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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 Believers Confidence In Christ



SAM SLOAN
Paintsville, Ky.

TEXT. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12.)

I believe this sermon will be helpful to those who are children of God and it will be encouraging to those who are not Christians. Every saved person needs to know his standing before God. Too many Christians are constantly living in doubt, and therefore they are miserable. I pray that you will earnestly consider this message and that it will prove a blessing to your

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Our Mission Work In Brazil

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Of this amount, that which was contributed by the 1924 Bible Class and that given by the Philathea Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, Russell, Kentucky was a special gift to Mrs. Dickerson, especially in view of her approaching birthday. Incidentally, the 1924

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HAVE PATIENCE!

How hard it is to wait,
When we are laid aside,
To bide the Master's will,
And just be satisfied!

But if our hearts complain,
And we impatient grow,
We lose God's best for us,
Rich blessings He'd bestow.

This rest is but to frust,
And question not His will,
In sorrow or in joy,
Abiding with Him still.

To wait and murmur not,
His law be our delight,
For all His paths are peace
And all His ways are right.

On monday the editor visited the C. & O. Hospital in Huntington, W. Va., and among other sick ones with whom I prayed, was my old friend and neighbor, Grandpa Carey of Russell, Ky. He had just clipped the above poem from a magazine and when I read it, he said, "This poem perfectly describes my condition now; I'm just waiting until He calls me".

It was a sweet visit we had together and a time of spiritual communion for both of us, as we talked about the precious blood of Jesus. For 83 years, God has been good to Grandpa Carey and blessed him. If it please the Lord, I trust He may raise him up; yet if not, I rejoice to know that his dependence is fully fixed in Jesus. May God bless his friends to exercise the same faith in Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PULPIT TO THE TYPEWRITER



Paul Hutchens

With Mrs. Hutchens as my faithful nurse I went to a little two room cabin in Los Gatos, Calif., furnished by a true Christian friend.

"Improvement was slow and I went to the hospital, now separated (Continued on Page Two)

"...From an active evangelistic ministry which took me into many states, I was suddenly ordered by a tuberculosis specialist to stop all preaching and go to bed. A large cavity in my right lung, a terrific cough, raging fevers, hemorrhages, and emaciation backed the doctor's orders.

"But I could not think of giving up preaching, my one calling in life, and I believed God would restore me.

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"Again I went to bed, apparently a hopeless case.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Man Who Couldn't Pray Through"

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." (Acts 10:1,2)

"And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee (Continued on Page Three)

Pelphrey Accepts The New Baptist Church At Belfry



W. T. PELPHREY
Belfry, Ky.

As a result of the radio programs of Brethren Sloan and Arnold over W. B. T. H., Williamson, W. Va., and the resulting Friday afternoon open air meetings, came the invitation to Brother Sam Sloan to conduct a revival meeting at Belfry in the school building. Brother Sloan invited me to do the singing and so we planned and began the meeting on September 18th.

This was an unusual meeting from the beginning for we found ourselves making Baptists through our efforts to get some of the confusion out of folk's minds before we did much making disciples. Those who were converted to the Baptist (Continued on Page Six)

An Interesting Experience

While in the Bible Conference with the Missionary Baptist Church at Paintsville, October 9, and 10, I was entertained for one meal in a home where the daughter was a Baptist, and the father and mother are of the Campbellian persuasion. Of course, I drew them into a conversation on the plan of salvation, and when I asked the husband if he were saved, he replied in the negative, very frankly stating that he wasn't. Then as I continued the conversation with him, his wife interrupted to say, "But he has been baptized." Immediately the husband turned to his wife and said, "That wasn't what the man wanted to know; he wanted to know if I were saved."

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THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

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from my wife and baby girl. There followed nineteen tiring and lonely months. And yet not tiring and lonely. For though I walked through the valley, I feared no evil, for God was with me, and I trusted in Him.

"In the hospital I devoured scores of books and magazines; memorized poetry and found new words — hundreds of them. I learned them all and how to use them.

"The thought occurred to me: if I can not preach, I can write for Him. I practiced hard, wrote some short stories and lo, a few were accepted! A few small checks but every penny was a ton of encouragement.

"In August, 1932, I was well enough to travel home to Iowa, but forbidden to preach.

"I was angered with the modern stories. The magazine stands were filled with filth and froth. "Hot stuff" and "high voltage thrills" were sowing the seeds of the enemy. The youth of the nation was wading through a slough of

smut and putrefaction.

"Perhaps He could use me. I could sow the seed. Others could reap the harvest. I had to write!

"A passionate desire to write a book which would awaken Christian people drove me to the typewriter. I reeled off pages and pages. Finally after fifteen months the book was done. Then came disappointments from publishers.

"In the meantime I made changes, and kept courage. The story had to be published. I had a message and souls were at stake, and I knew the book would grip and stir men.

"Then God led me to publisher Wm. B. Eerdmans, of Grand Rapids. And my story was just the type he was looking for. He believed in wholesome, Christian fiction. And so "Romance of Fire," my first book, was published. Seven editions were printed in a little over a year. It was termed a best seller, and it is still burning its way through the nation. The religious press welcomed and heartily endorsed the book.

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AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

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How I would to God that every person in the world might realize that there is a tremendous difference between baptism and salvation as this dear man did. God's blessings be on him and may he be saved, and may God open the eyes of the many others that they may see the error in depending upon an ordinance rather than upon a Saviour.

BRAZILLIAN MISSIONS

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words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved."
(Acts 11:13,14)

As I begin my message, I am reminded of George Whitefield, who once went to preach at Exeter. A ruffian went to the meeting with his pockets filled with stones to throw at the preacher. Whitefield began his pulpit appearance with prayer, and the man waited through the prayer, expecting to throw the stones when the preaching began. The Holy Spirit sent the first sentence of Whitefield's prayer to this ruffian's heart, so that he not only listened to the prayer, but to the sermon as well, and at the close of the sermon, he said, "I came to hear you, intending to break your head, but the Spirit of God through your words, has broken my heart." My prayer is that the Spirit of God may break the heart of some one who is now listening, and shall bring that one to a saving knowledge and an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

I

Cornelius is one of the most interesting characters spoken of in the Scriptures. It has always been a matter of interest to me to notice his spiritual pedigree.

First of all, the Scriptures declare that he was a devout man. This means that he was pious, and that he was reverent, religious, Godly, and saintly. There is exceedingly little of this spirit manifested on the part of the unsaved of the world today, but Cornelius was such. However, we see from this Scripture, as well as from other Scriptures in the Bible that a man may be devout, just like Cornelius, and yet be lost. Paul himself was a devout man before he was saved. After he was saved, in an account of his experience of conversion, he said to Agrippa: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." (Acts 26:9) There was no question but what he was devout. He even thought that what he was doing contrary to Christ, was pleasing to God. I may speak to some one now who is just as devout as was Cornelius, yet may you remember that piety, reverence, and even a devout experience of religion will not save in itself.

Not only was Cornelius a devout man, but we read also that he "feared God." This does not mean that he was afraid of God, but rather that he revered all that God did. He held God in reverence.

Furthermore, Cornelius was a charitable person. He gave alms to the people. In fact, the Scriptures say he "gave much alms." Isn't it strange how that so many folk think that by their alms giving and their charity that all is well with their soul? The publican, who came to the temple supposedly to pray but in reality to tell God of his goodness, boasted of the fact of his liberality. You hear him say, "I give tithes of all that I possess." (Lk. 18:12)

Furthermore, Cornelius fasted. In fact, he was carrying out his religious devotions by way of fasting when God spoke to him and told him that he was unsaved. You hear him say himself: "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing." (Acts 10:30)

How pitiful it is to note the millions each year who think that by their fasting they are pleasing God, and by thus doing, they shall gain admission into Heaven. In the early spring of each year, by multiplied thousands, there are those who observe Lent. They fast and refrain from eating certain foods for a period of forty days. Listen, beloved, this is an old trick of the Devil. He has deceived you into thinking that you can get piety enough in forty days that will permit you to live like the Devil the rest of the year. It can't be done.

In noticing Cornelius' spiritual pedigree, we see also that he zealously observed God's command, for we read of God speaking to him by way of command: "And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter." (Acts 10:5) Immediately, without any argument, he obeyed and did that which God has said.

You will notice furthermore that even his servants said that he was a good man: "And they (Cornelius' servants) said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee." (Acts 10:22) Here then, was an individual who had a good reputation and who was well spoken of by even his servants.

Furthermore, in noticing the spiritual tendencies of Cornelius, we see that he prayed alway. The Scriptures say that he "prayed

to God alway." (Acts 10:2) The word "alway" means every day. He thus prayed every day. Even though he prayed daily, he was unsaved. He reminds me very much of a man who told me some time ago that he went to a mourner's bench ten nights in succession and never got through. Well, beloved, Cornelius prayed alway—he prayed every day—and yea he never got through either.

II

In spite of all these characteristics which constitute his spiritual pedigree, Cornelius was unsaved. I heard a preacher say sometime ago that Cornelius was saved, but that the Lord wanted him to get the second blessing. What pitiful ignorance! If Cornelius were saved, he didn't know it himself. Furthermore, Peter didn't know it, for when Cornelius sent for Peter and he preached to him there, Cornelius claimed to be saved. You hear Peter say, "Can any man

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WATT M. PRICHARD



For

CIRCUIT JUDGE

BOYD AND LAWRENCE COUNTIES

Since the October session of the Boyd Circuit Court begins the 4th Monday in October immediately following the October session of the Lawrence Circuit Court, which began on the 1st Monday in October, it will be impossible for Judge Prichard to make an active campaign over the entire district.

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and most non-partisan judges in the State; and with operating the courts with such economy and consideration for the citizens and taxpayers as to excite favorable comment far beyond the limits of his district.

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(Pol. Adv.)

Dr. J. M. Fine
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1544 Greenup Ave. Ashland, Ky.

THE BELIEVER'S CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

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I. Faith in a Person.

The apostle said, "I know whom I have believed." He did not speak of ordinances or a creed in this text. Of course, he believed in them, and so should everyone. The two church ordinances are glorious in their place, but their place is not before faith, neither can they take the place of faith in Christ. Every person should have a creed. A creed is an intelligent, systematic statement of what we believe. Our creed should be in harmony with the word of God. While we should have a creed, our faith should not be in it instead of in Christ. There is no life in a creed, but there is in Christ. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son

hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (I John 5:11,12.)

Sometimes we hear certain people use this expression, "I know the place where I found the Lord." That is fine. Then others will say, "I know the very time that I found Him." That is all right too. I know the place and time of my finding Christ precious to my soul. But, my friends, the great question is not where or when you were saved, but "Are you saved and trusting Christ for salvation?" is the supreme question.

We need to make a distinction between religion and faith in Christ. I am constantly hearing this unscriptural expression, "So and so got religion." What is religion? Let James tell us, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27.) So we see that religion is works, and no one was ever saved by works. Therefore we can be religious and still not be a child of God. Nicodemus was very religious, but he was not saved until the night he had that conversation with Christ and heard that wonderful discourse on the new birth. The Ethiopian was religious. He had been up to Jerusalem to worship. He was sitting in his chariot reading the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, but he was not saved until Philip preached unto him Jesus and he believed with all his heart. Paul was religious, but he was not saved until he heard the voice of Jesus while journeying on the Damascus road. Cornelius was religious. He prayed and gave alms, but he was not saved until Peter preached unto him Christ. You may read your Bible, pray and give of your money to the church, but you will never enter heaven unless you accept Jesus Christ by faith as your personal Saviour. "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." (John 3:18.)

The reason so many people start out and live right for a while and then drop out is because they have not put wholehearted confidence in Christ. We should be sure that we have Christ as our foundation, because the writer to the Corinthian Christians says these words, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 3:11.) Too many people profess and don't possess, and the reason is that

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forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" (Acts 10:47) When Simon Peter went home and told his own church what had happened, he and the church glorified God, saying, "Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." (Acts 11:18) Furthermore, if Cornelius were saved, the Lord didn't know it, for Cornelius said that the Lord told him to send for Simon Peter, "who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved." (Acts 11:14)

There is certainly a decided contrast and a marked difference between the preacher who said that Cornelius was saved but was seeking a second blessing, and the Scriptures themselves, for if Cornelius were saved, he didn't know it, and even the Lord didn't know it. About the only one who knew it was the preacher that I heard preach a few days ago.

I am satisfied in my own heart that there are multiplied thousands just like Cornelius who are good people; they are devout, they fear God, they give alms, they fast, they are obedient to God, even their friends speak of them as being good, they are individuals of prayer, and yet they are unsaved.

III

All of this leads me to say that the mourner's bench, or praying through, is an obstacle and not a help to one who desires to be saved. First of all, God is not the author of confusion. Of this we are assured in the Scriptures. Listen: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (I Cor. 14:33) Then, beloved, surely He is not the author of the mourner's bench, for the greatest confusion that is ever to be found in any church, is that which centers around a mourner's bench. I have actually attended services when twenty-five folk were praying at the top of their voices all at the same time around a so-called mourner's bench. If we just had a little fire and brimstone, we would have had hell itself, for we certainly had the weeping and wailing there. It was confusion in the extreme, and since God is not the author of confusion, He is not the author of the mourner's bench.

Again, I do not believe in the mourner's bench as an aid in helping one to be saved in view of the fact that there is no mention of the mourner's bench in the Bible. You remember that in one of the radio services of last Sunday I preached to you that the Bible is final. Listen to this Scripture: "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Prov. 30:6) This Bible which is final, makes no mention of the mourner's bench. I challenge any of my audience to find a mourner's bench in the Bible, and if you will find it for me, I will read it to this audience in our next broadcast.

Again, I do not use the mourner's bench in our services because the Lord Jesus, who is not only my Saviour from sin, but my example in all my deeds and doctrine — Jesus never in His ministry said, "If you want to be saved, come forward for prayer." I don't want anything that Jesus Himself didn't use. Doesn't it seem strange to you that if the mourner's bench were of God, that Jesus never at any time in His life used it. This, to me, is sufficient proof that it isn't of God.

Likewise, the Bible declares that salvation is to be received as a gift. Listen: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23) You will notice that this verse emphatically declares that eternal life is a gift from God. Quite often as a result of these broadcasts, our radio friends in nearby towns invite me to take dinner with them. We will imagine today that you have invited me to eat in your home. I have arrived, and you have the meal prepared, the table set, and all things are ready. When you lead me into the dining room, I get down on my knees and beg you to let me eat. If I were to do this, I would insult you. You have already invited me to your home for that purpose, and for me to beg you to allow me to eat, would be the grossest of insults. I believe that the same is true with the man who begs God to save him. God has already promised to give the sinner eternal life, just as you have invited me to eat at your table. I tell you, beloved, to thus pray and beg God to do what He has already promised to do, is an insult to God. I tell you, beloved, you ought to discard your mourner's bench and quit insulting God.

Again, I do not believe in the mourner's bench nor do we

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practice it in our church, because it is a phase of salvation by works. Whenever a sinner comes to a mourner's bench, he gets an idea that if he mourns long enough that God will be pleased with what he has done, and will pardon him. It is thus a phase of salvation by works. Yet, beloved, the Word of God declares that we are not saved by our works. Listen: "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." (Eph. 2:8,9) Beloved, it isn't our doings nor our prayers, but the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross who saves.

Again, the mourner's bench could not be of God, for God does not hear sinners when they pray. Of this we are specifically told in the Bible. Listen: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners." (Jn. 9:31) I am sure that those of my audience who have been taught that you could not worship the Lord, without a mourner's bench, will immediately refer to the publican, and you will be ready to declare that he prayed, in view of the fact that he said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." (Lk. 18:13) There isn't a Greek scholar in the world but what will tell you that this Scripture should be translated "God be propitious to me a sinner." The sinner, therefore, was making a confession rather than offering a prayer. It was his acceptance of Christ as the Propitiator for sins. Then, too, I would like to remind those who believe in the mourner's bench, that this publican stood and prayed, for the Scriptures say, "The publican standing afar off." It is an evident fact that if there were any mourner's bench here, the sinner who was saved refused to come to it, for the Scriptures say that "he stood afar off." Don't you see the whole truth, beloved? This man just stood and accepted Christ as his substitute, and this, beloved, is the Bible invitation of today. "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)

Furthermore, beloved, the mourner's bench is not of God in view of the fact that there is no command any where in the Bible for sinners to mourn and pray, but always they are told to believe. In the case of Cornelius, we find that he fell down before Peter. This would have been a mighty good place to have put in a mourner's bench, but Peter said, "Stand up." (Acts 10:26) Then with Cornelius standing up, Peter preached to him, and concludes his sermon with these words: "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43) Thus you see that after this man had been praying every day, but had not been able to pray through, that when he fell down before Peter, Peter immediately had him stand up and then preached Christ to him, and concluded his sermon by telling him that salvation and remission of sins was to be received by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. This, beloved, is God's plan through all the Scriptures. "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." (Jn. 5:24) "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26)

On the day of Pentecost, there was no evidence of a mourner's bench. We find the crowd when they were convicted, asking what they were to do. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) Neither Peter nor any of the disciples invited them to a mourner's bench, or even told them to pray.

Will you look at Paul? He was converted on the road to Damascus. Yet, there is no mourner's bench in his conversion.

Will you look at Zacchaeus who climbed a tree in order to see Jesus as He passed? Jesus invited him to come down, and he received Jesus joyfully. Yet, the Bible doesn't say that he prayed, nor that he cried, nor mourned. Instead, it was a happy time for Zacchaeus. There was no mourner's bench there.

In fact, beloved, there never was a mourner's bench known nor used until the year 1794, which means that the mourner's bench is at least 1700 years too young to be of God. I am not by myself when I say that the mourner's bench is the best place in the world to mis-instruct and mis-inform sinners and to lead them astray. Bishop John Moore of the Methodist church said a few days ago

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they have not built upon that solid foundation. They have put faith in ordinances, creeds, feelings, and traditional teachings instead of in Christ. Some of them no doubt are sincere, but sincerity isn't sufficient. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12.) Therefore let me urge you as one who is deeply interested in your eternal welfare that you measure your profession by the word of God, which is our standard.

II. Knowledge of Salvation.

The apostle believed in Christ and had the assurance that he was a child of the King. There is a doctrine abroad in the land that we cannot know whether we are saved or not until we die or until we come to the judgment. These people use this statement, "I hope I am saved." There is just one scripture that says we are saved by hope. Let us examine this passage, which is Romans 8:24: "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" Paul is not speaking here concerning salvation of the soul. He has under consideration the redemption of the body. This we will see by reading the two preceding verses, Romans 8:22,23: "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

There are many scriptures in the Bible which teach us that we may know whether we are saved or not, here in this life.

1. We can know by the word of God. We are told that the gospel of John had a two-fold purpose: first, that we might believe that Jesus is the Son of God; second, that we might have life through His name as a result of our believing in the divinity of Christ. (John 20:31.) In I John 5:13, we learn that this Epistle of John was written to give the believer assurance of salvation: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Does your profession harmonize with the Bible? I have heard people say, "I have had such a glorious experience and revelation from the Lord." Maybe it is contrary to the word of God. Beloved, that is not the work of

the Holy Spirit. All the revelations that we have from God will be in harmony with the Bible. The Holy Spirit does not reveal anything contrary to the revealed word of the living God.

2. We can know by the witness of the Holy Spirit. I ask you to consider the following scriptures: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Romans 8:16) "And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and we in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." (I John 3:24.) "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit." (I John 4:13.) You can know whether you have the Holy Spirit or not by the fruit of your life. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22,23.)

3. We can know whether we are

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THE MAN THAT COULDN'T PRAY THROUGH

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in Macon, Georgia, speaking of the modern preacher: "They fail for twelve months as ministers of God and in an emotional stirring-up of two weeks try to make up for it," he said. "You tell a sad story and get people aroused to your pathos, you sing emotional songs that excite the congregation, you tell a funny story and make them laugh; while they're laughing, you describe an emotional death-bed scene and when everybody is stirred up emotionally you call them to the altar; at the altar you pray and sing over them, and when I overheard my mother say that she was praying that I a good revival. Maybe you think that's a good revival. To me, it's travesty. It's juggling with human life."

May I tell you of my own conversion? My first impression for God came when I was but a child in Sunday School in the little country church at Beaver Lick, Kentucky. A Godly woman in teaching the class, spoke of cursing and profanity. I knew what she was talking about. This was the first spiritual impression that ever came to me. Some months later, a new impression came to me when I overheard my mother say that she was praying that I would be a preacher. From the time of these first two impressions, God convicted me of sin time after time, but each time I would throw it off. I remember when in my teen age after I had rejected the convicting power of God again and again, one night I awakened to find my mother by my bedside praying that God might save her boy. Oh, that God might give us more mothers today to pray for their sons and daughters' conversion. A few months later, I heard the text: "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 Jn. 1:7) It was then that I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Like a drowning man grasping at a straw, I believed that the blood of Jesus was sufficient for my sins, and that night I sang,

"Happy night, happy night,
When Jesus washed my black heart white!
He taught me how to sing and shout
And be a Christian out and out;
Happy night, happy night;
When Jesus washed my black heart white."

All these days since then have not been happy. I have had my sorrows, I have had my troubles and disappointments; but the God who saved me back there, has kept me saved, and He can do the same for you.

It may be that I am speaking to some one like Cornelius who is a good devout, religious man. May God help you to realize your need of Jesus, and may you not depend upon an altar of prayer nor anything else but may you receive Jesus Christ Himself to be your Saviour.

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faith were added to the Stone Baptist Church, but it was evident that the sheep would be scattered by the wolf unless they were organized into a church. But we realized the grave danger of organizing a small church of sheep without a shepherd. At this point

in our work God definitely laid it upon the writer's heart that He wanted him to give up his church at Ashland, and come by faith to this new field. No impression was ever clearer to me than this one.

On Thursday night September 28 we organized a church with only 10 charter members. A clerk and treasurer were elected and I was called as pastor and accepted the call. At the close of this service

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Sincerely Yours
Thomas E. Nickel

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saved or not by the witness of obedience. I ask you to consider the following verses: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But who-so keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him." (1 John 2:3-5.) "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.)

4. We can know whether we are saved or not by the witness of Christian fellowship. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (1 John 3:14.)

I ask you earnestly and prayerfully consider your standing as to eternal things; and may you be brought to know the joy which comes from having full assurance of salvation.

III. He Is Able to Keep.

This teaches us that one who has trusted Christ knows it and has the confidence that he will be kept by Christ. Many times when we speak to anxious souls and urge them to surrender to Christ, they will say, "I want to be a Christian, and if I thought that I could hold out then I would make a start." My friends, you never will have the power to hold out. No man is a match for the devil. If we were left to ourselves, we would fall as soon as we got started. Thank God, Christ is our keeper. Hear the precious words of Jesus: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them

out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." (John 10:27-30)

Let us consider the words of the Psalmist David: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." (Psalm 37:23,24.) You have seen a child when it was learning to walk. The mother would stand the child up and get a little way from it and it would start to her but fall before it got there. Did the mother leave it there? No, she picked it up and started it again. It would fall again and she would pick it up again, and so on and on until the child could walk across the room. Friends, that is our condition. We start out in the Christian warfare and we stumble and fall. Does the Lord leave us there? Thank God, He picks us up. We stumble and fall all along thru life, but some day we will stumble thru the gates of glory. The protection and care of the Lord is greater than that of any mother. "Can a woman forget

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four others were added to the church, making a total of 14. The next night there were added three others making a total of 17 at the close of the revival.

We were able almost immediately to secure the Red Men's hall for our services until we are able to build us a building. This building without any cost except for light and heat was indeed a gift from God. The Stone church gave us their old song books and the Stone, McVeigh, and Pikeville churches are planning a special offering to help us get some folding chairs to use in our services.

I was away Sunday October the first preaching at my church in

Ashland and there presenting my resignation. I went back to Belfry in time for prayer meeting the following Wednesday night and had an attendance of 33 and one member was added by letter making 18 members. On the following Sunday we had fifty in Sunday School and 47 attending the morning preaching. At this service God gave us three for baptism and one by letter, increasing our membership to 22. At the Sunday evening service another made a profession of faith and was received for baptism. Now we have 23 members. God is richly blessing at every turn and move. Some blessings we must refrain from mentioning now, but at the proper time we will let the readers of this paper rejoice with us over these.

One blessing we will mention is relative to a preaching point at another camp, Hardy. There is an

old school building used for all sorts of community gatherings, but never before had it been available for any religious services except of the Methodist faith. But by a miracle of grace we secured the building and preached in it to about fifty people on Friday night October 6th., and we have every hope of being able to have regular services at this place. Dozens of people asked us, "How did you do it?"

Pray for us and the work. If your heart is strangely warmed by our report of God's blessing among us and you want to have a part with us, your offerings to our work will be greatly appreciated and you will be blessed.

—W. T. Pelphey

A cook stove in the basement never gives any spiritual warmth to the church.

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her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." (Isaiah 49:15,16.)

When a person makes a profession of faith in Christ, we hear this expression come from a large number of people: "Now I am glad you have made such a wonderful start and I hope you hold out faithful to the end." That is the teaching of many preachers and the belief of many who profess faith in Christ, but it is not the teaching of the Bible. The apostle Peter tells us that we are kept by the power of God: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undecaying in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:3-5.)

Jude exhorts us to look unto Him that is able to keep us from falling: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever; Amen." (Jude 24, 25.)

Someone will say, "There are so many temptations, you are likely to yield to them and be lost." I invite your attention to 1 Cor. 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as in common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Then someone will say, "Christ will keep you until you sin, and then out you go." I ask you to read Romans 6:14: "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

Someone else will say, "The devil is powerful and if you are not careful he will get you." If you have that idea I want you to read 1 John 5:18: "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." I am tired of hearing a big devil preached, and a little Christ. It is true that the devil is powerful, but he does not have as much power as Christ. We find this statement supported in 1 John 4:4: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." John the beloved, while on the Isle of Patmos, received this

message from Christ: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Revelation 1:18.) Therefore, Satan will never have the joy of seeing a child of God in hell. He doesn't hold the key. The key to hell, as far as the saved are concerned, is in the hand of Christ, who has all power both in heaven and on earth.

I hear this prayer used very often: "Now at last save us in heaven." That is unscriptural. If we are ever saved it must be between birth and death. There will not be a soul saved after this brief life is over. The very moment you trust Christ you are saved for time and eternity.

I close with the wonderful words of Paul as given in Romans 8:35-39: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors

through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(If you are a child of God and receive a blessing from reading this sermon, write and let us know. If you are not saved and read these lines and you are brought to Christ through this message, let us know.)

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