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"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

"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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Another Encouraging Letter Concerning Our Work in Bazil

Belem, Para, April 10, 1940

Dear Brother Gilpin: I received your letter this morning containing the check for the amount of \$136.41. Many thanks. I had wondered why the delay and yet was not surprised, for I rather expected it, knowing that you would be into your work "up to your eyes" when you returned. We are certainly glad to hear of your improvement in health, and also the encouragement from the Lord. Isn't He wonderful unto us all? Indeed, if it pleaseth Him for us to be together again after several years, we will have a great time. It stands to reason there will be many events then in the past of much interest to us.

We certainly have a large field of labor. No one is working at giving the gospel to this city except us. Think of that! Of course, the four little churches have Sunday School and usually preaching on Sunday nights, but they aren't reaching out. I preached to 130 people by count. I tried to preach on John 3:14-15.

In order to give you a better understanding of the opportunity here—when I reveal to one of these Catholics of whatever social standing, that I am a Baptist, it very obviously makes no impression on them. That is how scantily the cause of Baptists is known by the people here. They perceive no difference between Baptists and Holy Rollers. So far, the combined threat of Baptists and Protestants has been so small as to cause no feeling of bitterness on the part of the people in general. Isn't this an opportunity?

Of course, results are altogether (Continued on Page Four)

Who Don't Return Thanks

The story goes that a farmer was asked to dine with a rich man, and there asked a blessing at the table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, "That is old-fashioned, it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at the table." The farmer answered that with him it was customary, but that some of his household, never prayed over their feed. "Ah, then," said the rich man, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?" The farmer answered, "They are my pigs."

How the minds of people differ. The writer one day happened to be in the home of an ungodly man when the family sat down to dinner. The man heartily thanked the Lord for the meal before them. Then turning to the writer said, "I guess you are surprised to hear me do that." At which she had to admit she was—knowing his life. "Well"

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THE CALL OF SOUTH AMERICA

From Argentina's mountains,
And Chile's deepest mines,
From the Inca lakes and fountains,
'Neath southern palms and pines;
From many a young republic,
Bound still by error's chains,
They call us, call us, call us,
To free their fair domains.

Shall we whose hearts are singing
The resurrection song,
Shall we not send it winging
To those who've mourned so long?
To every tribe and nation
In Latin lands' domains,
Send forth the proclamation,
"The living Christ now reigns!!"

E'en though the fragrant spices
Of tropic woods beguile,
Men's ignorance and vices
Degrade their lives the while.
Before a dead Christ's image
They kneel in hopeless fear,
With penance and with homage
They fail their lives to cheer.

The voice of many waters,
The whispers of each breeze,
All tell earth's sons and daughters
That Christ holds Heaven's keys;
Nor priest nor pope can bind one
With superstitious chains,
Who claims the blood-bought pardon
Of Christ the King of kings.

—Selected.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"SALVATION, CHASTISEMENT, AND REWARDS"

"For by grace are ye saved through faith."—Eph. 2:8.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."—Heb. 12:6.

"And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."—I Cor. 3:8.

Here are three great misunderstood doctrines. Much confusion has arisen by not properly separating them. It is my desire to analyze, and to show the relation of each of these doctrines, the one to the other in the life of the believer.

I

First of all, we will notice salvation, and will begin our consideration of it by saying that you need it. A few years ago a star was seen burning with brilliance, which within a few days disappeared. It has since been affirmed by scientists that this was a world on fire perhaps thousands of millions of miles from us. Think of it—a world on fire. But what is the destruction of a distant planet to compare with the fall of humanity and the wreck of mankind?

We need only to look at society in general, and at ourselves in particular, to know that man needs salvation. Especially are we reminded of this when we turn to the Word of God, for in its entirety God brings the charge against us again and again, that we are all sinners before Him. Listen to these Scriptures: "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Psa. 14:2-3). "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51:5). "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth

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Some Reasons for Our Mission Work in Brazil—The Land of Darkness

We are often asked why we sent out and support C. W. Dickerson, located in Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon. Why multiply organizations for mission work? Why not work with some other mission organization? These are fair and honest questions, and deserve an answer. We therefore, gladly state the following reasons for this work:

1. WORK NOT BEING DONE.

Here is a field twice as large as from Pittsburg to the Rocky Mountains, and from Canada to the Gulf. In all this area, there are very, very few missionaries. Work just isn't being done in this great destitute area.

2. THE CALL OF GOD.

In a vision, Paul received a call into Europe, when he heard a man say, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Immediately he concluded that it was a call from God. We have a similar call, not from an imaginary man of vision, but from real men and women of the Amazon Valley who in direst need are entreating for help.

3. THE HARVEST IS DEAD RIPE.

After J. F. Love had visited China, Japan, and the Near-East, he visited Brazil, and later said it was the ripest mission field he had ever seen. Boyce Taylor said the same when he returned from a tour of the Amazon Valley. The first reports from our Brother Dickerson and his native workers, indicate the same.

4. THERE ARE TEN MILLION THERE WITHOUT THE GOSPEL.

In this vast field there are 10,— (Continued on Page Two)

Why He Cobbled Shoes

A characteristic story is told about William Carey. The pioneer missionary to India, before he left this country, was a shoemaker, or rather, as he himself put it, a "cobbler."

He used to go about from village to village preaching, with his soul filled with the love of God. One day a friend came to him and said: "Mr. Carey, I want to speak to you very seriously."

"Well," said Mr. Carey, "What is it?"

The friend replied: "By your going about preaching as you do, you are neglecting your business. If you only attended to your business more, you would be all right, and would soon get on and prosper; but as it is, you are simply neglecting your business."

"Neglecting my business?" said Carey, looking at him steadily. "My business is to extend the kingdom of God. I only cobbler shoes to pay expenses."—Selected.

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OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

We rejoice that we have our expenses paid for the month of April, and the small balance of \$13.44 with which to begin the month of May. How good God is to us: Month by month He sends the money and provides for all our needs. Those who have sent us contributions within the last seven days are:

Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Green,	
Huntington, W. Va.	\$.50
Chester Williams, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Bill Grinninger, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Guy Moran, Webster	
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Anonymously	11.70
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Elmer Caldwell, Russell, Ky.	1.00

These gifts along with that which we had on hand, pays our expenses for this month, and leaves us a balance of \$13.44. In our hearts we sing today the Doxology. May you likewise sing it with us.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The editor will begin a meeting with the Greenbottom Baptist Church located on the Ohio River road, ten miles out of Huntington, on Monday evening, April 22. We invite our friends living in that section to worship with us each evening.

A CHINA MISSIONARY RETURNS HOME

After forty-seven years' labor in China, Elder T. L. Blalock, who has been stationed at Tai An Fu, Shan-tung, China, will return home this summer. He leaves Shanghai on the "President Coolidge" May 7, and will arrive in San Francisco, May 27. (DV) Address them at 1913 Henry Street, Berkeley, California.

It is the sincere desire of the editor that he will be able to see and meet in person, Brother Blalock soon after he arrives in this country. It is a noble work this noble man of God has done through the years. May God grant to him the rest he so much needs on this furlough.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY

On February 22, Mrs. Morris, the wife of Elder A. N. Morris, pastor of the Guyandotte Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, departed to her heavenly home.

Brother Morris used to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell. Of course, this was a number of years ago.

He and his wife had walked together for better than forty-one

years, and no two finer, more consecrated, zealous, loyal Baptists could be found anywhere.

To Brother Morris and his children, we extend our deepest sympathy. May our Brother, who has stood like an oak in the storm for the Word of God these many years, find his comfort in God's blessed Book. "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." (John 13: 7).

SOUTH AMERICA IS CATHOLIC BUT NOT CHRISTIAN

Spain forced Catholicism upon the Indians of South America, but left them in greater misery and lower degradation than they had known in their Pagan state.

Rome has spread her superstitions and errors throughout the whole continent; but she has no saving message. Her Mariolatry conveys no moral uplift.

Because the Indians of South America need the glad tidings of a Saviour who died for their sins, and who lives to save them; because they need a life from heaven now, and a life in heaven hereafter, C. W. Dickerson is there to tell them of Jesus, who is the way, the Truth, and the Life.

The following rejoice to have a part in keeping him there:

Amount previously reported	\$23.51
Cherryville Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	3.05
Hopewell Baptist Church, Golden Pond, Ky.	12.00
Just-Our-Club, Russell, Ky.	4.00
Chester Williams, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Norman Thompson, Kenova, W. Va.	1.00
1924 Class, Russell, Ky.	5.00
William Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Emma Roles, Russell, Ky.	2.50
F. W. Patton, Russell, Ky.	3.00
Anonymously	5.00
Elmer Caldwell, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Total	\$66.06

BOOK REVIEW

THE SEARCH. By Grace Livingston Hill. 317 pages. Price, 75 cents. This book presents a story which was written at the time of the World War. It is the story of a young society girl, who gets a new conception of the war as she waves a farewell to young John Cameron, who had been a schoolmate of years ago.

During the war, when John was faced on every hand with temptation, he found One who could help him overcome these problems. Thus, as a result of the war, the greatest change which could possibly take place in his life, was made.

Ruth MacDonald's idea of life and suffering humanity was also changed. Heretofore, she had been a spoiled society girl, but now she comes to face life squarely, and really experience some of the problems which many are called upon to face each day.

Finally, Ruth comes to the place that she offers herself to go to France as a nurse. There she nurses wounded John back to health, and the story has a happy ending.

If you enjoy books written during a war period, read THE SEARCH.

This book was published by Grosset & Dunlap of New York City. Order this book of Christian fiction from THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

SCARS NOT DEGREES

"God will not look you over for medals, degrees and diplomas, but for scars."

SOME REASONS FOR OUR MISSION WORK IN BRAZIL—THE LAND OF DARKNESS

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000,000 who have never heard the Gospel from anyone. In a few brief years this present generation will be in Hell, and will be there without having ever heard of the "Amazing Grace" of Jesus Christ.

5. INDIAN NATIONS GODLESS TOO.

There are 150 Indian nations in the Amazon Valley. They know absolutely nothing of God. They too are going into a Christless grave, and a Godless eternity. Cf. Rom. 2:12.

6. THE PERVERSION OF CATHOLICISM.

Those who have been reading Brother Dickerson's letters know how Catholicism has perverted the Gospel. Drunkenness, immorality, and utter Godlessness characterizing the priests and the people alike. Surely a religion that permits people to live in the lusts of the flesh and yet retain hopes of arriving finally in Heaven is of the Devil. Yet, this is all the religion Brazil has ever known.

7. A BAPTIST OPPORTUNITY.

No one else can do the work. Presbyterians, and Methodists tried it in the city of Para, a city of 250,000, at the mouth of the Amazon, and their missionaries have confessed that it cannot be done by them. The only group outside of Baptists who seemingly have any hold on the people, are the Holiness. Yet, we know that they do not have the true message for them. Somehow, when the people of South America break with Catholicism, they don't want to stop at any half-way station. Pseudo-Baptists and the Campbellites do not appeal to these priest-ridden Catholics and when they see the light, they follow the New Testament. In other words, Protestantism is too much like Catholicism for converted Catholics to be satisfied with it. This means that South America is a genuine Baptist opportunity.

8. THE COMMISSION WAS GIVEN TO CHURCHES.

The great commission of our Lord was given to Baptist Churches—not to conventions, nor associations, nor boards, nor preachers. The churches are at liberty under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to use or not use, these agencies in carrying out this commission of our Lord. Lots of churches in both the north and the south will not cooperate with these mission agencies. We believe in this day that we need to keep our mission work just as close to the churches as possible. That is the Baptist way, and the New Testament agrees therewith. For this reason, we are doing our own mission work directly. We are not quarreling with anybody else's mission methods, but we just believe that the commission itself was given to the churches, and therefore, we are doing this work, and we gladly welcome any individuals or churches who wish to cooperate with us, knowing that every penny you contribute will arrive in Brazil one hundred cents to the dollar.

9. CONSERVATION OF BAPTIST ENERGIES.

For various reasons, a great deal of Baptist money, and quite a number of Baptist workers, are being diverted into interdenominational channels. There are more than sixty undenominational or interdenom-

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said he, "I am not so ungrateful as to not thank God for what I have to eat." I wonder if there will be anyone professing Godliness who reads this who does not return thanks to God and ask a blessing upon his daily food.—Herald of Light.

national mission societies in the United States today. Both the Baptist men and the Baptist money which are being used by these mission societies, ought to be consecrated to the full program of Baptists if possible. Many of the givers, their money, and the workers are not fully in sympathy with the mission programs of the various conventions. We offer, in our work, a Baptist program through and through. If you want your money to go to make Baptists in Brazil then send your offerings to us. We offer the best method of conserving Baptist money and Baptist workers that I know of.

10. PROVIDENTIAL LEADING.

Providentially, we have been led of God in sending Brother Dickerson to Brazil. We do not doubt for one moment that in the providence of God we have done rightly. I am as positive that the Holy Spirit has led him and us in this work as I am of my own personal experience with Jesus, and of my call to preach. Through a multiplicity of events we have been providentially led to send Brother Dickerson, one of our own church members, to Brazil. We believe it is of God, and we dare not refuse to go forward, lest we be found fighting against God.

We, therefore, ask you to do three things:

1. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."
2. "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send further laborers into His harvest."
3. Contribute to the support of this work.

OBSTACLES TO REVIVAL

1. Have we forgiven every one?
2. Do we get angry?
3. Is there any feeling of jealousy in us?
4. Do we get impatient and irritated?
5. Are we offended easily?
6. Is there any pride in our hearts?
7. Have we been dishonest?
8. Have we been gossiping about other people?
9. Do we criticize unlovingly, harshly, severely?
10. Do we rob God?
11. Are we guilty of the sin of unbelief?
12. Have we committed the sin of prayerlessness?
13. Are we neglecting God's Word?
14. Are we burdened for the salvation of souls?
15. Have we failed to confess Christ openly?—Selected.

All who would reach the Mount of Transfiguration must go by the way of the Valley of Humiliation.

The features of Christ are best developed on the tablets of the soul in the dark room of meditation.

If God writes "Opportunity" on one side of open doors, He writes "Responsibility" on the other.

To err is human; to forgive is divine.

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good, no, not one." (Rom. 3:10-12). "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Gal. 3:22).

Every once in a while, I hear some one boast of his family connections and his ancestry. Quite often such a one will say that he is related to one of the first families. I want to tell you, beloved, that I am related to a first family too—I am related to the family of Adam; and do you know what Adam was noted for? Well, chiefly for the fact that he was a big sinner, and I am just like him, and you are too. Concerning salvation, we emphatically declare that man needs it.

Not only does man need salvation, but God has provided exactly that which man needs. He has provided it in Christ's death. The prophecy of all the Old Testament was that Christ was to die for our sins. Speaking of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah says, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:3-6). You will notice that all of our iniquities were laid on Jesus, and that it was through His death that we have life.

When we come to the New Testament, the Apostle Paul gives us this same truth. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Rom. 1:16). You may ask, "What is the gospel whereby we are saved?" Let Scripture interpret Scripture. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:1-4). This declares that the gospel includes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and in view of the fact that Paul declared to the church at Rome that we are saved by the gospel, then this would indicate to us that that which man needs so badly, namely salvation,—God has provided in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

I am reminded that there are many who listen to our broadcast who say, "Well, I believe in God—I believe there's a sureme being. Isn't that all that is necessary for my salvation?" Not at all, beloved. I want to say that you can believe in God, and can have implicit faith in Him, and yet not be saved. There isn't a Devil in Hell but what believes in God. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well:

the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19). It isn't faith in God that saves, but it is an acceptance of Jesus Christ as your sin bearer—the fact that He died, was buried and rose again for your justification—it is this which saves.

To give you a good example of this, in the Old Testament we find that God called Abraham when he lived in the Ur of the Chaldees, to begin following Him. He followed God as far as Haran. Then he went on into the land of Canaan with God, and on down into Egypt; and God led him out of Egypt back to Canaan. All this time all that Abram had was faith in God, and all this time he was unsaved. After he had delivered his nephew, Lot, from the hands of those heathen kings who had captured him, God appeared to him and gave him a revelation, concluding with these words: "And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be." (Gen. 15:5). Note the last expression, "So shall thy seed be." Paul tells us in the book of Galatians that this was a distinct reference to Christ. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ." (Gal. 3:16). Right then Abraham was saved, and the righteousness of God was imputed unto him. Prior to that time, he had been a believer in God, but now he came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as a sin bearer, and was saved.

Discussing salvation, may I not only say that you need it and that God has provided it in Christ's death; but may I go further and say that this salvation which God provides, takes care of your sins until the hour of death. We hear from people every week who say they don't believe this doctrine. Well, beloved, you just don't believe the Bible, for the Word of God expressly declares that the blood of Jesus Christ blots out all of our sins. Listen to these Scriptures: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14). "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I Jn. 1:7). "And you, being dead in your sins, and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." (Col. 2:13). You will notice these verses declare that we are redeemed from all iniquity, all of our sins are blotted out, and all of our trespasses have been forgiven. In view of this fact, then surely we can say that all of our sins are blotted out even until death, or until Jesus comes.

However, for the benefit of those who would still believe otherwise, may I say that when God saves a man he never charges that one with sin any more. Though he may sin, and perhaps does sin, these sins are not charged to the individual, but are charged to the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to this Scripture. "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." (Rom. 4:6-8). Therefore, in view of the fact that the

blood of Jesus Christ redeems us from all iniquities, blots out all our sins, and forgives us all our trespasses, and further, since God won't charge any future sins to us, but rather, charges them to the Lord Jesus Christ,—then surely in the light of these Scriptures, we must conclude that the salvation you need, which has been provided for by God through the death of Jesus Christ—then we must conclude that that salvation is eternal everlasting, and never-ending. This is just what Jesus Himself said. "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." (Jn. 10:28-29).

II

Now let us notice the second of these great doctrines—the doctrine of chastisement. We will observe first of all that God does not chasten sinners. If a man be unsaved, though God may rebuke him and may apparently bring misfortunes his way to cause him to turn from his sin to a Saviour, in no sense is God chastening him for his sins. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Heb. 12:6). This verse declares that God chastens those whom He loves. Therefore, it is clearly evident that God in no sense chastens sinners.

However, beloved, God does chasten Christians when they do wrong. We are assured of this doctrine in the entirety of God's Word. Listen to these Scriptures: "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." (Prov. 3:11-12). "If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments: If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." (Psa. 89:30-33). In these verses God declares that if those who have been redeemed by Christ sin, that He will punish them. He also promises that He will not completely take away His loving-kindness. This would mean to say that He will never send a redeemed soul to Hell, but that He will chasten that redeemed soul with rods and stripes here in this life.

Notice this Scripture: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." (Heb. 12:6-8). No verses could more clearly teach any truth than these which simply state that if a man is saved, God whips him. If you are a professing Christian and God does not whip you, then it just proves that you are a spiritual bastard—it shows that you have never been born again—that you are a spiritual illegitimate. Though you may be a church member, you are in need of God's saving grace. I realize that these are strong words, but they are true just the same.

There are a lot of folks who profess to be saved who say they don't

sin. I have met lots of them that have taken the great doctrine of holiness, and have carried to an inglorious extreme. I would like to say just a few words to those who believe that they are saved and living absolutely sinless lives. If God whips you, it proves that you are a sinner; and if God doesn't whip you, it just proves that you are a spiritual bastard, and that when you call God your father that he is not your father, and that you are not one of His children.

What I am saying, beloved, is simply this: God does chasten saved people. Notice another Scripture: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." (Rev. 22:18). Nothing could be more clearly taught.

May I offer you one simple illustration of this truth: Abraham, though saved by grace, and though a man of faith, sinned. He committed the sin of adultery with his wife's maid, Hagar. He suffered for this as long as he lived, and the offspring that came through this sin, has continued to cause Abraham's true seed, the Jews, to suffer all through the years. If time might permit, we could call the roll of the worthies, of both the Old and New Testament, and show you how that David, Simon, Peter, and countless others sinned, and that when they did, God chastened them for their sin.

III

The third great doctrine which we want to study in this message is the doctrine of rewards. By this I mean that God rewards saved people for everything they do that is pleasing in His sight after their salvation. Salvation is a gift. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). Rewards are the pay which a Christian gets for the work he does for the Lord after he is saved. "And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." (I Cor. 3:8).

A ship captain announces that he will give a free ride from New York to Liverpool to a certain number, and since you are one of those chosen, you start on the journey. Two days out at sea, the captain announces that he needs men to work on board the vessel, and promises liberal pay to any one who will volunteer his services. Out of appreciation to the captain for giving you this ride, you immediately volunteer your service, and when you get to the other side of the water and the captain offers you a check for your services, in all probability you would not want to receive it; but would probably remonstrate with the captain something to this effect, that since he gave you the ride, you were only too glad to be of service and help to him. But the captain would be compelled to say to you, "I gave you the ride; I am now paying you for your work." That's precisely the relationship sustaining between salvation and rewards. God gives us salvation; He pays us for what we do after we are saved.

This leads me to say that there will be no rewards for anyone until after that one is saved. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ

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ANOTHER ENCOURAGING LETTER CONCERNING OUR WORK IN BRAZIL

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in the hands of Him to whom belong "the issues from death." I know that regardless of the great need of these people for the Gospel, that they do not want the Gospel. No man does until God makes him "willing in the day of his power." Psalm 103. The cross is yet, and shall ever be, an offense to unregenerate men. If I did not believe in the doctrine of election and the irresistible grace and power of God, I would despair of anyone ever being saved. But I am persuaded He has much people in this city, and that I am to endure what is necessary for them to hear the Truth.

Anyway, it seems we are to have the glorious opportunity of giving the Gospel to a city of 300,000 precious souls. I want to leave Gospel tracts and the personal testimony of someone saved by God's grace, in each residence in Belem. That in itself is a great task,—one that will require two men a long time. Besides, I want, if the Lord opens the way, to carry on services in every section of the city as rapidly as possible. How soon I will thus canvas the city I cannot say. It appears, to do the task thoroughly, that program should be repeated twice. Always some people are not to be found at home the first time in going over any one section. It is very good to visit the second time, and also the third.

All the villages from here to the head of the river are in need of the same program. Now you see the magnitude of the task and can estimate how many people, called of God, could be used to advantage in this vast field. I am praying for more laborers and help. There are a sufficient number of people in the states who believe as I do on the Bible to carry on an extensive program here for many years. Oh, may it please God to grant that it may be done! "Salvation is of the Lord," but He has told us to preach the Gospel to every creature. May He enable us to make every possible effort to do just that.

I hope, for the sake of Truth and the souls of men, to cause it to be seen here that there is a vast difference between the Bible and the doctrines of any sect which teaches salvation by works. Wherever Baptists are not spoken against, they are not preaching as did the Apostle Paul. The attitude of the people here toward Baptists is a stigma upon somebody, for there have been Baptists here for nearly fifty years.

It is practically impossible for one who lives on a level with the lower classes, to give the Gospel to those of the upper, or even middle classes. One can live as do the few, in what would be our middle class at home, and yet be able to have weight, even more, as I have stated before, with the lower classes. I am strategically located. I hope under God to realize my opportunities.

I was talking recently to one of the best informed Baptists here—the same man who wants very much to work for us as a colporter—and was telling him my views on why Baptist Churches are the only churches of Christ. He was surprised. He had never heard those things before. Wonder what this Convention crowd has been teaching these people? No wonder the Lord isn't blessing more than He is.

Around ten years ago, I heard a missionary from here say that then there were 40,000 Baptists in Brazil. Now, I am told there are only 50,000.

It is my plans to scatter much reading material among them as the Lord provides. The Lord is using me in several ways as a witness to the people. Not long ago, my grocer sent the bread bill. It comes to us through him from the bakery. The bill was for a month, and it wasn't large enough. Of course, the error was not mine, but I sent the servant back and told him it did not call for enough money. He revised the note, and I paid it. I am sure he isn't accustomed to such treatment.

Then, I had a check cashed at the bank where I do business to pay my house rent, etc. I thought I was given too much money, but wasn't sure; and they are so tricky, I knew I had better wait and be sure. I came home and counted the amount of the money, then again I counted how much I should have received at twenty milreis to the dollar. I had \$31.50 too much. I can't understand a Brazilian, who knows how to count, doing a thing like that, unless God wanted me to bear witness to them. The cashier knew I was a missionary. I trust that both he and the teller now know that I am also a Christian, for of course I returned it. Imagine their surprise. They are compelled to know that Catholicism as it is here will not prompt one to do so.

The past two weeks have been the wettest we have had since I came here. Temperatures is just about the same.

Good is the Lord in His blessings, there and here. May He continue to meet all our needs. Haven't as yet seen the new paper. Praying God's blessings upon you, your family, and the church, I am, Your companion in service.—C. W. Dickerson.

"SALVATION, CHASTISEMENT, AND REWARDS"

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Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (I Cor. 3:11-15). If a man might live an entire life time unsaved, and though he might give liberally to the support of churches, the sending of missionaries, and the establishment of the work of the Lord the world around; and were to die in that condition, he would not have a single reward. If he were saved one minute before he died, he would go to heaven saved by grace, but without rewards, for all of his works were done before conversion. God does not reward any man for anything until first of all that one is in right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. As a further proof, note Prov. 24:20, "For there shall be no reward to the evil man."

Furthermore, not everyone will be awarded alike. There will be many who have been faithful to the Lord after being saved, just like there will be many who have wasted

their life and trifled with their opportunities after conversion. Even common sense would lead us to know that these would not all be rewarded alike. This is furthermore the teaching of God's Word. "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead." (I Cor. 15:39-42).

Considering this doctrine of rewards, it is glorious to remember that God will reward you for everything you ever do in His name after you are saved. Sometimes a man might forget something you have done for him. He might even forget to pay you for a day's work. He might forget some favor you have shown him, but not so with God, for the Scriptures declare: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister." (Heb. 6:10).

The Word of God tells us some of the things that we will be rewarded for. We will be rewarded for all our labor in the name of Jesus. "And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." (I Cor. 3:8). He will be rewarded for keeping the law. "In the keeping of them there is great reward." (Psa. 19:11).

He will be rewarded for the persecutions he is enduring. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven." (Matt. 5:11-12). In the last eleven years, I think I have known a little bit about persecution. I have had a lot of hard ungodly things said to me, and said about me because of my stand for the truth. Some of you who are listening to this broadcast may have been grievously guilty in this respect. Let me say that I don't bear you any ill-will because of it. I just thank you and rejoice because of it, for every time you have persecuted me, you have just been building up a reward for me in Heaven. Some of you who have been guilty in this respect, when you get to heaven, are going to see me with a lot of rewards, and a lot of crowns, and you are going to ask the Lord where I got all those crowns. Then He is going to tell you that they are mine because you persecuted me, and that they are the crowns which the redeemed of the Lord receive in view of persecutions. So brother, just keep on persecuting. You are just building up a reward for me in heaven.

Also, God rewards people for entertaining preachers. "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward." (Matt. 10:41). He rewards you for doing good. "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great." (Lk. 6:35). He rewards us

for faithful preaching. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward." (I Cor. 9:16-17). Even beloved, the giving of a drink of water in God's name brings God's reward. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." (Mt. 10:42).

I would like to remind you that there will be some folk saved, but will be without rewards. "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (I Cor. 3:15). Lot offers to us a good example. Everything he had was burned up in the city of Sodom. He just barely got out himself. All that he had was lost. Many a man will just barely get into heaven, but won't have any rewards.

May I tell you that there is a grave possibility of losing your rewards even after you have earned them, for the Word of God makes it clear that after one is saved, if he sins, there is a grave danger that God may take away his rewards as a punishment. I don't think all of God's chastisement for the Christian falls upon him in this world. I think part of that chastisement may come in that God takes away some, or perhaps all, the rewards that would be his when he gets to heaven. I am definitely certain that a man can lose his rewards after he is saved. Listen to these scriptures: "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." (2 Jn. 1:8). "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." (Col. 2:18). "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (Rev. 22:19). God does not take a man's name out of the book of life, but He takes away the rewards that he might have had for faithful service.

Another great truth concerning rewards is that God does not give any rewards for anything which we do for show. "Take heed that ye do not alms before men, to be seen of them: Otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 6:1). If we just do things to be seen of men, there is no reward. Sometimes people sing to be seen and heard of men. Sometimes preachers preach that way. Sometimes people give in this manner. There is no reward for this type of singing, preaching, giving, nor service.

Now in conclusion: You need to be saved, God provides salvation in Christ, and when you once get it, you can never lose it. After you are saved, every time you sin God chastens you for it; and everything you do that is pleasing to Him after you are saved He gives you a reward. Therefore, I would urge upon you the importance of being saved. In the light of this closing Scripture, may you become a child of God. "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15).