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A Christian Business Man Tells How God Saved Him From Four Bankruptcies



By R. G. LeTOURNEAU  
President of R. G. LeTourneau,  
Inc., Peoria, Ill.

"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."—Psalm 40:2, 3.

Job said, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee."

What we need is to see God. It is too bad that we wait many times until trouble swoops down upon us before looking up to God. As I look back upon my life, at the times of stress, God has always been there and I have seen Him and seen His hand work in a marvelous way. I would like to tell you about four times in my life I really saw God.

Moral Bankruptcy

At the age of sixteen I found myself on the verge of moral bankruptcy. I had been brought up in a Christian home and I knew the way of salvation, but the devil was fast getting the upper hand. Just

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A Gruesome Experiment

Under this heading the editor of "Now", weekly publication of R. G. LeTourneau Inc., Peoria, Ill., describes the experiment of a French surgeon to determine the accuracy of the artists who have painted pictures of the crucifixion. The surgeon nailed to a cross a body intended for anatomical dissection, noting the different positions of parts of the body. He then pointed out the errors committed by the painters.

The writer of the article then states:

But we are wondering whether or not the French surgeon in his search for absolute accuracy regarding the crucifixion discovered just why Christ was crucified. For after all, it is the "Why" not the "How"

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CLEAN HANDS

(Reprinted from The Oakland News)

Once, in my childhood days long gone and dead,  
I watched a supper table being spread  
By busy hands; and eagerly I said—  
Wishing to help—"Please, may I bring the bread?"  
Gently, reprovingly, a kind voice said,  
"Are your hands clean?"  
Abashed, I hung my head.

Oft, when I see the multitude, unfed  
And waiting hungry for the living bread,  
My heart and hands are eager to be sped  
To bring the manna that they may be fed.  
But One Voice says, e'en as a voice once said,  
"Are your hands clean?"—  
I only bow my head.

—By Mrs. Eddie Dunshie

TOBACCO-USING PREACHERS

"Yes, says Cincinnatus, it does do a minister a lot of good to smoke. (Some of the leading ministers do.)

"To smoke sets a minister down from among the angels and thus helps to make him a human being whom other human beings can understand. Every minister should have ONE SMALL VICE (Type Emphasis Ours) in order that he may never seem to be too far away from the poor sinners he is trying to save.

"Besides, Cincinnatus thinks that smoking is a great help towards promoting wisdom in the writing of sermons. In each inhalation of pipe, cigar or cigarette there is inspiration. Cincinnatus guesses that the best sermons are those touched by

the mellow fragrance of a pipe."

Cincinnatus is none other than Alfred Segal, a daily columnist of the Cincinnati Post. Twelve years ago he took the editor of this paper to task for taking his stand against dancing. It was then that the editor was pastor in Cincinnati, and because of our position, Cincinnatus, (a reformed Jew), declared that I belonged to the horse and buggy days.

Now Cincinnatus thinks that a sermon flavored with smoke should be more inviting than one which has been received through the power of the Holy Spirit. Of course, his statements will offer a lot of encouragement and consolation to an

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Christ of the Bible"

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."—John 5:39.

At a preaching mission several months ago, the question of the division of Christianity arose. In the course of the conversation, it was pointed out that there are approximately one thousand divisions among Christians today. These divisions were described as hopeless, useless, perplexing, and confusing. Finally, one of the speakers said, "We have failed to get together around the Bible. Now then let's get together around Christ."

A question logically arose in my mind: Which Christ shall we get together around? Shall it be the Christ of modernism, or shall it be the Christ of the Roman Catholics or the Christ of the Unitarians, or the Christ of Christian Science, or the Christ of the Arminians? If it be the Christ which represents modernism, or the Roman Catholics, or the Unitarians, or Christian Science, or the Christ of the Arminians, then beloved, I shall have to beg to be excused.

The only Christ that I know anything about is the Christ of the Bible. He is the only Christ that I know to follow, and if the denominations of the world desire to get together around the Christ of the Bible, then I am most ready for all to get together, for the Christ of the Bible is the real Christ.

First of all, the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of purity and absolute perfection. It cannot be too strongly argued that Jesus Christ

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Fullerton Pastor Engaged In Revival Effort With Russell Baptists



ELDER RALPH WEBB  
Pastor Fullerton (Ky.) Baptist  
Church

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."—Prov. 3:5-7.

On Monday evening, August 19, Brother Ralph E. Webb, pastor of the Fullerton Baptist Church, Fullerton, Kentucky, began a revival meeting with the First Baptist Church of Russell.

Brother Webb is one of our own "boys", having spent three years as a student in the Tri-State Baptist Bible School. While here in school, he was loved by all those of our church who knew him. We are therefore indeed happy to have him with us for this revival meeting.

Brother Webb has been pastor at Fullerton for the past two years, and he is loved by his people who admire, respect, and support him because of his stand for the truth. Unlike many of our younger preachers

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Bravery In Barrack-Room

He was a soldier in His Majesty's Army. Through a slight injury he was confined to his bed in hospital. As time hung heavily on his hands he asked a comrade to get him a book from the library. The man promised to do so, and shortly afterwards brought one in his hand, and in sanctimonious tones said, "My good brother, I have brought you a book which will be profitable to you: 'James' Anxious Inquirer,'" and left the room, priding himself on his cleverness.

The first impulse of the sick man was to throw it after his comrade, but on reflection he concluded that he would keep it, as it might help to while away the time. Through curiosity he opened the volume, and

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We began having this firm print our paper with the issue of March 30. With this issue, they have printed our paper for twenty-three consecutive weeks. The courtesy and the kindness shown us by this printing concern, is deeply appreciated. Each issue of the paper stands as an advertisement of their efficiency and ability as printers.

We would like to urge each of our readers who have any printing to be done, to write the L. B. White Printing Company, 120 North Market Street, Benton, Arkansas, for prices. Especially do we appeal to those of our readers who are clerks of associations. We are certain that this concern will save any association a great deal of money in having its minutes printed.

For a long time the editor has had dealings with printers of all kinds. We take pleasure in rating the L. B. White Printing Company as "tops" above them all.

There is a vast difference between having something to say, and having to say something.

Some preachers have a wealth of thought, others have a thought of wealth.

## I Would Like to Know

**1. I have a child that died when only six days old. Was he a child of the devil and is he in hell?**

Answer: Your child, being born of the flesh (John 3:6) and inheriting your carnal nature (Job. 14:4), was corrupt and depraved in nature (Psa. 51:5; 58:3); and was, therefore, a child of the devil. BUT YOUR CHILD IS NOT IN HELL. For, while the Scripture has little to say on the subject, yet it is clear enough that persons dying in infancy, having neither the natural ability to distinguish between right and wrong nor the capacity for repentance and faith, are received of God into heaven by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit (exercised, perhaps, in the moment that the soul leaves the body) and the sovereign application of the blood of Christ. 2 Sam. 12:23; John 9:41; Rom. 1:20; 2:14, 15. In the first reference here given, David expressed his hope of reunion with his child that died in infancy, and we know that David did not expect that reunion in hell. In the second reference, mental blindness (inability to distinguish between right and wrong) is the only kind of blindness that could be intended, and it is asserted that those who are thus blind (and infants are, as stated) are not responsible for their sin. The third and fourth references confirm this by showing that the condemnation of the heathen is on the basis of their having ability to see the revelation of God in nature and their having a law in their consciences. It is not so with infants.

A second part added to this question concerning a sister who died when only about six years old is to be answered in the same way. It is very exceptional, to say the least, for a child of six years to be developed sufficiently to be accountable for sin.

**2. What did we lose in Adam, and did all lose the same, or did man lose one thing and woman another?**

In Adam we lost all righteousness of nature and standing before God, together with spiritual relationship and capacity for fellowship with God. Both man and woman lost all of these. And, in addition to these, as a result of the fall, woman's sorrow in conception was multiplied

and her subjection to man was emphasized. Gen. 3:16.

**3. What did we gain in Christ and is the gain to men only or to both men and women?**

In Christ all believers gain righteousness as to standing before God, spiritual relationship and capacity for fellowship with God, and righteousness of spirit in this life and complete righteousness of nature in the world to come. But, in this life, women do not gain release from the multiplied sorrow of conception nor from subjection to man. I Cor. 11:3; I Cor. 14:34; Eph. 5:22-24; I Tim. 2:12.

**4. When and where was there a line of distinction drawn between male and female?**

The references given in the two answers immediately foregoing answer this question.

**5. Does God give diversities of gifts to men only or to all?**

God gives diversities of gifts to all believers (I Cor. 12:6), but the exercise of gifts to women is restricted by I Cor. 14:34 and I Tim. 2:12.

**6. Does God give the Holy Ghost to men only or to women also?**

God gives the Holy Spirit to all believers, and both men and women that are spiritual (filled with the Spirit) will recognize I Cor. 14:34 and I Tim. 2:12 as commandments of the Lord. See I Cor. 14:37.

**7. When was the first church founded?**

During the personal ministry of Christ on earth. Paul says in I Cor. 12:28 that God hath set some in the church, first the apostles, etc. In Luke 6:13 you have an account of the selection of the apostles. They were either the first members or the first officers in the first church. Either way there was a church in existence in Luke 6. In Matt. 18:16-18 you have Jesus, the Head of that church, telling them about church discipline. In Heb. 2:12 you have the statement that Christ sang in church. He sang the night of the institution of the Lord's Supper which shows the church was in existence then; that the Supper is a church ordinance and to this church He later gave the Great Commission.

**8. Is it necessary to take examinations on mission study books and have seals presented?**

No, it is not necessary but it is well to do it. The examination and the study preparatory for it, clinch what has been taught, and are worth more than all the class work. The public presentation of seals provoke others to take the work. Both of these are good reasons for doing it.

**9. How many translations are there of the Bible?**

Very many. Hundreds of them in hundreds of languages and dialects.

**10. Do any of them translate hell and eternal life out of the Bible?**

No. The man who says so is a liar and will have his part in the lake of fire to which all liars go. Rev. 21:8.

**11. If unbelief does not condemn, explain John 3:18.**

In verse 17 the Master said He did not come to condemn the world. It was already under condemnation. He came to save a world already condemned. If unbelief was the condemning sin, no man would be condemned until he heard of and rejected Christ. All are already condemned. The passage does not mean

### MISSION REPORTS

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Cherryville Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	.75
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Ralph Hicks, Russell, Ky.	1.00
W. E. Fleck, Russell, Ky.	1.00
1924 Bible Class (First Baptist Church), Russell, Ky.	5.00
J. H. Lowe, Raceland, Ky.	1.00
P. G. Goolsby, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Lycan's Junior Girls gift to Ruth Dickerson, (Russell Baptist Church)	5.00
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Mrs. Nathaniel Gay, Ashland, Ky.	.50
Philathea Bible Class (First Baptist Church), Russell, Ky.	1.00
William Milligan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
S. I. Williams, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Anonymously	11.50
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Amount previously reported	\$35.28
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Wilbur Aylor, Ashland, Ky.	2.00
Mrs. Nathaniel Gay, Ashland, Ky.	.50
Anonymously	15.50
Total	\$73.28

This pays our bill for the month of July and leaves us with a balance of \$16.80, which means that we still need about \$50 to cover the cost of our Sunday morning broadcast for the month of August.

to teach that unbelief is the condemning sin. It plainly teaches exactly the opposite. It teaches that men are condemned because of sin, and if they reject Christ, they remain in a state of condemnation because they have rejected the only remedy for sin. If a man is sick and there is just one remedy and he refuses to take it, refusing to take the remedy doesn't make him sick. He is already sick. Refusing to take the remedy permits the sickness to kill him. He dies because he didn't take the remedy; but it was the disease that killed him.

**12. Who were the two witnesses that John the Revelator saw that the enemies overcame them and killed them, and their dead bodies lay in the streets three days and a half, and they wouldn't suffer them burial, and then they stood up on their feet?**

We have always believed that these two witnesses represent Enoch and Elijah, each of whom are as capable of death today as ever, in view of the fact that each passed to heaven without death. I would suggest that you read "Lectures On The Apocalypse" by Seiss.

The prayer that ascends highest, comes from the lowest depths of a humbled heart.

Some people can talk Christianity by the yard who can't walk it by the inch.

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## NAZARENE'S TOMB FOUND EMPTY!

Earthquake Rends City  
As Prophet SuccumbsDIES NOBLY  
IN PLACE OF  
GANG LEADERGovernor Weakly Surrenders  
To Mob Allegedly In  
Pay of Priests

## JESUS FORGIVES SLAYERS

GOLGOTHA, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—This bleak suburb of Jerusalem, scene of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth last Friday, became the center of excited interest today as reports of the Nazarene's alleged "resurrection" swept the Jewish capital.

Hordes of spectators, many of whom were present at the death of him who claimed to be the Jews' Messiah, roved curiously over Calvary Hill. They had come to view the wreckage left by the disastrous earthquake that accompanied the prophet's last hours, and, despite efforts of the soldiers to disperse them, to gather in clusters and discuss the gory crucifixion and the events leading up to it.

Among the crowd were visitors from distant parts, come to Jerusalem to attend the Passover feast, but apparently more drawn to Calvary than to the Temple and its ornate worship. Many openly averred that the trial before Pilate was illegally conducted, that the Nazarene was "framed" by leaders of the Sanhedrin, that the Governor displayed conduct unbefitting to a Procurator in weekly giving way to a mob of hecklers said to have been hired by priests whose crookedness Jesus had fearlessly condemned. Unable to control the situation, Pilate is said to have provided the farce with a melodramatic though unconvincing gesture by calling for a golden basin and publicly washing his hands of the matter. He is quoted as crying out above the rabble: "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it!"

The *Daily News* correspondent, upon interviewing several persons in the crowd, found a rising spirit of indignation against the crucifixion and a mounting sympathy for the prophet. Some scoffed at the "resurrection" theory, but among those who had seen Jesus die were many who apparently were convinced of the rumor's truth.

"I stood near the cross," said one man, later identified as an ex-Sadducee. "I watched him hanging there, forgetful of his suffering while he spoke comfortingly to the thief by his side, heard him talk to God and ask forgiveness for his murderers. No grave could hold a spirit like that!"

Another, who identified himself as an attendant at the Temple, told of the mysterious rending of the heavy veil that separates the holy place from the Holy of Holies—"just as though God tore it asunder to open the way for all men to approach Him!" Others steadfastly maintained, despite the railings of cynical bystanders, that they had seen the quake open graves in local cemeteries, "and the dead come forth."

Strangest of all, however, was the presence of Barabbas, notorious gang leader whom Pilate released in place of Jesus. But it was a Barabbas totally unlike the desperado who had terrorized Palestine in the past. Minus the clever cunning and escape that had helped him evade the law for years, Barabbas stood raving on the brink of a wide chasm of rock split by the quake, wild-eyed and apparently broken in spirit. To all who would listen he asserted his guilt, declaring himself now "on the side of the man who died for me."

Sighting a Roman soldier trying to keep order, he flung himself upon him. "Crucify me, too!" he cried. "Surely, if the innocent must die, the criminal may atone for his crimes in death!" Laughing sardonically, the soldier led him away.

Betrayer's Body  
Found; Took  
Own Life

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—His body swinging grotesquely in the morning breeze, all that remains of Judas, "betrayer" of Jesus and former treasurer of the Nazarene's company of disciples, was found early yesterday.

A coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide.

Indications are that this act, final episode in the life of a man apparently misunderstood and little liked by his fellow-disciples, followed a cataclysm of remorse.

According to the chief priests and elders, Judas, half-crazed by the full realization of his traitorous act, on last Friday tried to return to them the thirty pieces of silver paid him for his service. Receiving no encouragement in his "repentance," he cast the blood-money on the floor of the temple, causing "great embarrassment" to the ecclesiastics.

Local weather experts fail to explain earthquake.

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—"Beyond explanation" was the only comment obtainable from weather bureau experts who were asked today to account for the strange and disastrous earthquake and fall of darkness which created such havoc in Jerusalem and its environs last Friday.

Though the men of science were not willing to label the disaster "supernatural," they freely admitted to being "greatly mystified."

Claiming that official records contain no parallel to the disaster, local meteorologists simply stated: "We had absolutely no warning. The bureau's sensitive instruments hitherto have been utterly reliable in announcing the imminence of storms. But this disaster came like a lightning stroke from a clear sky. It was uncanny!"

## Historian Cites Prophecies

## Concerning Jewish Messiah

TARSUS, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—New and enlightening data concerning the prophet of Nazareth who was crucified in Jerusalem last Friday has been unearthed by Gamaliel, noted student of Jewish history.

"The records of the Jews," both sacred and profane," states Gamaliel, "contain information which largely substantiates the young prophet's claims concerning himself. His most amazing statement: namely, that he was born of a virgin, is verified by no less an authority than the Prophet Isaiah, who foretold this very thing: 'Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.'"

"And a lesser prophet, Micah, corroborates the word of Isaiah: 'Of thee (Bethlehem) shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel.' In the sacred writings of Zechariah we find further proof: 'Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.' This is exactly what happened only a week ago when Jesus was hailed as a 'king.'"

"In tracing the lineage of the comparatively unknown Nazarene, it is amazing to find that he is actually a descendant of

Owner of Tomb Explains His  
Friendship for Jesus

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—Joseph of Arimathea, high-born aristocrat and prominent citizen in whose sepulchre the body of Jesus was placed, told today why he had made this gesture of friendliness.

"All that mattered to me," he said, "was that I must save his body from the common ditch reserved for thieves and other of the crucified. I wanted it safely in the tomb before the dawn of the Sabbath, as our law commands."

Asked if he believed the resurrection rumor, Joseph replied simply, "I do, with all my heart."

## FINAL SCENE IN GRIM GOLGOTHA SPECTACLE



"DID THIS MAN COME BACK FROM THE GRAVE?" is the question uppermost in the minds of the world today. The above photo, taken last Friday, shows the body of the Nazarene being removed to his tomb, from which it is alleged he resurrected himself. At the left are Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, Sanhedrinists reputed to be secret disciples of Jesus. With them are Mary, mother of Jesus, and a few of the prophet's followers who did not flee.

NEWSPAPER STARTS  
SWEEPING INQUIRY

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—Widespread dissension having been aroused over last week's hasty arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus, the young prophet of Nazareth, the *Daily News* has instigated a searching probe of the matter.

Early this morning Eleazar Sadoc, editor and general manager of the *News*, made a personal visit to the Governor's palace to place before Pilate certain facts in the case which had come into his possession from reputable sources, and to demand a thorough inquiry into the handling of the Nazarene's trial and death.

The editor's comment after his interview with Pontius Pilate was brief: "The Governor seems greatly distraught, and refuses to explain his action in the case without further opportunity for consultation with his advisors."

Wife of Pilate  
Tells Story  
of Dream

BETHANY, Apr. 8, A.D. 30.—Located late today at the Bethany Sanatorium, Claudia Procula, wife of Pilate the governor, was found under her physicians' care in a state bordering on nervous collapse.

Granted a brief interview, a reporter for the *Daily News* learned that Claudia's breakdown was occasioned by a strange dream which had come to her concerning the young Galilean prophet, Jesus, previous to his trial before Pilate. So vivid and real did her dream seem, she states, that she sent word to Pilate in the judgment hall to "have nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him."

CENTURION RESIGNS  
TO JOIN DISCIPLES

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—Announcement of the resignation of Longinus, chief centurion of the Royal Roman Guards and officer in charge of the detail of soldiers supervising the crucifixion of Jesus, was made today.

Even more startling, however, was the statement that Longinus had allied himself with Jesus' disciples.

Observers at Calvary last Friday will recall the centurion's ringing declaration: "Surely this man is the son of God!"

RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
REFUSE TO COMMENT

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—The attitude of the Jewish priests and the members of the Sanhedrin when quizzed about the crucifixion and the reported resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth was characterized early today by a strict silence.

Learning that late last Thursday night Jesus had been taken directly to the house of Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas, the High Priest, a statement was sought early today. Annas refused to comment on the proceedings.

Likewise silent was Caiaphas himself, in whose home Jesus was compelled to appear before all the chief priests, scribes and elders of his faith directly following the examination by Annas.

Members of the Jewish Sanhedrin were equally reluctant to commit themselves.

## Jesus' Life-Work Sketched:

## 'He Went About Doing Good'

NAZARETH, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—An examination of the records in this city has failed to bring to light anything in the early years of the young Galilean prophet, Jesus, which would have indicated anything of a violent or seditious nature in his character.

Those who knew him when he was a lad say that his work in his father's carpenter shop was

excellent, and that, though he was "a real boy," his conduct was blameless at all times.

Everyone who has been questioned concerning the man gives the same answer: "He went about doing good, and we are at a loss to understand what could have arisen to cause his untimely death."

In nearly every hamlet and village in this area were found men and women, boys and girls, who had personally benefited by the Nazarene's ministry. Almost unbelievable stories are told concerning the miracles he wrought as he went about, quietly explaining his faith in God—with whom he claimed intimate acquaintance.

He healed the sick, he restored eyesight to the blind, he straightened the limbs of cripples—he even raised the dead! Absolute proof of the above statement was found in two cases: The restoration of life to the daughter of Jairus; and the calling of Lazarus from the grave.

The testimony of Jairus, a ruler in the local synagogue, and a signed statement from Lazarus, who lives in Bethany, substantiate the above story.

Even at the time he was taken captive and put on trial, it is learned, he was in the Garden of Gethsemane at prayer, supported by a few faithful followers.

Crucified 'King of Jews'  
Seen Alive, is ReportPromise of Jesus  
to Raise Self  
Recalled

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—The unconfirmed rumor of the "resurrection" of the strange young teacher who was crucified last Friday has brought to mind certain mystifying statements he is reported to have made.

During a recent visit to Galilee he openly declared that "the Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and . . . he shall rise the third day." At another time, after forcibly driving the money-changers out of the temple, he said: "Destroy this temple (speaking of his body), and in three days I will raise it up."

On another occasion, accurately foretelling the events which have just occurred, he said to his followers: "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed . . . and they shall condemn him to death, and shall . . . crucify him; and the third day he shall rise again."

Two Followers of Jesus  
Tell Story of His  
Appearance

EMMAUS, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—Cleopas and another resident of this village—both disciples of Jesus, the young prophet who was crucified last Friday—reported in great excitement this morning to the local correspondent of the *Daily News* that they had received a supernatural visitation yesterday while journeying to Emmaus.

According to their report, as they walked a stranger joined them. He engaged them in conversation concerning the unusual crucifixion, and, apparently well-versed in Scriptural knowledge, quoted prophecies from the sacred writings which seemed to bear out recent happenings.

When they reached their destination (they report) he made himself known unto them as Jesus, claiming to have risen from the dead, then suddenly disappeared from their presence.

Outside stood the cordon of soldiers keeping back the curious crowds trampling the spring flowers in Joseph's garden. One soldier, as though repeating a rehearsed speech, explained over and over again: "His disciples stole the body while we slept."

At Pilate's palace the same story was given. It was somewhat discounted, however, by a soldier who admitted privately to the *News* reporter that the chief priests and elders had paid a large bribe to the soldiers for telling this version.

The disciples of the slain prophet, on the other hand, told a straight though almost unbelievable story. Located in an obscure upper room in Galilee, they declared with noised clamor that Jesus had not only risen from the grave but had appeared to them.

"He had told us many times," they said, "that he would resurrect himself on the third day. But we didn't believe it. We were bewildered and bereft at his crucifixion. Our dreams were shattered. Then he came to us—alive!"

First to see him, according to the disciples, was Mary of Magdala, a notorious woman of that city whom Jesus had turned into a devout follower.

Later today, according to the disciples, he entered the upper room where they were hiding from the Jews, and convinced even the most skeptical that he was not simply a spirit, but a flesh-and-blood man returned from the grave. "He told us to handle him," said one, "and to put our fingers into the nail prints, our hands into his side!"

At the Temple, however, the priests and elders today busied themselves with the Passover celebrations. The scent and sound of fattened animals filled the outer court. The voices of the money-changers and sellers of doves, the trumpets calling the faithful, the bleating of sheep being slain for sacrifice, the chants of the Passover ritual—all served to take the minds of worshippers off the disturbing rumors.

But throughout the city, meanwhile, the conviction spreads that this man, once called "the Lamb of God," has not only risen from the grave but is Israel's long-promised Messiah.

Prominent Pharisee Admits  
Being 'Born Again'

JERUSALEM, Apr. 9, A.D. 30.—Nicodemus, well-known lawyer and Pharisee, today admitted that he is a secret follower of Jesus. Confronted with a direct question as to his allegiance, which had been suspected after he was seen with Joseph of Arimathea carrying away the body of the Nazarene, he told of having visited Jesus one night some months ago.

"What he explained to me that night convinced me," said Nicodemus. "For the first time I learned that my religious affiliations were not enough. He told me that I must be born again."

## EDITORIAL

LAST Friday the city of Jerusalem witnessed what we believe will go down in history as the world's most atrocious crime: A man whose spotless record contained nothing but good deeds, seasoned with some wholesome condemnation of crookedness in high places, suffered an unfair trial and a felon's death on Calvary. We can only avoid a sense of everlasting shame by remembering that the voice Pilate heard crying "Crucify him!" was not the voice of the people.

Today a mysterious sequel to that shameful murder, done in the name of government and religion, arises to haunt his slayers and to awaken in the hearts of his followers an exultant hope that will not down. The prophet's tomb is empty!

What does that empty tomb mean? Pilate and the religious leaders claim that the body of the Nazarene was stolen by the disciples. On the face of it, that explanation seems too glib and too shallow for thinking men to accept. It must be remembered that after Friday's event the disciples were too dazed to plot, too bewildered to concoct so feeble a fable, too weak and too blundering and too frightened to attempt so hazardous a venture—a venture entailing the overthrow of the small army of prize soldiers set to guard the tomb. Moreover, it has been well established that the disciples, despite their master's insistence that he would rise from the dead, never really believed that he would or could do so. Furthermore, if indeed these soldiers did fall asleep while on duty—a military crime punishable by death—why has there been no court-martial, no wholesale purge of the proud Romans' reputation as soldiers?

Another theory advanced by his enemies is that Jesus—despite the spear-thrust through his heart and the certificate of death given by the physician at Calvary—did not actually die but only swooned. And later, coming to himself, he pushed aside the stone (weighing a ton or more and securely sealed) and came forth to announce his resurrection. That theory is so thin as to insult the adult intelligence.

What, then, does that empty tomb mean? If it means, as the facts would seem to attest, that Jesus has indeed "conquered death," then we have today the most stupendous story ever printed by any newspaper. Men have long toyed with the question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Has the Galilean prophet settled it once for all? Was he indeed the Son of God, the long-promised Messiah, as he claimed?

We do not know for sure. The facts are not yet all in. But until they are, we prefer to believe the disciples' version. And until adequate proof is brought to show our position is untenable, the *Daily News* takes its stand on the side of Jesus!



**BRAVERY IN THE BARRACK-ROOM***(Continued from Page One)*

as he read it day by day, it became more fascinating to him than any novel he had ever read. Whilst pondering its contents he discovered his need of a Savior. The Holy Spirit convinced him of his sin, ingratitude and rebellion against the eternal God, and the language of his heart found expression in the Philippian jailer's question, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). As a result of his perusal of the book he determined that whenever he was able to leave the hospital he would renounce his old habits and associations and join the Christian soldiers who met for prayer and reading of the Scriptures in a shed a short distance from the barracks.

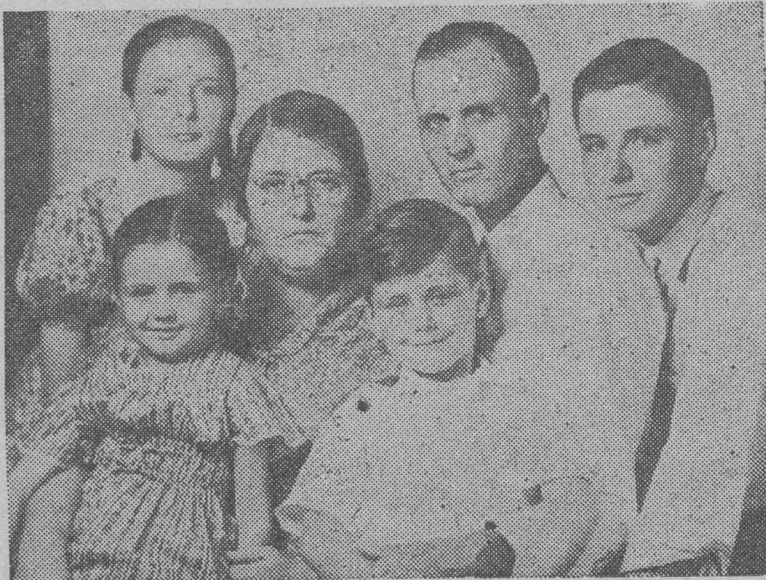
The night that he left the infirmary he made his way to the shed. To reach it he had to pass close to a rum shop where he had spent much time and money. A voice seemed to tell him that he ought not to turn his back on his old chums; that if he became "religious" he would not have the life of a dog in the regiment, etc. These suggestions of the enemy of souls caused him to falter, and going to the door of the drink shop, he placed his hand on the handle, when a powerful voice came rolling through his soul, and with the solemn words: "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38). The soldier dropped the door handle as if it were hot, and passed on to the Christian meeting room.

As he was about to open the door Satan sought to keep him from entering. While he hesitated, came thundering in his ear the same words: "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My Words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed." Pushing open the door he dropped in among the Christian soldiers. If a bombshell had burst among them they could not have been more surprised. One of their number said: "Well, my dear fellow, have you come to read the Bible with us?" "I have come," was the reply, "because I want to seek the Savior." "Thank God," said the Christian, "you are the man we want." He was prayed for and spoken to, but he did not find peace that night.

The soldier, on returning to the barracks that night, wondered how he could possibly kneel in the presence of such a crowd "I dropped on my knees," was his testimony, "as if I had been shot, and cried aloud, 'Great God, have mercy on me a sinner.'" "Well," he said, "if those Christian men had been electrified when they saw me staggering into their midst, I tell you those rebels in the barrack-room were tenfold more astonished." A few days afterwards the "anxious inquirer" was led to receive the Savior as his very own.

Whether you are a soldier or a civilian, why not follow his example, then you will be saved and satisfied for Time and for Eternity? You, too, will be anxious to seek the company of other Pilgrims bound for glory.—from "The Christian Graphic."

If the way to heaven be narrow, it is not long; and if the gate be straight, it open into everlasting life.

**OUR MISSIONARY'S FAMILY**

Sometime ago we printed the above picture of our missionary, Elder C. W. Dickerson and his family, who now reside and labor in Belem, Para, Brazil. We are reprinting this picture in view of the fact that we have many new readers of our paper, and we want them to know more about the mission work which we are trying to do.

Brother Dickerson is one of the noblest men of God it has ever been the editor's privilege to know. I thank God that we have a part in supporting him in Brazil.

He went there just about a year ago (sailing on August 29). It is really phenomenal the way in which he has learned the language and is now able to preach in the language of the Brazilian people.

One son remained in this country, but all those who appear in the picture above are now in Brazil. We urge our readers to send us their contribution toward the support of this man of God and the native workers who work under him. You can rest assured that every dime sent us reaches him without a penny deducted for expenses. You can be certain that every penny which he receives will be carefully used for the preaching of God's Word; and above everything else, you can be certain that it will be used for the preaching only of the truth of God's Word. In other words, every penny given will go toward the making of Baptists in Brazil.

I urge you, therefore, to send in your contributions at once.

**THE WORLD'S BIGGEST NEWS STORY**

Instead of the usual four pages which THE BAPTIST EXAMINER prints weekly, you will find a reproduction entitled, "Jerusalem Daily News."

This was prepared by a Christian journalist who believes that the story of the resurrection is the world's biggest news story. He therefore has "covered" this story as modern journalism would attempt to do.

This was printed originally in one

of the papers of the Salvation Army, and was printed as a full size sheet of a daily newspaper. We have reduced it in size to fit our paper.

Just imagine that you were living in the year 30 A. D., and that this was the Sunday morning paper delivered to your home. We urge you to read the entire page carefully, for we are sure that you will find it most interesting.

One cannot make good progress on the heavenly road to a melancholy tune.

**FULLERTON PASTOR ENGAGED IN REVIVAL EFFORT WITH RUSSELL BAPTISTS***(Continued from Page One)*

ers, Brother Webb uncompromisingly takes his stand in defense of the Baptist position of orthodoxy throughout the years.

Over a year ago, the editor asked Brother Webb to assist in this summertime tent meeting, and we are now happy that that which we have anticipated, is a reality. It surely brings a joy to us, and we are trusting that we shall have many precious souls saved during this meeting. We want to ask all of our readers to remember us in prayer.

We thank God for Brother Webb—the man whom God has sent to preach for us. We thank God for the readers of this paper who do pray for us, and now we ask that you pray especially for Brother Webb and for this meeting.

If you live close enough, we invite you to worship with us, for our meeting will doubtlessly continue through September 8.

**A GRUESOME EXPERIMENT***(Continued from Page One)*

of the crucifixion that is vital to us!

For absolute accuracy on that important point we go to the unimpeachable authority of the Scriptures. There we find such statements as these:

"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities." (Isa. 53:5).

"Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6).

"Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8).

"Christ died for our sins." (I Cor. 15:3). "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree." (I Pet. 2:24).

"Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." (I Pet. 3:18).

May the French surgeon as well as the artists, sculptors, writer and readers ask with the poet:

"Oh! why was He there as the bearer of sin

If on Jesus my guilt was not laid? Why from His side flowed the sin-cleansing blood

If His dying my debt has not paid?

The proper way of profiting from the crucifixion of the Savior is to make a personal application of that death and say with the Apostle Paul: "The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me." (Gal. 2:20).—The Baptist Record.

**TOBACCO-USING PREACHERS***(Continued from Page One)*

ever-increasing number of worldly preachers.

While he is offering such encouragement, we would like to offer these Scriptures and ask that each tobacco-using preacher consider these carefully:

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."—2 Cor. 7:1.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked."—I John 2:6.

All right, Mr. Tobacco-using Preacher, draw up your chair (just lay your cigar down outside; a dog wouldn't bother it) and consider first the advice of Cincinnatus, and then the exhortations of God's Word. Which will you follow today?

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**"THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE"***(Continued from Page One)*

was God in the flesh. Of course, this being true, He is absolute purity and perfection. Listen to this Scripture: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (I Pet. 1:18, 19). You will notice that the text declares that He is a "lamb without blemish and without spot."

We read again: "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." (I John 1:15). This declares that "in him is no darkness." Though you may object that this speaks of God and not of Christ, I would remind you that the God of the Old Testament is the Jesus Christ of the New. Listen to Jesus' own words in this respect: "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30).

If you would read Jesus' spiritual pedigree, then you find that He is spoken of as an individual of purity and perfection. Listen: "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." (Heb. 7:26). Or listen again: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:14). This declares that He was "without spot."

The same truth is also presented to us in Heb. 4:15. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Note the expression, "Yet without sin."

I say then beloved, that there never was a sin in the life of Jesus. From birth He was pure. He Himself said in prophecy, "I was cast upon thee from the womb; thou art my God from my mother's belly." (Psa. 22:10). The only one who could ever say that God was His God from birth is the Lord Jesus. All others are born depraved.

Even the devils of hell declare Him to be holy and pure and perfect. When He went into the synagogue of Capernaum, one who had an unclean spirit cried out, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." (Mark 1:24). Even the devil that possessed this man referred to Him as "the Holy One of God."

The early Christians, after that Jesus had instituted His church, preached emphatically the holiness and perfection of Jesus. When Peter preached to the crowd after healing the lame man who lay at the Beautiful gate of the temple, Peter said, "Ye denied the Holy One." (Acts 3:14). You thus notice that Peter referred to Jesus as "the Holy One."

Therefore, beloved, we see from these Scriptures that the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of absolute perfection, holiness, purity, and that there is in Him no blemish and He is without spot. What a mighty revelation then is this to us, for though we are sinful, our Christ is a Christ of sinlessness. In view of our sins, we need one to save us, and the only one who is sinless and

who needs not salvation for Himself is the sinless, perfect, holy, just Son of God.

**II**

In the second place the Christ of the Bible is the Christ who died for our sins. Since He had no sins of His own, it was possible that Jesus might die for the sins of others. This then is what we read in the Scriptures. Listen: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3). "For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." (Heb. 9:26).

It was a day never to be forgotten when Jesus was crucified. On either side was there a thief who was dying for his sins. Each of these were malefactors who deserved to die. One of them said that he and his friend were receiving justice. Listen: "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." (Luke 23:40,41). We therefore see why these two were dying—they were dying for their sins. Why then was Jesus dying? Wonder of wonders, He was dying for your sins, for my sins—for our sins.

I remember years ago reading of a preacher who wanted to climb the Matterhorn—the highest mountain of Switzerland. When he began looking for a guide to direct him, he asked those who applied for the position for their certificates showing what they had done; and he hired the man to guide him who produced the best certificate of work already performed. If I ask philosophy for a certificate showing what it has done to save men and to make man better, philosophy has nothing to offer. When I call on infidelity, the answer is the same. Yet, when I ask Jesus for evidence whereby that He has saved others and made them better men and women, I find multiplied thousands and millions that testify that Christ had died for their sins.

If there is sickness in your home and you call a doctor, the first thing he does is to feel the pulse of the blood. You know, beloved, the blood is important—it is the life. We even find this in the Bible. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." (Lev. 17:11). That which is true physically is also true spiritually. It is most important that you be rightly related to the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen: "And without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:22). "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." (Heb. 10:10-12).

I say then, beloved, that the Christ of the Bible is not only the Christ of perfection, but the Christ who died for our sins.

**III**

In the third place, the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of finished work. As He was hanging upon the cross, He Himself said, "It is finish-

ed." (John 19:30). As He uttered His great high priestly prayer of intercession in anticipation of His crucifixion, He said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (John 17:4). Thus, beloved, the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of finished work—He finished the plan of salvation and made it final for us once and for all.

It is seldom that one finishes his life's work. The chisel usually drops from the hand ere the statue is finished. The failing fingers refuse to guide the pen along another line though the book is not nearly done. Yet, not so with Jesus, for His work was finished and His task was completed. He came as the sinless Son of God to die for our sins, and when He had thus died, He had finished His work.

Therefore, since Christ finished the plan of salvation, man's works are all unnecessary in the realm of salvation. Listen: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Rom. 3:28).

Some months ago a man said, "What can I do to be saved?" I made answer to him as I have to many others. There is nothing that any man can do in view of the fact that Jesus did it all at Calvary nineteen hundred years ago.

Therefore, since Jesus finished the work of salvation, then a human priest is not necessary. Listen: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (I Tim. 2:5). Jesus Christ is the only mediator whom we need today. He is our great High Priest, and each of us who receive Him as a Saviour, become a believer priest under Him.

Since Christ finished the work of salvation, then religious ordinances are all unnecessary in the realm of salvation, for we are not saved by religion, but by the finished work of Jesus Christ Himself.

Don't misunderstand me, beloved, if a man is saved, he will work, he will want to join the church which Jesus built, he will want to be baptized like Jesus was baptized, and he will want to do the things that please God. I say if a man is saved, he will want to do these things—he will do them because he has been saved. These things do not save, but since one is saved by Jesus Christ, out of love to Him who finished the plan of salvation, we follow in His precepts.

**IV**

The Christ of the Bible is the Christ whom we can definitely know. So many times when we ask others if they are saved, we get the reply, "I think so," "I hope so," "I guess so," thus indicating a great spiritual vagueness on the part of the one addressed. Such an attitude is foreign to the Scriptures. God's Word would give us assurance and knowledge of our spiritual condition right now. Listen: "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:18, 36).

I do not preach a guess-so, or a hope-so religion; instead, I offer to you a know-so salvation.

When Naaman was healed of his leprosy, he did not guess about it

nor hope that it was true; but knowing that it was a reality, he said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel." (2 Kings 5:15).

As the apostle Paul contemplated his own spiritual experience, he said, "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." (2 Tim. 1:12).

I declare then, beloved, that the Christ of the Bible is the Christ that we can definitely know, and if you don't know Him, it is the best evidence in the world that you are unsaved, for if a man is saved, he knows that this is a reality in his life.

**V**

The Christ of the Bible is the Christ of authority. When He had finished His ministry, and after His death, burial, and resurrection, just before His ascension, Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matt. 28:18). Therefore, since He has all power, or all authority, He has the right to say who should be a member of His church. He has the authority to say how folk should be baptized, and therefore it isn't ours to argue with Him when He declares that baptism is the immersion of a believer. Since He has all power, He has the authority to say who shall administer baptism. He has the authority to say who shall partake of the Lord's Supper, and therefore when He limits it to the local church, it isn't for us to argue nor to complain—it is ours to accept His will.

Since the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of all power and authority, then He has the authority to say how much one owes God out of his income. Surely it isn't ours to question Him when He declares that one-tenth of all we have belongs to Him. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10).

He has the authority to command that we preach the gospel the world around. We believe in world-wide missions—not because it is popular to do so, for it surely is not, and not to be different from the world—but we believe in world-wide missions because Jesus has commanded us to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mk. 16:15).

I say then, beloved, that the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of authority. We are not to go outside the Bible nor away from the teachings of Jesus to find what we are to do nor to learn our Christian duty. It is laid down for us in the Bible, and whatever the Bible says, it is for us to do and to be obedient thereunto.

**VI**

The Christ of the Bible is the Christ who expects purity of His followers. Listen: "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." (I Jn. 2:6). This verse declares that if we are saved, we ought to walk like our Saviour. Listen also to the words of Jesus Himself: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48). Other Scriptures would indicate that He did not expect us ever to be sinlessly perfect,

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**"THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE"***(Continued from Page Five)*

but He does hold up the goal of perfection before us, and we ought to strive to be as nearly like Him as humanly possible.

In the Old Testament, if a Jew got in a hard place materially or became involved in debt, he might sell himself into slavery for six years, and all responsibility was thus transferred from his shoulders to the shoulders of his purchaser. He could not sell himself, however, for longer than six years; and at the end of the six years he was discharged. However, if he had come to love his master, at the end of that time he might bind himself to his master forever. Listen: "And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him forever." (Ex. 21:5, 6). I was reading this passage a few days ago, and the Lord gave me a new message relative to it. Out of love to our Master, we ought to dedicate ourselves to Him forever. Since the Christ of the Bible is the Christ who expects purity of His followers, we ought to be completely dedicated in service to Him.

**VIII**

Lastly, the Christ of the Bible is the Christ who is coming again. Just before He left this earth, He said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:3). Just after He had taken His departure into the clouds, we have a promise of His return: "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10, 11). Thank God that the Christ of the Bible is the Christ who is coming again.

I stood sometime ago beside a large electric crane and marvelled at its power as to unloading steel and iron and scrap. As a matter of special demonstration to me, the operator placed the magnet of this crane about eighteen inches from the ground and then moved it along slowly, and I saw the particles of scrap on top of the ground fairly leap to catch hold of the crane; and then I noticed something else even more astounding—the little particles which had mingled with the dust, and that had become buried beneath the surface, they also began to move and to come out of the earth, and they too leaped to catch hold of the crane because of its power. As I thus stood and observed the power of this crane, I was reminded that some day the Lord Jesus is coming back again. Then He is going to catch up all the believers who have died with their faith in Him, and whose bodies are now resting beneath the surface of the earth. At that time He is also going to catch away the redeemed of God who are here within this world. It isn't that the redeemed are going to raise themselves, but just as the power of the crane lifted the scrap beneath the surface of the earth and on top of the surface, so through the power

**A CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MAN TELLS HOW GOD SAVED HIM FROM FOUR BANKRUPTCIES***(Continued from Page One)*

to show you the direction in which I was headed, my chum, with whom I ran continuously, landed in jail shortly after God saved me and snatched me as a brand from the burning. But I became very troubled about my soul and I knew hell would be worse for one who had had the light as I had seen it. One night I responded to the appeal of the evangelist. He said to me, "If your father promised to do a certain thing for you, would you believe him?" And I said, "I certainly would." He said, "Then why don't you believe God?" I couldn't seem to grasp it. I went home and went to bed, and had only slept a few minutes when I awoke with the thought on my mind, "I am still on my way to hell! I must do something!" And right then and there I said, "I will believe God. I can't afford to take the chance of going any further without Him." Realizing that the Savior was mine because I had trusted Him, immediately the joy of salvation burst in upon my soul and I jumped out of bed and ran to tell my mother, thinking that perhaps she might be still awake praying for her wayward boy. And that night, although I had heard about the Savior all my life, I saw Him and others saw the change in me.

**Spiritual Bankruptcy**

I went on for another sixteen years or so, living as many Christians do. I knew I was saved and on my way to heaven. I was trying to serve the Lord, but was making a very poor job of it. I wasn't exactly what you would call a backslider, but I came to realize that my life was not counting for Jesus. I was on the verge of spiritual bankruptcy.

My younger sister used to say to me, "Bobby, don't you love Jesus?" And I realized that she had a love in her heart for her Savior, a passion, that I did not have. Her love was strong enough to take her out to the Indians in Arizona to tell them about her Savior, and then to China.

I knew that I ought to be witnessing for my Lord, as He had done so much for me. I tried to speak for my Savior, but I seemed unable to do it. The man working alongside of me in the shop would take the name of my Lord in vain, and I would say nothing. I said to myself, "If someone made fun of my mother or my sister, I would not stand for it, and yet I am allowing the name of my Lord and Savior who died for me on Calvary to be taken in vain and I make no protest." Then one night I prayed again. I said, "Lord, I need vic-

of God, Jesus shall raise the sleeping saints and the living Christians when He comes in the clouds for us.

Therefore, I would ask you, "Do you know the Christ of the Bible?" As I have said, the Christ of the Bible is the Christ of absolute perfection, He is the Christ who died for our sins, He is the Christ of finished work, He is the Christ whom we can definitely know, He is the Christ of authority, He is the Christ who expects purity of His followers, and above all else, He is the Christ who is coming again. If you don't know Him, then, "Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace." (Job 22:21).

tory. I know the love that ought to be in my heart is not there. If you will give me the backbone that I need and fill me with your Spirit so that I can witness for you, I'll do whatever you ask me from this day on." And my Savior took me at my word. Once again He heard my prayer and I saw Him face to face. I rose from my knees feeling that God had heard and answered. You may call that experience by any name you wish, but I say God heard and answered my prayer.

It was so real to me that I went to the pastor the next morning and I said, "Brother, do you think I should go as a missionary?" For I had two sisters in China at the time and our people believed in missions, believed in getting the Gospel out to those who have never heard. I said, "I suppose I am too old, but I promised God last night I would do what He wanted me to do, and I want to make good that promise." My pastor said, "Let's pray about it." After we had prayed, he said, "You know God needs business men, too," and I replied, "All right, I'll try to be God's business man." I have been trying to carry out this commission ever since and I find it a glorious life to live. I believe if every business man could realize what an opportunity he has to serve God in business, things would be different, because I believe God has a place for every one of us, whether it be serving Him in business, in the work shop, in the home, behind the sacred desk, or on the foreign field, and we will be happiest if we find that place. How things did begin to go in the business after I made it God's!

**Financial Bankruptcy**

I sought to honor the Lord with my substance in a new way and I found that I could not beat Him at giving. I proved the fact: "God will not be any man's debtor." Everything went fine for several years, until one year I failed Him again. Again, it was not a case of backsliding, but I got off on the wrong track. I said, "It will take all my finances to handle the program I have set this year, and next year I'll have a lot of money for the Lord." I was wrong, because God wants the first fruits. It doesn't take much faith to count up what's left and give God a portion of it. God expects us to let Him have the first fruits and trust Him that the harvest will be sufficient to meet the needs, for without faith we are told it is impossible to please Him. You can guess the result. At the end of that year, and by the way it was right at the beginning of the depression, I found myself with several hundred thousand dollars of debts to pay and no way to get the money. Many firms who were in better shape than I was went down, never to rise again. But as I struggled along, not knowing from one day to the next whether the sheriff was going to put the lock on the door or not, on the verge of financial bankruptcy, once more I met God face to face. I said, "Lord, how can I pledge for missions now when it is all gone and no chance to get the money to pay it?" But the still, small voice said, "Better make the old pledge again and trust me."

At that time we had stalled the material men until we couldn't hold them off much longer. We were running a small factory and the pay roll was about five weeks behind. I made a little deal with God that whenever I was able to meet the pay roll, I would save out His part.

Strange as it may seem under such circumstances, within a few weeks the pay roll was coming through on time. What a wonderful God we have! Why don't we believe Him more?

**Physical Bankruptcy**

I have been very much interested in the Book of Job these last few months, and I don't know whether the devil got to saying things about me like he did about Job or not, but I do know that five and a half months ago I found myself once more in desperate circumstances, this time on the verge of physical bankruptcy.

We were traveling on the highway in Tennessee, on the way to a service to give my testimony. I had a marvelous male quartet with me, and my wife, six of us in the car. But a head-on collision occurred which killed outright five of the nine occupants of the two cars, three in the other car and two of the quartet in ours. There was no excuse for the accident. It happened in the middle of the day on a good road, no turns and no traffic. We had a good driver, and when I say a good driver I speak from experience on the race track and all. But the man in the other car, driving a Chevrolet at a furious rate of speed, turned to talk to the folks in the back seat and swung over on our side of the road. Our driver took the shoulder to the right, intending to give him the road and let him pass, but he shot clear over to our shoulder and there was a head-on. One member of our party was practically unhurt, the only one of nine. He dragged me out of the wreckage first—one foot crushed, leg broken, both hips out of joint, pelvis bone fractured, a piece of bone broken off the side of the hip socket, and chest crushed. One would not believe it possible, but strange as it may seem, I did not lose consciousness. Then he laid my wife, unconscious, on my right hand side. She was bruised and cut from head to foot. Then he laid the other living member of our party with broken arm and collar bone, unconscious, on the other side.

I looked up to heaven and said, "Lord, this could not have happened if you had not permitted it because I know 'all things work together for good to them that love God,'" and I said, "Lord, it's all right with me. Though I may not understand, I have confidence enough to know that it will be all right." God was so near that I wasn't anxious or worried, and simply began to give orders to Bill to see that the six children would all go through for God if Evelyn and I went to be with Jesus. Then the thought came across my mind, "Why should I complain? My Lord suffered more than this for me." His presence was so very real that, once again, I could say with Job, "Lord, I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee."

Today I stand as a living witness that the Lord Jesus Christ, who intercedes for me at the right hand of God, is sufficient for body, soul, and spirit; and finances, too!

**NEW VERSION**

Mussolini with his black shirt up against the wall;  
Stalin with red shirt, the biggest brute of all;  
Hitler with his brown shirt, for unmitigated gall;  
Hooray for Gandhi who wears no shirt at all!