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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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A Happy Man



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Blessed (happy) is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Rom. 4:8.

The fourth chapter of Romans is given wholly to showing the fact that justification is wholly through faith and not at all by the works of the law. Abraham is here used as an example from the Old Testament. The fifth verse tells that faith is counted for righteousness, and then verses six to eight quote from the psalms describing the righteousness which is without works and the blessedness of the man whose sins are forgiven and covered and to whom the Lord will not impute sins.

Our text; verse eight; certainly proves that justification is by faith alone. If salvation could be partly by works, then maybe Christ's death need not cover future sins, and those sins committed after our conversion may

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Faith Conquers All

"For every child of God overcomes the world: and the victorious principle which has overcome the world is our faith." (I John 5:4)

At every turn in the road one can find something that will rob him of his victory and peace of mind, if he permits it. Satan is a long way from having retired from the business of deluding and ruining God's children if he can. At every milestone it is well to look carefully to the thermometer of one's experience, to see whether the temperature is well up.

Sometimes a person can, if he will, actually snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, if he will resolutely put his faith up at just

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I longed to walk along an easy road,
And leave behind the dull routine of home,
Thinking in other fields to serve my God;
But Jesus said; "My time has not yet come."

I longed to sow the seed in other soil,
To be unfettered in the work, and free,
To join with other laborers in their toil;
But Jesus said; "My time has not yet come."

I longed to leave the desert, and be led
To work where souls were sunk in sin and shame,
That I might win them; but the Master said,
"I have not called thee, publish here My name."

I longed to fight the battles of my King,
Lift high His standards in the thickest strife;
But my great Captain bade me wait and sing
Songs of His conquests in my quiet life.

I longed to leave the uncongenial sphere,
Where all alone I seemed to stand and wait,
To feel I had some human helper near,
But Jesus bade me guard one lonely gate.

I longed to leave the round of daily toil,
Where no one seemed to understand or care;
But Jesus said, "I choose for thee this soil,
That thou might'st raise for Me some blossoms rare."

And now I have no longing but to do
At home; or else afar; His blessed will;
To work amid the Many or the few;
Thus, "choosing not to choose," my heart is still.
—Selected

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Who was the first shepherd and who the first farmer?
2. Who was granted such strength that he broke a bow of steel?
3. What man of a heathen race slew eighty-five priests of God and destroyed their city?
4. What fire was so fierce that it devoured wood, stones, dust, and water?
5. Which is the Storm Psalm?
6. What great writer, who was the son of a greater, composed one thousand and five songs?
7. Who heard a voice in the dark tell him of an approaching doom?
8. Which is the saddest of all the Psalms?
9. What man locked the skies for three years?
10. Of what eight heroes of the Old Testament was it written that God was with them?
11. What child carried in his name the memory of the lost glory of a nation?
12. What man's family received the curse of early death and what was the sign given him that all of his descendants should die in the flower of their age?

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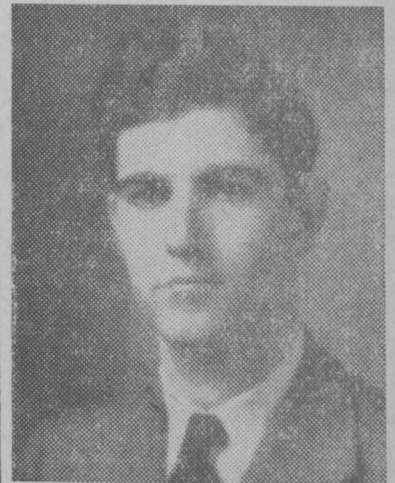
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How A Christian Ought To Live

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection 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 our life; shall appear; then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and

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Where Is Our Faith?



Forrest Sparks

"When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8.

I

Man is saved "by grace — through faith." Eph. 2:8. Not only is man saved through faith but he must continue to live by faith and through faith if he would please God and come up to the expectations of his associates. Luke writes of those who were converted at Pentecost, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:41,42.

Luke tells us again in his gospel, "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the

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The Bridge Of Faith

"When thou goest, thy way shall be opened up before thee step by step." (Prov. 4:12)
The Lord never builds a bridge of faith except under the feet of the faith-filled traveler. If He builds the bridge a rod ahead, it would not be a bridge of faith. That which is of sight is not of faith.

There is a self-opening gate which is sometimes used in country roads. It stands fast and firm across the road as a traveler approaches it. If he stops before he gets to it, it will not open. But if he will drive right at it, his wagon wheels press the springs below the roadway, and the gate swings back to let him through. He must push right on at the

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A HAPPY MAN

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indeed be imputed to us. But the text says the man is happy to whom the Lord Will Not impute sin.

I. This Text Implies That There Is A State of Blessedness Possible to Man.

Many men are not happy. It is interesting to stand on a busy

street corner of some large city and observe the people. One can almost pick the truly happy ones by their facial expression. Men have domestic worries, women worry about husbands' waywardness; financial difficulties cause some to be unhappy; wayward children make parents unhappy; and then there is that within every breast that tells them there is a life after death, and the realization of coming torment makes one miserable.

God wants all to be happy. To Abraham God said, "and in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." God began early in man's history to reveal his desire to make all men happy. All through the Psalms we find God's promise of blessing. For example: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; etc. Psalm 1. And "Blessed are they that put their trust in Him." Psalm 2:12.

My text which is quoted by Paul from the Psalms says, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

II. This Text Tell Us that such Happiness is Wholly of the Lord.

In John 10:10 we read "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Again "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 9:32.

It is only through the coming of Jesus to earth to die in our stead that this blessedness can come. "It is God that justifieth." Rom. 8:33 "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. There is no such thing as men's sins being forgiven until full penalty has been paid either by the guilty one or by one who being innocent would die for the guilty, "that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Rom. 3:26. It is Christ who "hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written: Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Gal. 3:13. No wonder the Christian cries out: "O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee." And again, "O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeem-

er's praise, The glories of my God and king, The triumphs of his grace."

III. This Text Tells Us that such Happiness Depends upon the Fact that our Sins Will Not Be Imputed to Us.

1. The meaning of impute. The word impute may better be translated "reckon", that is our sins are no longer put to our account. In Philemon 1:18 we find the same Greek word translated differently, "If he hath wronged thee or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account." (or impute that to me). We have here a letter written by Paul and sent by the hand of Onesimus, a runaway slave who has been converted by Paul's preaching at Rome, to Philemon, former owner of Onesimus and also a believer. Verses 17 and 18 perfectly illustrate imputation. V. 17 "If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself." (reckon to him my merit, put my good

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**L. J. KING**

We are happy to present here with Mr. L. J. King, and ex-Romanist, whose life story reads like that of the Apostle Paul. He is best known in view of his work in opposing Roman Catholicism and especially through his book, House of Death And Gate Of Hell.

This is a book of facts, dedicated to Uncle Sam, and written for the purpose of exposing the nunnery system. He declares that there are over 3,200,000 priests; nuns; bishops and monks forbidden to marry—a plain violation of God's law. This book contains 57 characters, 27 full page photographs, and a short story of Mr. King's conversion.

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covetousness, which is idolatry:

For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all the anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds, And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created man." (Col. 3:1-10)

I have just read you a marvelous passage of Scripture which I am re-reading, or at least part of it, that you might get the Scriptural setting for my message. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Our text beloved, leads us immediately to a question; and that question is: "Are you saved?" for it says, "If ye then be risen with Christ." Perhaps the word "if" may carry the idea of "since"; but I think in all probability, there may even be a question there, "if ye are saved?" This was the question that Paul asked when he was writing to the church at Colosse, and beloved, I am asking you this question tonight. "Are you saved tonight?" This was Paul's question to this church at Colosse; and it is my question to those of you who are listening tonight. The Apostle Paul, when he was writing to the church at Corinth, said to them: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried; and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:1,3,4) Now that is the gospel, — the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul says; "If ye be risen with Christ?" that is; have you been made a full partaker of the gospel; not only that you believed in the death of Christ and that He was buried, but do you also follow Him in His resurrection? Since He was buried and arose from the grave, have you had a spiritual resurrection, and have you been risen to walk with Him? That's my question to you this morning, "Are you saved this day, and are you a child of God tonight?"

I am satisfied beloved, that there are many listening who would make an awkward answer and say; "I hope so"; or as one said to me this last week, "I may be", or as another said when I was in her home, "I trust that I am saved."

There's many a person that will answer this question in an awkward manner like this, but beloved; the true child of God can say, "I know that I am a child of God." There are no "ifs", there are no "perhapses", there are no maybes", but the true child of God knows tonight that he is a child of God; there are no doubts, there are no questions, and there is no guess work about his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why should there be any doubt? Listen to the Word of God which is the basis of our faith; and answer the question "Are you saved?" "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47) Now you know whether you have believed or not; then you know whether you have everlasting life; for the Word says; "But to him that worketh not; but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5) Now have you quit your working and gone to trusting? Have you ceased trying to save yourself, and are you trusting Jesus fully to save you? I read you again: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1) Now do you have that peace with God tonight? Have you exercised faith to the extent that you are at peace with God through Jesus? I am saying to you every man and woman can know whether or not he is saved, and you know now whether

you have exercised faith; you know whether you are at peace with God. Listen again: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1) I remember a few years ago a preacher friend of mine was compelled to shoot a man in self-defense. The next Sunday morning he stood up before his congregation and preached from this Scripture I have just read, Rom. 8:1, and folk all over the country thought he was a hypocrite in that he would dare to apply this verse of Scripture to himself. But if he were saved before he had to shoot that man in self-defense, he was just as much saved afterward as he was before, for the Word says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1)

The question I am asking you is, "Are you saved?" That is the question that my text raises. You say you have seen that Christ died on the cross, and that you have seen He was buried and rose again from the grave. All right, have you accepted His death as sufficient for your sins, and are you now liking to the Lord Jesus Christ by faith? Are you saved? You say, "Sometimes I feel like I am, and sometimes I don't." These feelings that people have! What a cursed thing they are at best. What treacherous things they are at worst. You say, "I don't know whether I feel like I am saved or not." Let me give you a simple illustration that you might see that feelings grow out of a man's salvation.

We will say that there is a mother who has a son far away, in the service of his country — perhaps in the army; and that mother gets a letter today from some person on the far side of the earth. In New Zealand, a letter addressed to her in a strange

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APPRECIATION

I wish to take this means of expressing my deepest appreciation to all those who supported me in the recent primary election, and who made possible my nomination for City Jailer of Ashland, Kentucky on the democratic ticket.

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plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62. James says, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James 3:18. Faith if it is true faith, is not complete and does not cease at the time of nor after conversion. If one is truly saved "by grace — through faith" his faith, like his new life; is just a babe! Together his faith and his new life, inseparable as they are, must be nurtured and cared for as a new born babe so that they may grow and the new life, which is a life of faith, may overcome the old sinful life and "fill out" the old framework of the old man. The boy, as a child, dons his father's shoes and pants. Of course they do not fit; the shoes will not stay on his feet and the pants, after being rolled up as far as possible and lapped around the waist, are still too long and too wide. After the boy has grown to manhood his father's clothing is no longer too large for him. Even so it is difficult for the babe in Christ to fill out the old man. Nevertheless our remedy is found in 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." When our new man is full grown through faith he can and will crowd out and fill out the old man of the flesh.

II

God has always taught man to have faith. After the first man and the first woman had broken God's great law and it became necessary for God to invoke the Divine penalty upon them He promised them a redeemer. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. (These words were spoken to Satan who had come into the Garden of Eden in the form and person of the serpent. — Thus God did not provide full redemption immediately, nor during the life of Adam and Eve. He made them a promise of future fulfillment, thus evoking their faith in Him and in His promise.

All down through the ages of time God has called men to faith. When man became so wicked upon the earth God could stand it no longer He purposed to destroy man off the face of the earth but "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Gen. 6:8. God warned Noah and gave him specific in-

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hand. Anxiously she tears it open to read, and thus that the letter is written by a medical man who tells her that her son has been seriously ill, but is now recovered, and is on his way to visit her in Russell. The letter makes her happy. She rejoices to know that her son is soon to visit her. Why is she happy? She has this joy because she believed the doctor's letter. Don't you see, the doctor wrote her a letter; she believed what was in the letter; and she knew that it was true because of her faith that the doctor had told her the truth. The Bible is the letter that our God gave to us; you accept it by faith, believing that it is true, and because you believe that Christ died for your sins, you know you are saved. Then you have a joy and a happiness that a true child of God ought to have. I am saying to you, that feeling of happiness and that joy that you know you are a child of God, comes because of the knowledge of His Word. It comes after you have received the knowledge that Christ died for your sins.

I am asking you tonight, "Are you saved?" The Devil comes around and brings temptation after temptation to make a person doubt his salvation." A lad sometime ago told me that in coming to a realization that he was saved, John 5:24 meant a lot to him. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." He said that verse of Scripture brought a realization that God was his Father and that Christ was his Saviour, and that he was a child of God. After the service, he went home and sat down on the sofa, and began thinking about his experience with the Lord. The Devil began to whisper to him and tell him he wasn't saved. It seemed the Devil was right underneath that sofa. He turned to John 5:24 and read it, and then pointed to it and said, "Here you are Satan; read it for yourself." He said the joy that had been filling his soul returned, for he knew right then that he was a child of God. I tell you, a man can know that he is saved and he can have the assurance and the joy that he is a child of God.

II

If you are not a Christian, I have not one word to say to you. If you are not a child of God, the balance of this message is not for you. If you are a church member but unsaved, what I have to say, does not affect you in the least; but if you are saved, then there is a next step that this text takes, for it says, "If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." Above what? Why above this world. Seek the things that are above the things of this world. The man that is not risen with Christ, can only seek the things of this world; but that individual who is risen with Christ and who is a child of God, is no longer a citizen of this world, for his citizenship is in Heaven. Since we are risen with Christ, then we should seek those things which are above. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Col. 3:1-3) This passage of Scriptures is written only to saved people, and you as an unsaved church member, will have a lot of trouble trying to apply it to your life. You have been putting your affection on the things of this earth, but now if you are saved, you will forget this earth and set your affection on the things that are above. Brother, that is strong doctrine. It is as strong meat as there is in all the Word of God for a child of God to accept.

But this is not the only Scripture that tells us this. Listen: "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." (Rom. 6:13) What's he saying to us?

Simply and briefly this: If you are a saved man, and are risen to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, do not yield the members of your body to live after the life of this world, but yield your members to God and your life might be lived for Him. If you are saved, your eyes ought to be seeing things for God's glory. If you are saved, your hands ought to be doing things that would be

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Pleasing to God. Your feet ought to be going places where they will be glorifying Him. You are not to yield your eyes to see that which is wrong; you are not to yield your hands nor your feet nor body as the servants of sin, but you are to yield the members of your body to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But will you go further with me, "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6:19,20) Don't you see it beloved, he is saying that you don't belong to yourself if you are saved, but you belong to God. You have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. I haven't any business nor right to yield my body to anything that shall bring earthly glory to me if I am going to live in the light of this Scripture. This is a hard difficult thing for any child of God to do, but if I want to be true to God as laid down in His Word, then I must learn that I don't belong to myself, but I belong to Him Who died for me at Calvary. Therefore, I am to yield my body to Him and glorify my God in my body.

Oh, I tell you our text tonight is strong meat for it says, "If ye are risen with Christ." Oh, yes, you are a church member, but the question is, "Are you risen with Christ?" If you are, then, "Seek those things which are above."

But there are other texts that tell us the same thing. Listen: "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." (I Cor. 8:13) This declares that we ought to be careful how we live, lest we have an improper influence over someone else. It isn't a question whether or not your deeds hurt you. The question is, is there somebody coming behind you that would stumble and fall over your influence? Oh, brother, sister, I am asking you, is there a daughter, is there a son, is there a neighbor, is there a member of your Sunday School class, is there somebody who knows you intimately, who is going to stumble over your influence? It isn't the question whether or not it hurts you; but the question is, is it going to hurt someone else because of your influence?

Let's go further. This isn't all that the Word of God says on this subject. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31) I am asking you, "Are you saved?" Are you risen with Christ? "Whether ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do; do all to the glory of God." You say, it's perfectly alright for me to drink; it is alright for me to dance; it is alright for me to go to places of worldly amusement; — can you do it to the glory of God? Paul says even in your eating, your drinking, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.

But I would like to read you another Scripture: "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (II Cor. 7:1) If you are saved and have these promises, he says let us cleanse ourselves from all filth of the flesh and spirit. Now if you are saved, that is God's message to you.

I came across a new Scripture last night. I have read it hundreds of times; but I discovered in it a new meaning. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:8-10) Paul says we are His workmanship. We are saved not by works, but by grace through faith. What are we saved for? We are saved unto good works. Don't you see it beloved? If you are saved, then God is asking something of you. I don't think the Lord Jesus Christ as king anything that is unreasonable of us. Many a preacher gets into trouble, and many a church gets into difficulty by trying to make hard fast rules for unsaved church members. I am not interested in what unsaved church members do, but I am tremendously interested in how those who are the saints of God live, and what they do. If you are saved beloved, you are

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WHERE IS OUR FAITH?

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structions to follow. The scripture says, "By faith, Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Heb. 11:7. Noah had faith to believe God would do just what He said. Others, in sinful faithlessness, mocked Noah, but Noah was the only one (with the exception of his family) who lived to tell of God's faithfulness and exactness. God called Abraham who followed His leadership by faith. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram (Abraham), get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." Gen. 12:1. God blessed Abraham because of his great faith. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Heb. 11:8-10.

Many other great men have lived by faith in God and their faith has never been disappointed. Enoch's faith was sufficient for his translation from earth to Heaven without death. Isaac, through his faith in God, blessed Jacob and Esau concerning the things to come. Joseph had faith to believe God would deliver His people from their oppressor. He gave Israel commandment to remove his bones with them. Moses' faith in God was stronger than his faith in the king of Egypt and the king's daughter. He chose "Rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward." Heb. 11:25,26. By faith many have lived and died; but none have had a more perfect, more simple or more pure and complete faith than our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

III

Jesus taught the early disciples to have faith. "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1. He had already said that we are to be saved through faith; "And

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HOW A CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO LIVE

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not to live like the world. You are Christ's workmanship and are to produce good works. Oh, I am saying to you, if you are saved, if you are risen with Christ, then seek those things that are above.

Every once in a while, somebody says, "Why can't I do this?" A person this last week, said to me, "Why can't I do this?" To my mind, two things stand out at once. First, the person who is a church member and asks that question is either one of two things; he is either an unsaved church member or he is a carnal Christian. A real Christian is not going to say, "Why can't I do this?" But rather like Joseph will say, "How can I do this?"

Would I make you hungry if I described for you a wonderful plate of chicken fried crisp and golden brown? Somehow I feel like stopping preaching myself when I go to talking about it. Can you imagine a great big plate of fried chicken? Sounds good doesn't it? And green peas, and nice new potatoes, and some sliced tomatoes, and some of these nice ice-box rolls that I have eaten in some of your homes, with a nice great big glass of buttermilk and some strawberry shortcake to top it off. Now doesn't that sound interesting? Well, suppose you sit down and eat a meal like that, and then after you have enjoyed a meal like this, how about having a course of bones? You wouldn't be interested in bones then would you? The child of God has been feeding on heavenly things and he is no longer interested in the ordinary things of this world. He wants no course of bones after he has been feeding on the Lord Jesus Christ.

I mean to say to you that when a church member says, "Why can't I do this?", it looks to me like that church member has never gotten beyond the bone stage, for the man that is saved doesn't care for the things of this life after he has once tasted of the things of the life to come.

I remember a friend of mine was telling me about going for the first time into a mine. One young girl arrived at the last minute. She had on a beautiful white dress, and when someone remonstrated with her for wearing this white dress, she said, "Why can't I wear this white dress?" The guide said, "You can wear it. There isn't a thing in this world to keep you from wearing it, but I assure you now it will not be white when you come back." You can do a lot of things, you can live any kind of life you want to live, but remember, you are not going to have "a white dress" on when you get through.

If you are risen with Christ, then set your affection on things above. Seek heavenly things, and no longer seek the things of this world. It all depends on this truth: Have you been saved?

III

That is not the end of our text. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." First, are you saved? Second, if you are saved, get your mind off this earth and your eyes off this life and set them on the world beyond. Third, what does the text say to us? We are not to think of our present life of self-denial, but rather, we are to think about the future life of glory. You say, "It would be the worst experience and the most drab monotonous existence I can think of to be a Christian. I have to take my eyes off this world and set them on the next world." That's right, and if you are a child of God, you will do it and do it gladly. Why, you say, "I couldn't stand it." Don't look at this life of self-denial, look at the life that is going to be ours after a while, — a life of glory. You know, that is going to be wonderful day. Isn't it going to be marvelous? I can see myself up there in the clouds now, with the angels all about me for my attendants, and in the presence of Jesus who stretched out His arms for my sins at Calvary. Nothing in this world will ever be able to equal the joy of that experience. Brother, I am not to look back to what I have to deny myself of now, but I am to look out to that life of glory that is to be mine after a

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Oh, I ask you, "Are you saved?" Then if you are, my message is to you. If you are saved, then put the things of this world behind you, and look to the life that shall be yours in the world to come.

If you are not saved, or if you are an unsaved church member, and if you like to go to shows, and if you like to go to places of worldly amusement, and if you like to dance, and if you like these things, then the last words that I have to say, are directed to you. What you need tonight is to be risen with the Lord Jesus Christ. You need Jesus as a Saviour. If you are unsaved, then I'm not trying to tell you how to live. I would like to tell you how to be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31) "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." (Jn. 1:12) Then after you are saved, live like a child of God ought to live.

BIBLE QUESTION ANSWERS

1. Able and Adam. (Gen. 4:2; 3:23)
2. David. (Psa. 18:34)
3. Doeg the Edomite. (I Sam. 22:18,19)
4. The fire that Elijah called down on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel. (I Kings 18:38)
5. Psalm 29.
6. Solomon. (I Kings 4:32)
7. Samuel, when the Lord told him of the doom of Eli's house. (I Sam. 3:10-14)
8. Psalm 88, the psalm of despair; supposed by some commentators to have been written by a leper.
9. Elijah. (I Kings 17:1)
10. Abraham (Gen. 21:22); Jacob (Gen. 28:15); Joseph (Gen. 39:2); Moses (Exodus 3:19); David (I Sam. 16:18; 18:14).
11. Ichabod, meaning "no glory" — the child of the wife of Phinehas, so named when she knew that the

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as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:14-16, 18, 26. Here in John 14:1 Jesus teaches that man must not only believe in Him for salvation but that he must also have faith to believe all of Jesus' teaching: he must truly believe in Jesus and His teaching as he believes in God. Jesus' disciples must believe the Bible from cover to cover and show their faith by their practice.

IV

Man cannot be saved except through faith. In these latter days the true Christian life except through faith. In these latter days we have many professing Christians, no doubt more than at any other time in the world's history. Yet how many of them deny the faith! Why does Jesus ask the question, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Unless one has true faith, the same kind of faith which was manifest in Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist he will not obey Jesus' commands to His disciples. Likewise those who do have true faith will obey His commandments. Jesus says in Matt. 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Must Jesus Bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No; there's a cross for ev'ry one,
And there's a cross for me.

Jesus says that if we are His disciples men will treat us as they treated Him; yet how many people do we find today; especially in this land of ours, who are bearing persecution? Most of us know little if anything about persecution. Many of us will actually compromise God's word rather than bear

just a little persecution. It is true that there are some even today who are being persecuted and yet bear their cross as true soldiers. Nevertheless, this number is small as compared with that great host who claim to be the followers of Christ. Where is our faith? "When the Son of man cometh; shall he find faith on the earth?"

L. R. Scarborough said just recently before the Southern Baptist Convention, "Someone has stated the following about Southern Baptists; five percent of us do not exist; ten percent cannot be found; twenty-five percent never attend church; fifty percent never give; ninety percent never die; ninety percent never attend prayer meeting; ninety-five percent never win a soul." Shame on us! "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

As James suggests we show our faith by our works. Where is our faith? Is it in man? Or is it in the judgment seat of Christ. Or is Faith in such as these will amount to nothing when we come before the judgment seat of Christ. Or is our faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ? May God grant that our faith? Is it in Christ; or is it in ful.

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn for Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.
"By grace are ye saved through faith." Eph. 2:8. It is God's grace applied by your faith in Him and His power.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream

Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

My friend, what about your faith? Is it in Christ, or is it in material things? The things of this world, and even this world itself will pass away, but the promise of God will remain forever. Jesus says, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. He also says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. Do you believe these promises of the Saviour? If you do God's word says

that you are saved. If you do not you are yet lost in your sins and can have no hope until you will believe the only one who never told a lie. Our prayer unto God for you is that you might believe, that your faith may be placed in the Saviour, and then that you man continue to live by faith day by day.

A HAPPY MAN

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toward you on the account of Onesimus to square off this wrong to you.) V. 18. "If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account." Jesus has done just that for us before God. He had our demerits imputed to him that his merits might be reckoned to us. "For He is our righteousness."

2. The implication that saints do sin after they are saved. None could be called blessed until he is saved, and the fact that Christ will not impute sin to him tells us that that man will sin, but will not be charged with such sin. In Eccl. 7:20 we read, "For there is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." The Lord Jesus in teaching his

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disciples to pray said, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Had he expected them to be perfect, he would not have taught thus. Peter denied his Lord after he was saved. If he were not saved at that time, then Christ didn't know the heart of Peter when he said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven." Matt. 16:17

Now turn and read I John 1:8-10. This says plainly that those to whom John is writing do sin. I John 5:13 tells plainly that he is addressing this letter to saved folk. But someone may say that John indeed was writing to saved folk but to unsanctified ones, meaning of course those who had not received the so called second blessing. To them may I reply that John was an old man when he wrote this epistle and if he ever were all that man can be spiritually, he was at that writing, and yet he writes, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves; etc." John was at this time about ninety years old and had done many mighty works for God and certainly he had not been denied God's greatest blessing. I don't suppose John knew anything about the second blessing. That seems

to have been revealed to certain denominations in the 20th century, and is not a doctrine of a New Testament Church.

3. The teaching that future sins of saints will not be charged to their account but will be put to the account of Christ. If these sins were not charged to Him, who would pay for them? Only a sinless one can bear the sins of others. Christ alone lived in the flesh without sin. If our future sins were not paid for by His death, then we must suffer in hell or else He must come and die again for those future sins. Read Heb. 9:25,26.

I do not mean to say that saints' sins will not affect their rewards, because our rewards shall be according to our works, and certainly the evil we do will decrease the value of our good. But sins are spoken of as blotted out in the Word. Read Jer. 50:19,20. Also Psalm 51:1,9. When I trusted Christ, all my sins, past, present and future were blotted out of God's record to be remembered against me no more forever. God is omniscient and hence has known my sins before I committed them and certainly will continue to retain them in his memory, but he will not remember them against me because Christ paid for them in His body.

May I say again that if Christ died not for my future sins and

these sins will be imputed to me, then one of three things is true if I am to get to heaven: (1) I must commit no sin, which is impossible. (2) Christ must die again on the cross. (3) I must suffer in hell for my own sins. But I thank God that Jesus paid it all on the cross of Calvary over 1900 years ago, and we can sing from our hearts today, "Jesus paid it all," etc. Certainly the plan of redemption is complete. Jesus said while dying, "It is finished". He could have meant nothing else except the plan of redemption for which He came into the world. Again we read in Heb. 12:1,2 that Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.

My plea to my unsaved readers is that you now trust a Saviour "who is able to save to the uttermost all them that come unto God by Him." My plea to saints is that you rest wholly in the finished work of Christ, and when Satan tempts you to sin and you yield to him, do not fear about your salvation; it was settled at calvary. But rather just confess your sin to God that your fellowship might not long be broken and your life fruitless. You can be extremely happy even in the face of difficulty if you will rest upon the truth of our text: "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

FAITH CONQUER'S ALL

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be right moment. Faith can change any situation. No matter how dark it is, no matter what the trouble may be; a quick lifting of the heart to God in a moment of real, actual faith in Him, will alter the situation in a moment.

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"Have faith in God, the sun will shine,

Though dark the clouds may be today;

His heart has planned your path and mine,

Have faith in God, have faith away."

When one has faith, one does not return; one stops the enemy where he finds him.

—Marshal Foch

THE BRIDGE OF FAITH

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closed gate, or it will continue to be closed.

This illustrates the way to pass every barrier on the road of duty. Whether it is a river, a gate, or a mountain, all the child of Jesus has to do is to go for it. If it is a river, it will dry up when you put your feet in its waters. If it is a gate, it will fly open when you are near enough to it, and are still pushing on. If it is a mountain, it will be lifted up and cast into a sea when you come squarely up, without flinching, to where you thought it was.

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