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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 Call Is Great But The Surrender Is Greater

In this fast moving age we look at our youth and wonder about them. Everywhere young men and women are looking into the future. The question comes, "What is there for the youth of today?" In all the fields the positions are filled, and there are more awaiting positions than can be placed. Mothers and fathers wonder about the young people. What is to become of them?

This however, is no time for the church to become worried about young people in the church. They must have some thing to do — something to keep them active. If it isn't found in their church life they must find it elsewhere. Jesus gave a challenge to the young people of His day and that challenge is still thrown out today. The young people are the future hope of the church and should be trained so that they can take the place of the older ones when their tasks are at an end. The greatest need in our churches today is a revival in the hearts of the young people. Their lives need to be enriched by prayer and consecration and to become acquainted with the joys of a happy Christian life.

How many young people never enter a church at anytime! Shows dance halls, and night clubs occupy their time. Thus they drift on from day to day thinking they are having a wonderful time alas, to find in the end that they have made a failure of life. The key

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The Unrest Of The World

In this time of strikes, strife and war, our thoughts and words naturally take on a militaristic sound. But we find that the Apostle Paul left instructions for us as Christians expressed in military terms, when he said: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness

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BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

"Because you prayed for me
I found the strength I needed for my task
The courage I had lacked before, the faith to see
Beyond my narrow world; new joy for pain
I found, and zeal
To press on forward, strong of heart again—
Because you prayed.

Because you prayed today
I found it was not hard to face the dawn,
But yesterday, and shoulder it, and dare
To smile a bit
And find a blessing I'd not dreamed was there—
Because you prayed.

Because you prayed for me
Tonight, I seemed to reach and find your hand
Close by as I had known it would be,
And somehow toil and turmoil needs must cease:
It was as though
God to our hearts had softly whispered,
'peace'
Because YOU prayed."

—From "The Dreamer"
By Ruth M. Gibbs

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What prophet accused men of buying the poor for a pair of shoes?
2. In what prophecy is the birthplace of the Messiah named?
3. Who called on the mountains to act as witnesses in a controversy?
4. What psalm is considered by some commentators to foretell the events of the Crucifixion?
5. When did a multitude of men lose their lives because of curiosity?
6. Of which three cities was it truly prophesied that one should become a bare rock, another a den, and the last a wilderness?
7. Who heard a voice sounding from out of a whirlwind?
8. Whose war-horses were swifter than leopards and fiercer than the evening wolves?
9. What two leaders in Israel were blinded by their enemies?
10. Who lost his health, wealth, and children but found God?
11. What men sat together seven days and seven nights without speaking a word?
12. Who was the first foreign missionary mentioned in the Bible?

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"The Race Of Life"

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb. 12:1,2)

I want to go back to my college days in order to present the picture which underlies the text that I have read to you. Can you imagine an athletic field, with its stadium all about you, as you stand in the center of that athletic field? Can you imagine the

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What The Cross Means To The World

The world has many symbols but none so glorious as the cross. The cross is the golden symbol of salvation and it is only through the cross that we can come face to face with Him who on Calvary's cross gave His life for a sin-cursed world. The cross of Christ has been the inspiration of all ages. Every country and every language gives us a new insight into the cross. In Christian literature the cross has always held the central place. In no type of writing has this been more true than in our hymns. The greatest of our hymn writers, when in the hour of despair or distress have turned in deep consecration and devotion toward the cross, and out of their hearts touched by the scene of the cross have come some of the greatest thoughts that could be brought to light. Let us look into some of the lives of our hymn writers who have written on the cross.

Elizabeth Cecelia Douglas Celephane did not expect to become a well known author for she wrote only two hymns, BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS, being one of them. She died when she was only thirty-eight. The hymn was written during the last year of her life, and undoubtedly it expresses the confidence and devotion of a young woman wracked by pain. To her young heart the cross had become a hiding place, a place of comfort in a world which seemed weary because of her sickness.

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The Youth Of Our Church

"Myths of the past have lost their power,
Time flying fast brings a new hour,
Nations despairing need a new creed,
Seeking an sharing youth, Youth must lead."

What a great poem this is for our young people, but in order for our youth of today to be able to lead properly, they must be made to see life as it really is, and then taught the only true way to face life with all its problems and perplexities—and that way is through

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THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH

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Jesus who gave His life that we might live forever.

There are many things in the world today which are demanding the attention of our youth, yet through the centuries, we hear a still small voice saying, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." What a great promise this is, and what a challenge it presents to our modern young people. Will you today accept that challenge?

Childhood is a very tender thing and can easily be molded and shaped so that it will become a life of service and usefulness, or

BOOK REVIEWS

From Grossett and Dunlap, New York City.

THE PRODIGAL GIRL. By Grace Livingston Hill. 312 pages. Price, \$2.00. This is a book which every girl especially should read. It is the story of a modern girl who thought that her life's happiness depended upon doing the things "the crowd" did—things of the world that soon fade away like the melting of a snowflake.

The heart-breaking experiences

that she, as well as her parents, passed through in order to show her the way to true and lasting happiness can only be seen through the reading of this great book.

The marked contrast between the life of one who lives for the fleeting things of this world, and the life of one who lives in the light of that which will endure forever is clearly portrayed.

The problems, temptations, and perils of the youth of today, and the way these perplexities of life can be solved and bring joy, contentment, and happiness to all concerned, can be found within the pages of **THE PRODIGAL GIRL**. If you, as a young girl or boy of today lack the courage to say "no" to the things of the world, read this book and it will give you strength to face the temptations of life and do what you know to be right.

It also contains a great lesson for parents. If you, as a parent of today, do not know your duty toward your children, read this book and it will show you clearly what God expects of you.

Although this is a wonderful book for our youth of today, there is one thing in it with which we do not agree,—namely, that of the teaching of Christmas. We believe this to be a pagan holiday and one in which no true Christian should participate.

THE RED SIGNAL. By Grace Livingston Hill. 304 pages. Price \$2.00. This book was written concerning the Great War in 1914-1918. It pictures the life of a young girl who faced death to save her country from destruction. In this book are some of the most breath-taking adventures of all fiction. Yet, through it all, we see God's guiding hand of protection. Hilda Lessing faced death more than once, but through it all she asked God to show her a way of escape, and her prayer did not go unanswered. God watched over her and protected her, and she was ready to face any danger, knowing that she belonged to God, and that whatever happened to her, would be for His glory.

When everything was over, and she had saved her country from destruction she found the love of someone who, like she, had faced danger on every hand, and together they thanked God for allowing them to undergo these hardships, for now they knew what it meant to have God who could take care of them even unto death.

A lesson that can be learned from this book is that as **THE RED SIGNAL** saved the life of a girl and a nation, so the crimson cross of Calvary can save a dying world from sin. It will warm your heart and stir your soul just to read **THE RED SIGNAL**.

UNCONTROLLED TEMPER

The story is told of Bobby Jones, the champion golf player, who, having an uncontrolled temper, succeeded in mastering it and making a name for himself.

As a land he accompanied his father on the golf links and early began to use a golf club; but whenever the ball got into a bad place he allowed his anger to rise and he would display an uncontrolled temper, sometimes breaking the club as if thus taking revenge.

The habit of losing his temper became so bad that he was told one day that he could never control a golf ball until he controlled his temper. The lad believed the truth of the admonition and set

about the task of mastering himself. By degrees he succeeded in checking and finally in completely controlling his temper. It was then that he began to win in playing golf. A fiery temper eats up poise and patience, makes the nerves unsteady, and saps energy.

To win in the game of life, one must win in the control of a harassed temper.

GOD GAVE HIS SON

"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." (John 3:16)

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32)

The highest expression of God's mercy is the life of Jesus. God the merciful, lover of men, sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. In the Benedictus (Luke 1:78) there is an emphasis upon divine mercy, and the declaration that the knowledge of salvation was due to the tender mercy of God, who will make the Dawn visit us from on high. It was by the mercy of God that One who was rich for our sakes became poor and gave himself for us that he might redeem us. God sent us His love in Jesus. The birth, the life, the ministry, the death, and the perpetual contemporaneity of Jesus declare the loving-kindness of God.

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race being announced—a certain, particular race being announced by the one in charge? Can you imagine those who are participating in this race lining up on the mark getting ready for the race? Can't you see them taking their places and then after the gun is fired, the race is on, and the crowd in expectancy wonders and watches to see who shall be the victorious winner of this particular race? I am speaking from personal experience. I can remember the time in college when I participated in the mile, two-mile, and cross country races. I can remember many a man starting well, and later dropping by the way side. Some would become fatigued and unable to finish the race. Perhaps others would fall by the way side for various reasons, and a very few finished well.

That beloved is the picture which underlies the text that I have read to you from the Apostle Paul. For Paul, I am sure as a Roman citizen, was familiar with the Roman games. He had seen the race course. He had seen the men line up at the mark. He had seen a few of them bring the race to a successful conclusion. As Paul looked at this, in his own mind he made a comparison as to the Christian life, and he says that the Christian life is just such a race. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1)

The Apostle Paul uses this same figure of speech in other Scriptures, for when he wrote to young Timothy in II Timothy 4:7, we find these words: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." The Greek word used for "course" is that of the race course, and Paul says he has gone all the way around the race course. It is the same word he used when he was talking to the church at Corinth, for in I Cor. 9:24, he says: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." And so beloved in the text, he likens for us the Christian life to a race. As I thought this past week relative to it, there are two or three characteristics that came to my mind whereby a race characterizes our Christian experience.

First of all beloved, we can say that a race is usually short. It is of short duration, and certainly this is characteristic of life, for life at best from beginning to end is very, very short; it is of short brief duration. Sometimes it seems that life is of exceeding long duration. When sickness and death come into our homes and when grim tragedy stares us in the face, it sometimes seems that a night shall never end, and that a day shall never pass. Yet considering it as a whole, even though we attain to our three score and ten, life is very brief. At an old Norse banquet, a bird flew into the lighted banquet hall from out in the dark, circled the light once and then flew out on the other side of the room into darkness again. In the midst of drinking a toast, the old Norse king sat down his glass and said, "Such is life: out of darkness that we know not of into the light for a few brief moments and then back into the darkness again." Yes, beloved, since a race is of short duration, it aptly characterizes life.

But there is another characteristic of a race which is also characteristic of life. A race is filled with intense activities. I can remember the days when I was in college when I would line up at the mark for a long distance run. I can remember many races when I was so blind from exhaustion that I could scarcely see where I was running. The race of life is likewise characterized many, many times by intense activities.

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I would like for you to see that there is some preparation on our part in order that we might succeed in the race of life. The Apostle Paul tells us what this is. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1) In order to prepare for the race of life, there are two things he tells us we ought to do. We ought to lay aside the weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us. I understand from my studies of Biblical Antiquities that whenever a man was training for a race, that he trained with heavy weights attached to his ankles, and then when the day of the race came, he would take off these weights. The Apostle Paul says that we in our Christian experience—if we are to run the race of life as children of God successfully, that we are to lay aside the weights,—those things that are good for our preparation. I am certain that every Christian listening has certain weights which in themselves are not sins and are not evil, but they are an impediment to us if we are to run

this Christian life as God has set before us. I know this is true of myself. My chief impediment is that the Devil seemingly keeps me so busy doing good things that I don't have time to do the better things, or the best things such as studying, reading my Bible, and praying, which I think God expects of His servants. It so happens that in all my experiences, I travel about a good deal. It further happens that I come in contact with many business men, and that every once in a while I have an opportunity to get some friend who is not working, a job through some business man. This is doing good for somebody else, and yet I know that the man of God is to give himself to prayer, and the study of the Word. So you see beloved, this is a weight so far as I am concerned. Anything which keeps a person from doing the best things of life—it may be good things that he is doing, but if it keeps him from the best things it is a weight which God says that we are to lay aside in order to run this race of life.

But, I think, there are other weights. I think beloved, the weight of sorrow is one weight that we need as Christians to lay aside. It is mighty good for us to train by, but beloved we need to lay aside to run properly. I can remember very distinctly right here in town an individual who lost a loved one. I can recall how that one sorrowed for weeks, months, and even a years time. Every time that person came to church she looked as though the last friend in this world was gone, and all hope of life was gone. Finally, I went to this individual and said to her, "You are sinning against God in that you are allowing this sorrow to weight you down." These things are good weights to help us train for the things of life, but Paul says we are to lay aside these weights if

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to a happy life is Jesus. If you have Jesus in your life then you have the key that opens every door of the Christian life. Jesus must dwell in the heart of old and young before they can ever have a chance in life. Young people don't let the first step be all, ask God to give you grace to go farther step by step to a greater life of service. Many trust Jesus, but that is as far as they get. Only a few heed His call and answer, "HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD."

Since the days of our Lord when He walked by the sea of Galilee and called to those young fishermen to follow Him, youth has cried out, "What is a call to service?" "How does God call?" "How may I be sure that He is calling and that it is not a childhood desire?" God calls every Christian to some task. Some are large and some are small but there is work for every Child of God to do. God speaks to our hearts in various ways and if we listen we can hear His voice. Some times it is to a Christian mother or father to build a Christian home and bring the children up in the way in which they should go. Some He calls for teachers, preachers or other workers in the local church. Again He calls to Home Mission fields which requires a life of sacrifice and surrender. Lastly comes the most privileged call, the greatest call that has been given through the ages, the call to foreign field. It takes a wonderful Christian character to build the right kind of a Christian home; it takes a greater for teachers and preachers; it takes a still greater for a call to Home Mission fields, but it takes an infinitely greater to answer a call to a foreign field. From one to another we go. The greater the task the greater the surrender, and the greater blessing on the individual who is willing to make that surrender.

Sometimes the needs of various fields will be discussed and hearts will be deeply stirred and feel that they are needed there. Some eager to begin service at once fail to make the preparation for the task ahead. Especially the call to foreign fields. Too often the individual is so impressed by the need for workers that they fail to realize that before they can give their best they must "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15. It

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we are to run the race of life successfully.

I am sure that many a person allows his business affairs to become a weight and to hold him back in the service of God. Lots of business men have allowed their Bibles to be covered over with their ledgers. They put so much time into business and professional life that they have not time for God. Their business may be perfectly legitimate, but it is a weight to their Christian experience.

Everyone is guilty of allowing certain weights to hold him back and to keep him from the better things of life that come through the Lord Jesus Christ. I am not saying that a lot of things in life are positive sins and that they are necessarily evil, but I am saying that anything, whether it be your worldly prosperity, the material work whereby you earn your livelihood maybe sorrow, maybe care, maybe doing good things for other people where you should be doing the better things — regardless of what you are doing — may God teach you that these weights should be laid aside in order that we might run more successfully our race in this Christian life.

Also beloved we are to lay aside the sins that doth so easily beset us. I am sure that there is not one tonight who might truthfully plead "Not guilty" of some besetting sin. Maybe you would not want to tell yours or perhaps I would not want to tell you what I know my besetting sin to be, and yet beloved, I am sure that there is not one of us but what if we would be honest before God we would confess not just one but perhaps many besetting sins. In the Word of God we are admonished by Paul when he spoke to the Church at Rome, to "Make not provision for the flesh." (Rom. 13:14) Yes, we are admonished by Paul that we are to put away the sins that doth so easily beset us. If you will come to the book of Colossians you will find that Paul gave to them a similar admonition. "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) Thus Paul admonishes each of us, to Christian life successfully.

lay aside our besetting sin if we are to run the race of our

I would like to go further in this respect and say to you that it is either one of two things; either you must kill your besetting sin, or your besetting sin will kill you. Of course, nothing can affect your relationship with Him, but your sin will kill your fellowship, your consecration and will put an end to the joy of the Lord in your life. It is one or the other, either you kill your besetting sins or they'll get you. Let me give you an illustration of this: "Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures and destroy all their molten images and quite pluck down all their high places: And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell." (Num. 33:52-55) Now get the story: God is saying through Moses to drive out these nations of Canaan that are now living there, and if you don't do so, they are going to be pricks in your eyes and they will be thorns in your sides. You must either kill off these heathen nations, or these heathen nations are going to continually vex and harass you. That same thing is true so far as our besetting sins are concerned. You will either kill them, or they will kill your spiritual growth in grace. The man who fails to wage a warfare against his besetting sins is due for some hard falls. To give you an illustration of it, look at the story of Saul. Saul was commanded of God to kill all the Amalekites. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman."

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infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." (I Sam. 15: 23) He didn't obey God. He spared Agag and perhaps others of the Amalekites. Listen to the Scriptures: "And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel? And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilegal. And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou has rejected the word of the Lord (he hath also rejected thee from being king." (I Sam. 15:15-23) Eventually and Amalekite killed him. Don't you see what I am saying to you. It is true with all the sins of your life and all the sins of my life. We either have to kill them, or beloved, they are going to kill us in our growth of grace, and are going to retard your progress in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, the Apostle Paul tells us if we are to run this race of life successfully, that we must lay aside the weights and sins that doth so easily beset us.

III

He tells us how it is that we ought to run this race, for he says "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb. 12:1) We are to patiently, evenly, and persistently keep at the task. Beloved, if we are going to run the race of life, we can't run with patience today and then coast along for the next six or eight months. The Lord Jesus doesn't want us to begin with patience on the first day of the New Year and then fall by the wayside. I am certain that many said, "I am going to make a New Year's Resolution. I am going to church every Sunday." You perhaps started out in a great way, and on the first Sunday of the New Year you doubtlessly kept your resolution and went to the services at God's house. Perhaps already you have broken that resolution, and are now drifting along until something else arises which shall cause you to put forth a new effort in the Master's service. Listen beloved, it isn't burst of speed one day and then slackness for several days which pleases God. God is not pleased with us running the race of life with patience one day and then for many days doing nothing. He wants us not 'only to be active on the first Sunday of the year, He wants us to be active on the last Sunday of the year and on the fifty Sundays that intervene. If we are to run this race which is set before us, it isn't with a burst today, but it is to be run all the way with patience.

I have seen people in a revival meeting get exceedingly worked up. I have heard them pray whom I had never heard shout before. Then when the revival meeting was over I have seen them fall back into the same worldly habits and I have seen them do the same things after the revival that they did before. Paul says if we are to run this race, we must run it with patience—constantly keeping at the job. Listen: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." (II Pet. 1:5-7) Beloved, Paul says

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requires the very best, physically, mentally and spiritually in the life of the missionary. If one is not willing to pay the price of preparation then it is doubtful if that one will be willing to pay the price of surrender to that particular field. There are many things involved in a call to definite service. First of all the individual may have had a childish impulse to be a missionary and cling to that through the years and on that impulse surrender their life to service. Again a mother or father may have the desire to see their son be a minister or their daughter a missionary and thus the life of that young person be influenced to surrender to service. Many times individuals go thus and make a public surrender of their life and rather than lose the shining example which has been set up in their life they will go on into a life of miserable service. It is wonderful to see a boy or a girl want to be a missionary and it is wonderful to see a mother or father willing to give their son or daughter into the definite service of Christ. But what a miserable life it is to that individual who had let mother or something other than the voice of Christ call them into service. The life of a minister or missionary while a life filled with blessing and joy untold nevertheless is a life of trials, sorrows and sufferings. Without the moment by moment presence of Christ in a life, with that individual knowing in his or her heart that God has called them to their task they cannot go on and lead a happy life. Even a non-Christian can be touched by the needs of a suffering humanity, but only one who has been called by the voice and power of an all-seeing God can have the burdened hearts for a lost and dying world in the ways of the world without a Saviour. It takes a God called man or woman to surrender their life to go for the needs of the souls of men. Many times mothers and sweethearts have prayed definitely for young men to be called to preach the gospel or perhaps to go to the mission field. God has promised that whatever we ask in the name of Jesus will be granted, but every thing must be for the glory of Christ. Are you praying for a son to preach in order that you can say to the world, "My son is a preacher", or are you praying for that son to be called to preach because you want it to bring glory to the name of Christ and in order

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that we are to run with patience the race of life as it stretches out before us.

IV

Beloved, the Apostle Paul goes further and tells us that this race is of God's appointment. He says, "The race which is set before us." (Heb. 12:1) May I tell you about an experience in college, in participating in a cross country race. Not all the ground was smooth; there were fences that had to be climbed; there were barriers to be crept under; there were deep ditches to be waded through, there were rough roads to be traversed. The same is true in the Christian's race of life. It isn't going to be all smooth road. There are going to be some barriers that you are going to have to climb under. There are going to be some rough roads that you are going to have to pass over. There will be some steep spiritual hills to climb, but beloved, remember that in your Christian race, whatever may arise, it is all of God's appointment. It doesn't make a bit of difference whether it is smooth ground you are running on or whether it is a rough road that you are traveling, it is God's appointment. It is what God has ordained for us. In view of this fact, I think of the text of Rom. 8:28, where it says: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Beloved, ere you and I have gone very far in this New Year, you and I will find that there is going to be some rough ground that we are going to have to travel and there are going to be some difficult things which we are going to have to face. There will be sorrows, difficulties, and burdens that will come before us. Yet beloved, remember that it is God's appointment. It doesn't make any difference what may come in life, if we run the race that is set before us, we have the assurance that it is God's appointment, for your life and for mine.

V

The Apostle Paul goes further in this text and tells us that while we are running this race, there is somebody looking at us. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." (Heb. 12:1) The word "witness" literally is the word "spectator." Who are these spectators that God says are looking down upon us? In the preceding chapter he has mentioned Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Moses, and a great number of persons. All of them were heroes of faith who had died and gone on to glory. Now Paul says that they are the spectators who are looking down upon us. In view of this, we are to do our best in our services for the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you have some Christian loved one who today is among that group of spectators looking down upon us? Your mother, is she dead? Is she in Heaven today? Is your father, brother, sister, wife, or husband dead to this life and in that group of Heavenly spectators? Is there a little babe that has slipped out of its baby clothes in your home and gone to be with Jesus, looking this way as an heavenly spectator to see how that you are running with patience the race that is set before you? Surely in view of the fact that those who have loved the Lord and who have gone to be with Him are looking down upon us to see how that we are progressing in the race of our Christian experience—surely in view of this fact that we are being constantly watched, we ought to put forth every effort. I imagine that often they talk among themselves about our failures. "Why doesn't Brother Gilpin live closer to the Lord? Why is it that the members of the First Baptist Church of Russell don't do better in their Christian race? Why is it that many of the radio audience fail to go to the house of God when they have an opportunity to do so?" Certainly beloved in view of the fact that they thus watch and comment concerning our Christian experience, this ought to be an incentive to us to run better and to serve more.

VI

But beloved, he gives us an even greater inspiration for running. What is the inspiration? Here it is "Looking unto Jesus".

Beloved, that is my inspiration today. I am looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of my faith. As you run in this race of life, your eyes should not be on your pastor, nor on any deacon, nor on any member of this church, but your eyes should be centered on the Lord Jesus Christ. What difference does it make what I may do or what you may do, we are not to look at each other, but our eyes are to be confidently set, and permanently fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wouldn't it be a glorious thing if everyone of us might realize the truth of this text? There is a race before us that race is of God's appointment, it is to be run with patience. We must lay aside the weights and sins of our lives in order to run it successfully, realizing that our loved ones are looking upon us and that our chief goal and inspiration is "Looking unto Jesus." May each one of us so run as Paul has admonished us in the words of our text.

Yet beloved, many are not ready to run—they are not even ready to take the first step in the Christian race. Before one can begin to live the Christian life and to run in the Christian race, he must have his sins purged away by the blood of Jesus Christ. All are dead in trespasses and sins. A man cannot just begin to run in his own strength. It would be as easy for a corpse to get out of its casket, leave the shroud behind, close the casket lid, and walk out of the house unaided, as it would be for a sinner to run in the Christian race without first having received a new nature from God. I emphasize it beloved, "Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:7) May God help you now to receive Jesus as your Saviour and begin tonight your race and your Christian living. "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) God bless you all.

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that he might give his life in complete submission to the cause of Christ that wherever he may go the name of Jesus may be held up and glorified. Be sure you have the right motive when you ask God to call that son or sweetheart to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Many times selfish motives on the part of the individual who surrenders to a call causes a failure in later years. A heart broken person may seek the Mission field to forget that unhappy love affair, but unhappiness is sure to follow. Many times a peculiar dream or sudden emotional response to a touching story or the departure of a friend or loved one to a foreign field may constitute a call. These may be the beginnings of a call, but seek first of all the will of God for your life. First of all wholly surrender your life to God's will regardless of the cost and commit your all unto His leading. Then in earnest believing prayer ask God to reveal His will unto you. Ask for wisdom and understanding, seeking to fill the prayer conditions. Ask in faith in the name of Jesus and believe that as you ask so shall it be done unto you. Do those things that are well pleasing unto God by living a consecrated, praying,

spirit-filled life. After you have asked God to guide your life then wait upon Him and do not plan ahead but let Him lead you step by step. Sometimes He may reveal it gradually so as to make you stronger for the task ahead. If you thus look to God for leading in life, if you are called of God you won't have to wonder if it is really a call for He will speak so that you can know His voice.

May every young person in the church who is looking to God longing to do some great work, and perhaps holding in their heart a desire to go to some home or foreign field say in the words of this hymn:

Ready to suffer grief or pain,
Ready to stand the test;
Ready to stay at home and send
Others, if He sees best.
Ready to go, ready to bear
Ready to watch and pray,
Ready to stand aside and give
Till He shall clear the way.
Ready to go, ready to stay
Ready my place to fill;
Ready for service, lowly or great
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It has been true in many lives that have been surrendered to service that the temptations of Satan come and they begin to wonder if they were really called of the Lord to that task. Sometimes doubts

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will fill the lives of these young people until they almost give up everything, but what a glorious thought it is when this testing comes that we have the word of God to fall back upon, and there in we have the life story of Peter. Peter, who one day bravely confessed Christ to the world and then in the hour of trial when Christ needed him most he denied Him, but through the test he came out victorious, a greater stronger Christian than he would have been without this test. For it was Peter who was permitted to preach that great sermon on Pentecost and endure the greatest of sufferings for the cause of Christ. So young friends when this test comes stand firm and remember that we can do all things through Christ and though we seem lost in the darkness that in the dawning of a new day in our lives we shall too come through with a greater determination to die to self and live to Christ, and with our lives enriched beyond measure by this test.

The test should be made in each life and applied to that life ere that one goes out to take up so great a task. The call to a missionary must be a compelling, driving, inner urge to win lives to Christ. Upon the heart of the missionary must be the burden for lost souls on the field where they feel called to go, a desire for the salvation of the lost which is so great that that desire can only be satisfied by that individual going to that particular field. This desire must be born of prayer and grounded in love, love of God and for His Son, who suffered at Calvary for the sins of the world, and love for the souls of lost men and women who know not that Saviour in pardon and remission of their sins. A great man of God has said, "Don't be a preacher or a missionary if you can do anything else." The Apostle Paul said, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Only those should go who are willing to pay the price. So let us weigh our lives and listen alone and in silence to the still small voice of our Master who said "He that would be great among you let him be servant of all." We sing with our lips, Jesus Calls Us and Where He leads Me I

Will Follow. Let us purge our hearts and see if we can say it with our hearts as well as our lips and then as Jesus calls us, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," and then as we withhold nothing we can sing with our hearts as well as our lips;

Where He leads me I will follow
Where He leads me I will follow
Where He leads me I will follow
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

WHAT THE CROSS MEANS TO THE WORLD

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Perhaps she was thinking of the cross as a place of refuge for those poor unfortunates whose lives she had touched. Surely she proved by her life of giving that she meant what she said when she wrote, "Content to let the world go by, to know no gain no loss." Her glory was in the cross and in Him who died on that crimson cross.

In the silence of evening we hear the strains, "IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY." As we listen we might think that a minister or a missionary or some devout woman, poor in worldly goods but rich in the knowledge of Christ wrote this hymn. But the author was none other than John Bowring one of the outstanding English statesmen of the early nineteenth century. In fact, some writers have declared that he was the most influential man of his generation with the exception of Napoleon. Bowring spoke thirteen different languages and wrote and made translations of thirty-six books. He served in seven countries as a representative of the English government. Twice he was a member of Parliament, and was knighted in 1854. This man's evaluation of the cross was heightened significance when we knew how famous he was. Even though he had the praise of the world, the wealth and position that might be envied by many; though he was familiar with the other great religious systems of the world; he affirms, "In the cross of Christ I glory." As we read the words of this hymn we find that his Christian experience had taught him that the cross of Christ stood as a constant comfort in time of trouble; and in time of joy and happiness the cross of Christ gave an added satisfaction. This is a sublime tribute by a man of wide exper-

ience and intellect, and should put to shame the criticism of little minds who love to make light of the cross of Christ.

One of the marks of the greatness of the religion of Jesus is its simplicity. Even a little child can learn to love Christ and be glad that He lived and died because of the beauty of the cross. THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY was written for children in a Sunday School class. Its author was none other than Miss Alexander, who taught a class of children in Sunday School and wrote many hymns for them. While she was teaching them most of the hymns she wrote were read to them before being published. This hymn was written while she sat by the bedside watching a very sick child, who was one of the little girls in her Sunday School class. The charm of this hymn lies in its simple choice of words and its plain statement of the crucifixion and its meaning to the world. Its unadorned beauty makes it not only suitable for children, but makes a real addition to our heritage of Christianity.

Our next hymn, WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDERFUL CROSS, was composed by Isaac Watts, and is usually considered the finest hymn on the cross ever written. Watts, a clergyman, wrote more songs which have lived through the years, and are still used in our churches, than any other writer. To him there is no treasure on earth that would be great enough to repay Christ for His gift of Himself on the cross.

Were the whole real nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

In our hymns we find what the writers think of the cross and as the symbol whereby they can how they look to Calvary's cross die fully to self and live wholly to Christ. We go from our hymn writers back into the very beginning of the church age when Saul of Tarsus saw a vision of the cross of Calvary with Jesus dying for his sins and surrendered his life at the foot of the cross. He was thus changed from Saul of Tarsus persecutor of the Jews to Paul, the greatest Missionary of all ages.

It is from Paul the greatest Missionary of all times that we have the immortal thought of the cross. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Everything depends upon the cross. The greatest joys in this life and the eternal destiny in the life to come all depend upon the attitude one takes of the cross. Today boasting is great in all walks of life. Good deeds knowledge, standing with the leaders of the world, husband, wife or mother. All these are topics of boast today. So it could have been in Paul's day, but Paul chose immediately not the things of this world but to glory in the

cross of Christ. The hearts of Christians should be filled with love for their fellow men, many are, but none can come up to Paul. With what love he wrote to the churches which he organized and to the individuals who were saved under his preaching. Oh, the love that filled his heart as he told the story of Jesus wherever he went. He once wrote, "The preaching of the cross is foolishness unto them that perish." But again ring out the words which have stood through the years and which bring glory to the name of St. Paul today. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul's life was so filled with the thought of the cross that he wrote to the Galatians in Galatians 2:20 — "I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

You may know the Bible from cover to cover, you may be the wisest man or woman in the world today, you may be able to win the love and esteem of the most outstanding the world over but unless you have had the power of the cross of Christ in your life by experience you are a lost and condemned sinner in God's sight. The cross is the secret of every man, woman, boy and girl, who steps out to profess a living faith in the Son of God. It is the secret of every life that surrenders friends, loved ones, and all that is near and dear to them to go to foreign fields. No life will be honored without the cross as

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Answers To Bible Questions

1. Amos. (Amos 8:6)
2. Micah. (Micah 1:2)
3. Micah. (Micah 6:2)
4. Psalm 22.
5. When the men of Bethshe-mesh were stricken with a pestilence for looking into the Ark of God. (I Sam. 6:19)
6. Tyre (Ezek. 26:4,5); Nineveh (Zeph. 2:13-15); Babylon (Jer. 51:37,43).
7. Job and his companions.
8. The war-horses of the Chaldeans. (Hab. 1:6-8).
9. Samson (Judg. 16:21), and Zedekiah the king of Judah (Jer. 52:11).
10. Job 1:13-20; 2:7; 42:1-6.
11. The three friends of Job. (Job 2:13)
12. Jonah, when he brought the gospel of repentance into Nineveh. (Jonah 1:2; 3:3-10).

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a reality in it, no church will be able to hold the banner of Christianity high unless that church stands without compromise for the cross of the matchless Son of God. Without the cross there may be a minister, learned in all the wisdom of the world and ceremonies with the most beautiful of music, but unless the cross reigns then there will be no peace, good will toward man. With the preaching of the cross souls lost and going to an unending hell will like the Apostle Paul come to see Jesus and accept Him by faith into their hearts and lives and those who have trusted Him and yet have given their influence to the world will be

brought to a richer, fuller life in Him.

A young man once asked an aged pastor, "What does it mean to surrender ones life to Christ?" The answer came in feeble words, "Lay all at the foot of the cross and follow the footsteps of the risen Lord."

One day two girls walked through an art museum and seeing a picture of a cross stopped in amazement before it. One said, "It's just a cross, what significance does it have hanging there?" At that moment the other girl, having dropped her handkerchief, stooped to pick it up and looking up saw the cross in all its glory. With tears in her eyes she turned from the picture and walking to a bench in the park she said to her friend, "In that picture I saw something I have never seen before." without giving time for questions she continued, "You couldn't see the beauty of that picture until you knelt at the foot of the cross, so it is we can never have the beauty of Christ seen in our lives until we kneel at the foot of the cross of calvary." How true it is we must carry our burdens to the feet of Christ at the foot of the cross and then and then alone can we have the joy of a surrendered life.

I knelt in tears at the feet of Christ

In the hush of the twilight dim
And all that I was, or hoped, or sought,
Is surrendered unto Him.

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in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph. 6:10-19)

In this great day of unrest in the world, when nation is rising against nation, and the industrial world is confronted with strikes on every hand it chills our hearts to think of the terrible catastrophes that can be the outgrowth of such turmoil.

As we face this world with trouble on every side, many today are asking: "How long will it last? Why did it come? Why has God permitted such things to

happen?" Dear reader, will you search your heart and see what you find there? If we are honest with ourselves and with God, our answer will have to be that we find "envy, jealousy, hatred, fault-finding, and lack of love." Then dear one, take your own heart's sins and multiply them by millions, for there are millions of hearts in the world today just like yours. Since many of these have not had an opportunity to know Christ as you have is it not logical that their envy, hate and jealousy should be greater than yours? Would not these multiplied millions of hearts filled with such things be enough to turn the world into a great bloody battlefield? Nations are made up of people, and as people hate so do nations.

This is really something which should cause every Christian to search his heart and see what part he has in the unrest of the world today. Not until our hearts are filled with love for one another, can we really experience peace. Would you like to see the world at peace today? Then ask God to fill your heart, as well as the hearts of His people the world over, with a great love for one another so that we will be willing to forgive the faults of others. If this could be accomplished, our nations would be willing to forgive and forget the mistakes and faults of her sister nations. What a wonderful world this would be!

The hope of the world today lies upon those who have the love of God in their hearts and whose faith is in the One who controls the universe. Let us pray for a great revival of faith among the children of God the world over. A great responsibility lies upon every child of God. May we be willing and capable of bearing this responsibility today.

THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH

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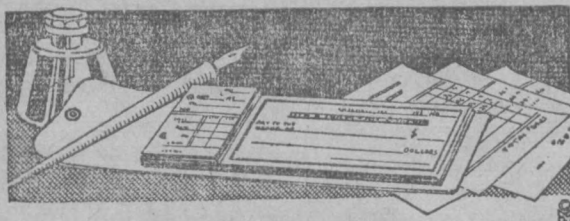
it can be molded and shaped to become a life that is wasted and useless. To a great extent, this molding and shaping of lives rests upon our churches. What a great responsibility is theirs in training our young people today.

What our world of tomorrow is, will largely depend upon the teaching of our churches today. Then be sure that your church is teaching its young people in the light of God's Word. The youth of today will be our leaders in our homes, nations, and churches of tomorrow. In the light of what you are teaching them, what will our world of tomorrow be? Are they being trained for a life of service to God, or will their lives be wasted on the fleeting things of this world? Search your heart for the answer to this question, remembering that the Word of God says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6)



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