture of man humbles him. That
is why men hate salvation by
grace. It puts all, rich and poor,
moralist and libertine, on the same
footing of need. None have any-
thing to pay.

4. It Makes Salvation Present.
Men can be saved here and now
if salvation is a gift; but if it is
something to be earned, men must
wait until life's work is over.
Jesus saves the moment the sin-
ner trusts all into His hands.

5. It Assures of Salvation. If
salvation is based on what we do,
we can have no assurance till the
end of life. Since salvation is
God's free gift, assurance may be
ours the moment we believe. The
blood secures salvation, the word
assures the believer.

6. It Provides Unchanging Joy.
The joy of salvation consists of
sins forgiven, eternal life bestow-
ed, condemnation removed. A
Christian has every reason for be-
ing joyously happy every day. One
may lose or stifle the joy of sal-
vation but can never lose salva-
tion.

7. It Excludes Apostasy. Grace
that saves, keeps also. Christ
would not pay His all to redeem
us and then not keep by His
power. Since our continuance in
grace depends on God's faithfulness
to His promise, we cannot be
once saved and then lost.

8. It Honors God's Justice. Grace
pays the debt of my sins in full,
past, present, and future sins.
Grace meets every requirement of
justice. The sword of justice is
satisfied forever in the blood of
Christ Jesus and withdrawn forever
from the one who rests his
all on the Precious Blood.

9. It Magnifies Christ and His
Work. Salvation by works magni-
fies man and dishonors Christ; it
adds man's filthy rags of right-
eousness to Christ's spotless right-
eousness. Grace gives all honor
to Christ. Grace places the crown
for man's salvation where it be-
longs, on the head of the Crucified
Christ.

10. It Requires the New Birth.
Nothing short of a new creation
in Christ Jesus will suffice for
the totally depraved sinner. Noth-
ing short of grace can regenerate
the soul.

11. It Requires Irresistible Grace.
Grace is both resistible and ir-
resistible. The elect resist grace for
a while, many of them for years.
Then the drawings of divine grace
make the sinner glad to turn to

Christ. When grace becomes ef-
fective in the salvation of a sinner,
it has become irresistible. The
man who goes to hell resists the
offer of grace to his eternal undo-
ing. Beware, my friend; resist not
the wooings of the gospel of grace.

12. It Predicates Service on Love.
If you serve to be saved, that is
not love. The only motive in ac-
ceptable service is the love of a
redeemed heart. God does not
want any hell-scared service, ser-
vice rendered because you feel you
would go to hell if you did not
obey. See to it that all your ser-
vice springs from love for Christ
Jesus.

—The Baptist Voice

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE

Due to a last minute change of
sailing date of the S. S. "Clem-
ent"—ship on which the Dickersons
are to go to Brazil. — they will
not sail until Tuesday, August 29.
A notice to this effect was just
received from the shipping com-
pany in New York.

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they
sometimes will

When the road you're trudging
seems all up hill,

When the funds are low and the
debts are high,

And you want to smile, but you
have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down
a bit,

Rest, if you must — but don't
you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and
turns,

As everyone of us sometime learns,
And many a failure turns about

When he might have won had he
stuck it out;

Don't give up, though the pace
seems slow—

You might succeed with another
blow.

Success is failure turned inside
out —

The silver tint of the clouds of
doubt —

And you never can tell how close
you are,

It may be near when it seems
afar;

So stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit —

It's when things seem worst that
you must not quit.

—Author Unknown.

The morals of any people never
rise any higher than their relig-
ion.

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GOD'S NEED AND HIS PROMISE

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A boy one day heard a plea for missions and having no money wrote on a paper, "I give myself."

Many of our missionaries who have gone to be with Jesus and many who even today have come out from the world and surrendered their lives to Him have heard His voice calling them and have rested upon His promise. A boy once said, "Someday I'll give my life to Jesus." His teacher said, "Jesus needs your life today, not tomorrow." God needs men and women to give their lives to Him in service, and above all He needs and wants the lives of the young people the world over to give up the world and give their lives to Him. Jesus calls over the seas of noise and worldly pleasure today. Let each and all see that God truly needs our lives more today than ever. The fields are white with harvest and the laborers are few.

Jesus not only promises to be with us in life—in our work, our loneliness, our joys, our sorrows, our temptations and trials, but He promises that He will go with us to the end. Jesus is with us in life and He is with us in death. So it is as one Christian has declared, "When we give ourselves to the Saviour there begins an endless friendship, a companionship that is eternal. He walks with us here—we live with Him hereafter. He is the ever-present God, the unfailing friend, the everlasting Father who never leaves us nor forsakes us."

Joy does not come by redeeming our time in the pleasures of this world, but by giving our life, our all into the service of Him, who loved us unto death.

GOD'S SKY OVER US DESPITE DIFFICULTIES

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is going with us wherever we go, and it will be with us always," she answered taking to her heart a deeper comfort than the child could know. All that was around might change, but that which was above remained secure. Dear, familiar scenes; old friends the sweet and happy past may be left behind—must be left behind as life goes on—but overhead are the heavens still with their tended blue, their cloud and sunshine; their countless stars; and the love that rules his earth. Everything of earth may change but "God's sky" with its hope, its promise and its enfolding; is over us still to tell us that we are, yet in His world and so in His care. —Forward.

A FAREWELL MESSAGE

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their passage to Brazil. He was also presented with a very beautiful Hamilton watch by the First Baptist Church.

Immediately after the presentation of the checks and the watch, Brother Dickerson briefly expressed his thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses that have been shown to him and his family during their short time in Russell; and he asked us to take this means of expressing to the readers of this paper who have in any way had a part in his going, his sincere thanks and best wishes.

He closed his message of appreciation by saying that although he and his family hated to leave their friends and acquaintances they had made since coming to Russell, (and they had been many), they were certain that God had called them to this benighted region in the Amazon Valley, and that the same God that has taken care of them here in Russell, will certainly be with them there.

When you read this article, Brother Dickerson and his family will be on their way to the Amazon Valley in Brazil, having sailed from New York Saturday, Aug., 26. We urge you to pray much for them that they shall have a safe journey, and that they shall

soon be established in their new home in Brazil. They need your prayers now more than ever, and we sincerely trust that you shall bear them daily to a throne of grace.

BOOK REVIEWS

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1. The Answer By Fire.
4. The Second Coming of Christ.
5. For Christ's Sake.
6. Lost, Sought, Saved.
7. "And In Hell".
8. No Difference.
9. Why Jesus Had to Die.

These are interesting sermons, especially since the author is a Christian Jew. The Gospel is passionately proclaimed in these messages by a soul that is on fire for God. The great fundamentals of evangelism are all honored in these sermons. It will thrill your heart and make you want to win men to God. Every preacher should read it, for it furnishes helpful sermon hints and material.

IF HE SHOULD FAIL, by Chester M. Savage. 142 pages, Cloth binding. Price, \$1.00. This volume of twelve sermons are richly evangelistic and have been preached by one of the foremost Baptist pastors and evangelists of the state of Texas, not only in revival meetings, but in numerous pasto-

rates which he has held. The book is a genuine attempt to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ. It is indeed gratifying to find a book of sermons which touches on the great doctrines. The second sermon of the book, which discusses the security of the saved, is worth the price of the book alone. These sermons will inspire any one who reads them, touching the hearts of the unsaved, and stirring the souls of the saved.

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HOMING, by Grace Livingston Hill. 314 pages. Price, \$2.00.

This is an intriguing story of an orphan girl left friendless in the world to face the problems of life alone. How she came to find the answer to all the perplexities and disappointments of life through finding the only true Friend, Jesus, is presented very forcibly. Thus, a very lonely life was changed into a beautiful and useful one through the power of that Friend which "sticketh closer than a brother."

A great lesson presented in the book is that an ever-abiding faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ can bring about things which to us seem impossible.

Read this book and you will then see what Rom. 8:28 really means.

Y. M. C. A.

A. S. Morgan, General Secretary
Russell, Ky.

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In addition to the maintenance of a fine restaurant, educational classes are held in the lobby from week to week. No finer group of

magazines or reading books are to be found elsewhere than those provided by the Y. M. C. A. Physical education, including all forms of athletics, likewise is strongly emphasized by this local Y. M. C. A. Very much unlike most Y. M. C. A.'s, devotional religious services are held daily in the lobby. Only God in Heaven knows what may have been accomplished thereby.

We are very pleased in this review to compliment our local Y. M. C. A. upon the high character of this institution which is rendering a much needed and highly appreciated service to the public. However, this review would not be complete if we failed to mention the efficient and capable management of the Y. M. C. A.

For 15 years, Col. A. S. Morgan has courteously and capably acted as Secretary of this institution. Known among all railroad Y. M. C. A.'s, Mr. Morgan is recognized as a past-master in the field of his chosen profession. For ten years, the editor has known Mr. Morgan to be a friend to his patrons, employees, and his fellow-man. The editor does not believe a more efficient or better qualified secretary of the Y. M. C. A. could be found. Our hats off to the local Y. M. C. A. and Col. Morgan.

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