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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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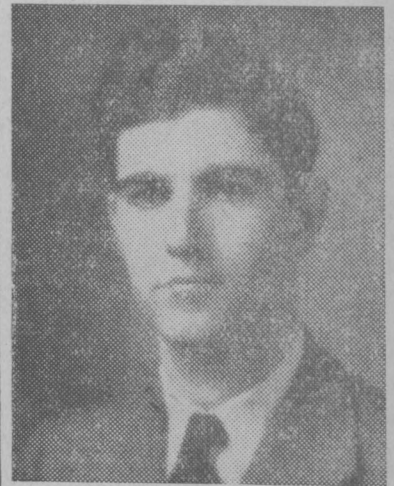
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How A Christian Ought To Live

"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.

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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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