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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20)

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Jonah's Experiences At Nineveh Being Proven True By Archeologists

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Everybody likes to hear a fish story. The most interesting one ever recorded is in the Bible. It deals with a runaway prophet, a great city, a great storm, a great sea trip, and a three days ride in a real live submarine.

Jesus confirms this story in Matthew 12:40, so he who scoffs at it scoffs at the Saviour's story. The skeptics say that no whale can swallow a man. Jonah says a "great fish" (Vs. 17). However, the God who made the whale could make him swallow a man. Such critics are not well informed.

No doubt some of you read several years ago about the huge sea monster caught and put on exhibition at Chicago. It was caught by Captain Thompson. It was 45 feet long, 8 1/4 feet in diameter, weighed 30,000 lbs., and had swallowed an animal weighing 1500 pounds.

Smith's Bible Dictionary says the whole body of a man in arms has been found in the stomach of a white shark.

However, I am not concerned about the kind of fish that swallowed Jonah, the Book says it did, and that settles that. If I were in a burning woods and a car would rush in and save me, I would not care whether it was a Ford or a Mercury-eight, or a limousine—just so I was saved.

Nineveh was built by Asshur, the son of Shem. Its walls were 380 feet high and 80 feet thick. Its population was 600,000. The name in Syria meant—"Place of fish." In the Hebrew language the name meant—"Dwelling." Their god was Dagon—the fish god—half man, half fish. They had been taught that if Dagon ever sent his god to them, he would come up out of the sea.

Nineveh was very wicked, like Sodom. (Continued on Page Four)

A Good Stimulant

Yes, I admit that whiskey is a stimulant. It stimulates abnormal and vicious appetite.

It stimulates unholy passion.

It stimulates the death dyed traffic in human virtue.

It stimulates poverty.

It stimulates disease.

It stimulates depravity.

It stimulates crime.

It stimulates divorce.

It stimulates the scarlet life of the social pitfall.

It stimulates idleness.

It stimulates indifference to the wretched surroundings.

It stimulates profanity.

It stimulates barbarity.

It stimulates assassination.

It stimulates incendiarism.

It stimulates the coarse and smothered

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Close To God!

When the trials of life surround me,
And my heart is torn with pain,
When the way seems dark and dreary
Draw me close to Thee again.

Close to God, Close to God,
This my prayer shall always be,
As I journey down life's pathway,
May I walk in peace with Thee.

Though earthly friends may fail me,
I have naught to dread or fear,
For Thy loving hand will guide me,
And I know that Thou art near.

Then as shadows close around me,
And the darkness gathers thick and fast,
May the Master bid me welcome,
To my Heavenly home, at last.

Close to God, Close to God,
This my answered prayer shall be,
When the journey here is over,
I shall rest in peace with Thee.

—By one of our Faithful Readers, 82 years old.

Jake Woods, The Outlaw

One night high up in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee I was lost in a snowstorm. Though I was frozen in to unconsciousness, my horse carried me to a house. When consciousness began to dawn again, I heard a fire crackling and looking up saw a bearded man bending over, swearing because I would not open my mouth to admit the neck of a bottle. In the moment of delirium, I thought I was dead.

When my senses returned, I recognized the man as a notorious outlaw, with a price on his head, a man who had vowed that physical violence would fall heavily on any preacher who dared to enter his house.

My rescuer and his wife did every-

thing possible for me. When bedtime came, he took me in bed with him and held me against his great warm breast all night, never relaxing his vigilance for a moment. In the morning, I was little the worse for my experience, but the sun shone and the snow was melting, and I was ready to go. Then it was that a Voice said, "You must try to save Jake Woods."

How should I begin? Jake was sitting before the wide fireplace as I packed my saddle-bags. I walked over to him. Taking a bill from my pocket, I said, "Mr. Woods, I regret to offer you so little when you and your good wife have done so much for me, but this is

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"THE STING OF DEATH"

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" —(1 Cor. 15:55-57).

About 20 years ago I was in the "gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity". In those days before I came to the knowledge of Jesus' saving grace, the question of my sins daily confronted me. In those days I heard a minister read, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanse us from all sin" (1Jn. 1:7). Like a drowning man grasping at a straw, I grasped at this truth and laid hold on eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Ere since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die."

Tonight even as we study "the sting of death", I want that my theme of this message shall be "redeeming love".

I

This text implies the certainty of death. In fact the apostle pictures death as a terrible dragon which each must fight for himself. He offers no

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Why You Should Be Saved, Immersed, and Join A Baptist Church

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Why You Should Be Saved

1. BECAUSE GOD SAYS YOU ARE LOST, CONDEMNED, UNDER THE WRATH OF GOD, BLIND, SPIRITUALLY DEAD, WITHOUT HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD. Read the following, taken from God's Word, the Bible:

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." — Rom. 3:23.

"All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way." — Isa. 53:6.

"He that believeth not (trusts not) the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." — John 3:36...

"He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." — John 3:18.

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost." — Luke 19:10.

"If our gospel be hid it is to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." — 2 Cor. 4:3,4.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind have taken us away." — Isa. 64:6.

"Dead in trespasses and sins... having no hope, and without God in the world." — Eph 2:1, 12.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." — Luke 13:3.

"He that believeth not (yieldeth not to Christ) shall be damned." — Mark 16:6.

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." — John 3:3.

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Wilbur Wright & Sunday

Wilbur Wright demonstrating his airplane in France for the first time (in 1908), captivated multitudes both with his magical feats and his austere personality. He kept the Sabbath, avoided women, abstained from tobacco, wine, and even choice food. What a man! Poets extolled him as a medieval knight. The peasants, viewing Wilbur and his craft with awe, made pilgrimages to LeMans as though it were a shrine.

Even the King of Spain came to see him. He sent word ahead requesting an exhibition flight on Sunday. Everybody knows that a royal request is a command. But the American, whose father was a minister, politely replied that they would be pleased to entertain His Majesty on any week day. The king changed his schedule to suit while the populace brought out their flags.

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WHY YOU SHOULD BE SAVED, IMMERSSED, JOIN A CHURCH, AND JOIN A BAPTIST CHURCH

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You may never have considered yourself a sinner at all, but the above shows God's estimate of you.

"For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance; but the Lord looketh on the heart." — 1 Sam. 16:7.

2. YOU SHOULD BE SAVED BECAUSE OF WHAT GOD DOES FOR THE SAVED. Read carefully God's Word.

"He that believeth on the Son hath EVERLASTING LIFE." —John 3:36.

"Believe on (yield to) the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be SAVED." — Acts 16:31.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God." —Rom. 5:1.

"In whom we have REDEMPTION through his blood, the FORGIVENESS of sins, according to the riches of his grace." —Eph. 1:7.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST." —Matt. 11:28.

"He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION, but IS PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE." —John 5:24.

"But as many as received Him to them gave he power to become THE SONS OF GOD, even to them that believe on His Name." —John 1:12.

"He that followeth me SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS but SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." —John 8:12.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, HIM WILL I CONFESS before my Father which is in Heaven." —Matt. 10:32.

3. YOU SHOULD BE SAVED BECAUSE OF THE GREAT BLESSING YOU CAN THEN ENJOY, AND BECAUSE OF THE GREAT THINGS GOD MAY DO THROUGH YOU.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." —Phil. 4:13.

"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." —John 15:7.

"Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men." —Mark 1:17.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." —John 4:35-36.

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." — 2 Cor. 12:9.

"If any man serve me, him will my Father honor." —John 12:26.

"He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." —John 15:5.

"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." —John 14:12.

You do not know what God may do through you until you give Him a chance. He often chooses the weak things of the world to confound the

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things which are mighty. See I Cor. 1:27. Turn from your sins, turn from your self, turn to Jesus Christ in simple childlike faith as your Sin-bearer and Saviour and He will save you now. He will abundantly bless you and use you. Read this tract again from the beginning very carefully.

Why You Should Be Baptized

Baptism does not save, help to save or add anything to Christ's finished work on the Cross, but it is a most important first-step in the Christian life. It is for believers only.

1. Baptism is a divine command. "And he (Peter) commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." —Acts 10:48. See also Acts 2:38, 22:16, and Matt. 28:19-20.

2. The water baptism commanded in the New Testament is immersion only. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." —Eph. 4:5. That the New Testament teaches immersion only is proved by the following facts:

(a) The Greek word "baptizo," translated into English as "baptize," means to immerse, to dip, to plunge, to submerge, to overwhelm, etc., and nothing else. There is a good Greek word for "sprinkle," which is "rantizo"; and another Greek word for "pour," which is "eccheo," but neither of these words are ever used in the New Testament for the baptismal act. Also, water is never said to be baptized upon a person, which would be perfectly proper if baptism was by sprinkling or pouring.

(b) The meaning "immerse" is either required or allowed in every passage in the New Testament where baptism is mentioned. The meaning "sprinkle" or "pour" cannot be substituted in these passages and make good sense.

(c) John the Baptist's baptism required "much water." —John 3:23.

(d) The account of Jesus' baptism (Matt. 3:13-17) plainly indicates immersion. Do you not want to be baptized in the manner He was? Compare also Acts 8:36-39.

(e) Immersion is the only form of baptism that symbolizes the truths for which baptism is a picture, namely, (1) Christ's death, burial and resurrection; (2) our identification with Christ in death, burial and resurrection; (3) the future resurrection of the believer's body from the grave, 1 Cor. 15:29. Rom. 6:3-5 and Col. 2:12 show the symbolical significance of baptism. Note that baptism is the agency of burial; therefore, water baptism buries the subject in water.

(f) Baptism is a symbolical way of "putting on Christ." —Gal. 3:27.

(g) Baptism is symbolical of washing away sins. —Acts 22:16.

3. The Greek Catholic Church teaches and practices immersion. Modern Greek language is much like New Testament Greek, and this Church can get no other meaning out of the word "baptizo" but immerse. Surely Greeks can rightly interpret their own language!

4. If a believer is baptized by immersion, his baptism is beyond question or dispute. He himself will never doubt it. Wherever he goes, he will be accepted as a baptized believer.

5. Practically all scholars agree that immersion was the primitive form of baptism and was universally practiced for several centuries after Christ's death.

6. Obedience to this command results in the answer of a good conscience. — 1 Peter 3:21.

7. Baptism is one way of publicly confessing Christ and identifying yourself with His people. He expects you to confess Him. —Mark 8:38.

8. Baptism should not be postponed.

A TERRIBLE INDICTMENT

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

"I cannot say that I consider you a sound Baptist, but you are so far superior to the present Texas State Convention Board crowd, that even your errors become almost acceptable. (Editor's Note: Since I am a pre-millennialist and our brother is a "post", he questions whether I am a sound Baptist). If the Pope in person were to visit Dallas in the great city wide meeting of all 'evangelical denominations' they would immediately be assembled in "honor of his office." The Standard (Baptist paper of Texas), and the Board would certainly kiss his toe rather than 'cause Christian strife' among 'sister churches.'"

Elder W. S. Johnson
Seminole, Texas

In the New Testament believers were immersed immediately after conversion. —Acts 2:41; 8:38; 10:47-48; 16:32-33; 22:16.

9. If you have been sprinkled in infancy, that is not baptism. New Testament baptism is for believers only, and an infant cannot believe or disbelieve. Baptism follows conversion. —Acts 18:3.

10. Baptism is a test of our love for Christ. If we really love Christ we will keep all his commands. —John 14:15; 14:21; 15:10,14.

Why You Should Join A Church

1. Jesus founded the Church, Matt. 16:18; he is its head, Col. 1:18; he loved it and gave himself for it. —Eph. 5:25. You cannot afford to ignore what He is for.

2. New Testament Christians joined the Church, and so should you if you are going to obey the New Testament as your guide. —Acts 2:47.

3. A local church is the divinely appointed means of assembling together to worship God and honor Christ. —Heb. 10:25.

4. The local church offers you the best means of witnessing for Christ. Matt. 10:32-33, and honoring Him. —John 5:23.

5. You need the ministry of the church to develop you in Christian character and to instruct you in divine truth also to administer discipline. —Matt. 18:17.

6. The local church gives you the best opportunity to join with others in carrying out the Great Commission of Christ. —Matt. 28:19-20, Acts. 1:8.

7. The local church is the custodian of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and to receive these you must belong to the church.

8. It is the best place to form the most helpful Christian friendships and social contacts.

9. The local church will assign you definite work to do for Christ, and this will keep you from being haphazard and careless as to Christian responsibility.

10. Being a church member more definitely commits you to the Christian program, making it easier to do right and harder to do wrong.

11. The church stands for the best interests of your community. It takes the side of every righteous cause. It deserves your hearty support.

12. Paul and the Apostles established local churches throughout the Mediterranean world as nerve-centers of spiritual worship, evangelistic zeal, and missionary endeavor. — 1 Cor. 16:19. Christ was in the midst of these churches, even though they were imperfect, and held their angels in his right hand. —Rev. 1:13, 20. You hurt Christ and yourself by remaining outside.

13. The local church is the "pillar and ground of the truth." —1 Tim. 3:15. When you join the church, you help

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"THE STING OF DEATH"

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hope of avoiding death. There is no bridge across the river of death where by it may be escaped. No one will ever be able to put his foot upon death and crush it, for death cannot be slain.

"O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud!
Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passeth from life to his rest in the grave.

'Tis the wink of an eye, the draft of a breath
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death,
From the gilded saloon to the bier and the shroud—
O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud!"

But is not this the teaching of all the Scriptures, that death is an absolute certainty. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not" (Job 14:1,2). "For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living" (Job 30:23). "Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah" (Ps. 89:47, 48). "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Heb. 9:27). "For as in Adam all die" (I Cor. 15:22).

A few years ago in Louisville, I picked up the Courier Journal to read the head-line across the front page "Houdini, King of Escapes, Dies". The article told how that Houdini the master magician had escaped from jail, ball and chain, straight jacket, and pad-locked rooms. But he who was recognized as the "king of escapes" had not been able to escape death. Neither has anyone else and neither will you nor I.

In 1519 Ponce De Leon came to this country searching for the fountain of perpetual youth, expecting that by bathing therein that his youth might be restored and that he might never die. This fountain of youth was never found. Eventually death overcame him. In the meantime he discovered Florida but he ultimately died as all men do.

"Like leaves on trees the race of men are found,
Now green in youth, now withering on the ground;
Another race the following spring supplies,
They fall successive and successive rise;
So generations of their course decay,
So flourish these when those have passed away.

II

Our text not only implies the certainty of death but it declares that death carries a sting. "O death where is thy sting?" (I Cor. 15:55, 56) How remarkable is the truth of this Scripture. The retrospect of sins already committed and not forgiven puts a sting in death. I can imagine a murderer dying. His victim rubs his chilly hand over the fevered brow. The fact that he has committed this crime and that he soon will be with his victim in hell, puts a sting in death.

Or here is another who has been a profane swearer. He has now come to the end of his way. As he dies the oaths which he has sworn for years come back to his memory with dismay. Each of these puts a sting in his death. Or it might be a drunkard who is

breathing his last breath. He remembers his misspent life, the suffering of his wife and children caused by his profligacy, the heartaches and woes which his parents have experienced, and the disappointment which he has been to his friends from the earliest dawn of his life. All these recollections as he retrospectively views his past life with his unforgiven sins (puts a sting in his death.

I can imagine a minister dying who never preached the true gospel of Jesus. Tortured screams, howls, groans, and sullen moans from the abyss of hell, fall upon his ears. Though unseen by the friends who attended him during his illness, one comes and stands at the foot of his bed, looking him in the face saying, "I came to you in my sin and asked you the road to Heaven. I did the good works you told me to but instead of being saved, I am now damned." Though still unseen to us, another troops by this troubled bed, "I came once to hear you preach but your philosophy was over my head and too abstract for my heart." As this dying minister tosses upon his bed, he sees his congregation arise one by one to accuse him of having preached without directing their steps Godward and Heavenward. His sin in failing to preach the truth of the word of God surely puts a sting in his death.

One day a preacher friend of mine was invited to visit a dying man. He was ushered into a spacious living room and a chair was placed for him beside the bed. The dying man motioned his wife and daughter to leave the room. Then he said, "Preacher, when I was a young man, I betrayed a virgin in the community where I lived. Her baby was reared in a fondling home, while the girl herself, went to a grave of shame. All that was long ago and until today, I thought it was all forgotten. My wife and daughter know nothing of it. How can I ever meet that girl at the Judgment?" This was just another way of saying that the retrospect of sins committed and unforgiven had put a sting in death.

But if the sins of the past put a sting in death, then the sins of the future likewise rise up before us. The prospect of sins continued put a sting in the death of each of us. "He that is unjust let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still" (Rev. 22:11) When one dies he sees whereunto his sin has grown but he knows not where it will grow for that sin committed in life continues to unfold itself forever. How awful is this truth, "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still". This means that the harlot, the drunkard, the gambler, the liar, and the thief who has developed his or her nature by continued sin shall after death continue with his or her sinful nature throughout a never-ending eternity.

John A. Broadus was visiting in Palestine several years ago. Just outside the city of Jerusalem he found a basket beside the city wall. Pulling the cover from it, a beautiful baby smiled in his face. He was just in the act of lifting the baby from the basket when someone shouted, "Leper! Leper." Then he realized that it was an unwanted leper babe which had been abandoned by its parents. As far as he could see there were no signs of leprosy that day, yet in a few years, leprosy would completely destroy that child. It may be that no one tonight can realize that he is a moral leper, but what will your character be 10,000 years from tonight in hell for the sinful nature which you are develop-

ing today must continue then. "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still." What will the character of the drunkard, the adulterer, and the profane swearer, or even the character of the moral man or woman be, 10,000 years from tonight in Hell. Surely the very fact that the sinful nature you are developing in life shall continue on in eternity—surely this puts a sting in death.

Again the fact that the future is unending puts a sting of death. If the lost might be annihilated and if the wicked might burn for awhile until they are completely consumed it would be at least a ray of hope to offer those in the depths of Hell. But beloved, hell is unending. In Rev. 10:6, the apostle declares, "Time no longer". This means that time has come to an end and that henceforth all things shall be eternal. That which pained and grieved the rich man in hell, of whom Jesus spoke, was the fact that he faced an unending future with no prospect that his condition would ever be changed. "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence" (Lu. 15:25, 26). Yes, this unending future puts a sting in death.

III

Our text not only declares that "The sting of death is sin; and the ready committed and sins yet to be committed—but it further declares that sin is strengthened by the law. "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law" (I Cor. 15:56).

All have broken the law either in deed or in thought. A man may declare, "I am no murderer." It may be true that he has never violated the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13), but in thought he may have broken this law for Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the Judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Mt. 5: 21, 22). Another may say, "I am no adulterer for I have never violated the commandment which says, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery' ". (Ex. 20:14). Yet in thought this law has been violated. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Mt. 5: 27, 28).

Thus in either deed or thought, the law has been broken by each of us over and over again and the curse of God is resting upon us. "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" (Gal. 3:10). Not one of us can say that he has continued in all the things of the law. Then each are under the curse.

It is the fact of a broken law which strengthens sin. Sin would be weak to us. It would have no strength if we had not violated God's law. The law

will exact a punishment for every transgression. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). This is the strength of sin—namely, the law which each of us have violated.

IV

How we thank God that there is a way of victory. In order to destroy sin, the law has to be satisfied. Christ was the only one who could do so. He came to this world and for a little better than thirty years lived perfectly. Never once did he violate the law. He died saying, "It is finished", i. e., He had completely satisfied the law. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts. 13:39). Today I come to Him and trust Him for what He did at Calvary. My victory over sin thus comes through His victory. I have sinned but Jesus never sinned. I have broken God's law but Jesus kept that law. Therefore I trust Him who died, perfectly fulfilling the law, and through His sacrificial death I am safe and saved.

Or to say it in another way: you cannot escape death but you can pull its sting you must get at the law; you can only do this through the Lord Jesus Christ for He is the only one who has perfectly fulfilled the law.

It has always been interesting to me to read how forest fires are combated in the west. If swept along by a swift breeze, no one can escape the blaze, for it moves faster than a fast horse can travel. To climb even a tall tree is useless. Yet there is a way, one may escape the flames, and only one way. Seeing a fire approach, he may set fire to the grass and weeds near him and then take his place in the center of the area which he thus burns over. When the raging forest fire reaches him, there is nothing for it to burn and his life is saved. Calvary is the one spot where the fires of Hell have completely spent their fury. Jesus perfectly fulfilled the law and then died for us. Thus, the only place of safety for us is Calvary and if the sting of death is removed, it must be only through Jesus.

How we rejoice that Christ can take the sting out of death. Sometime ago I visited a man who had been stung by a bee. His face was horribly swollen. Yet he consoled himself by saying that the bee could never sting another, though it might alight on many others. Thus it is with death. Death alighted on Christ and Christ took the sting out of death. It possibly will alight on each of us but it cannot hurt us if we are in Christ, for Christ has taken the sting out of death.

"Sadly we sing, and with tremulous breath,
As we stand by the mystical stream,
In the valley by the dark river of death,
And yet 'tis no more than a dream.

Why should we weep when the weary ones rest
In the bosom of Jesus supreme,
In the mansions of glory prepared for the blest;
For death is no more than a dream.

Naught in the river the saints should appal,
Tho' it frightfully dismal may seem,
In the arms of their Saviour no ill can befall,
They find it no more than a dream.

Over the turbid and onrushing tide,
Doth the light of eternity gleam;
And the ransomed, the darkness and storm shall outride,

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"THE STING OF DEATH"

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To wake with glad smiles from their dream.

Only a dream, only a dream,
And glory beyond the dark stream;
How peaceful the slumber, how
happy the waking;
For death is only a dream."

While this is true of the redeemed, it is not true of the unsaved. Instead we read: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment" (Mt. 25:46). God help you then, lost one, to receive Him. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (Jn. 1:12).

JONAH'S EXPERIENCE AT NINEVEH BEING PROVEN TRUE BY WORK OF ARCHEOLOGISTS

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om of old, Jonah was commissioned of the Lord to arise and go to Nineveh and cry out against it. However, Jonah, like many today, tried to run away from God and duty. To get as far away as possible, he bought a ticket to far away Tarshish. Solomon's ship was three years making a trip there. Jonah was more willing to throw away money in sin than gospel work.

However, God sent a great wind down the Mediterranean, so we have the storm. But God who sent the storm, sent a great fish who swallowed up the prophet and gave him a free pass. The fish took a bee-line for Nineveh. Thus, Jonah was the first to ride in a real live submarine. With seaweeds wrapped around his head, he prayed, repented, and vowed to obey God. The Lord was answering his prayer as fast as that fish could swim.

One day along the shores of Nineveh, a big fish is headed for the shore, and out hops a live man. The story flies—the fish god's messenger has come up out of the sea. I can just see old Jonah's coat-tail flop as he goes crying, "Repent, Repent!"

The city mourns and repents. God spares it. Most of the people took Jonah for Dagon's messenger, but he was a messenger of the most High. Could it be possible that God would reveal Himself and His message to this heathen town? Not any more impossible than the way He sent the messenger. That could account for the reason they so readily received him and repented.

Nahum and Zephaniah cried out against the same city. Today it is in ruins. A history found in the ruins of the city by some archeologists who were excavating the ruins, tells of one who came out of the sea and preached to them. (In their language spelled "Joness").

Things being discovered today are digging the graves of the twentieth century skeptics. The Jonahs of today are the ones who try to deny God's Word. Let God be true and every man a liar. You can't run away from God.

History says they have found the death warrant of Jesus signed by Pilate, and the three Rabbonis pieces of Pharaoh's chariots have been discovered near the Red Sea with the Egyptian inscription on them.

May God help us to search His Word and pray for divine revelation of His eternal truths.

Many a man is in the sanctuary who is a thousand miles away from it when his bodily presence is there.

JAKE WOODS, THE OUTLAW

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a little expression of my appreciation for what you have done. I could not pay you even if I were rich."

He looked me over from head to foot with astonishment. "Put up your money, Doc," he said, "What we did for you was because we wanted to be clever to you. If you had come to my house last night as a preacher, I would have turned you away in the storm and been glad if you were frozen to death. Twenty odd years ago, when the Almighty took our little boy, our only child, I swore that no man representing Him should ever come under my roof. I kept my word till last night, but when your horse brought you I couldn't turn you away. Now, you can go and have it to say that you have stayed all night with Jake Woods."

His last sentence was hissed through clenched teeth. I never saw a man look so fierce. I had failed, so I picked up my saddle-bags from the bedside and started toward the door. But some power gripped my conscience like steel. "You must try it again," the unmistakable order came. I walked the floor, trying to find a ship to Tarshish, but none was in sight. I was sure that Jake guessed what I was suffering, but he never turned his head. Finally, I walked over to him again, and with voice trembling with emotion, I said: "Mr. Woods, I have a little Book that I want to read, and I wish to talk to a Friend of mine before I go, will you let me?" He turned in his chair with his back to me. His wife, sitting in the corner, said, "Doc, it's all right, go ahead." I began reading that wonderful fifteenth chapter of Luke, about the one sheep that had strayed, but was found. There was the story of the Prodigal Son, too. When he came home in tatters within and without, his father was so happy that he would gladly have killed everything on the place to make merry because his son had come home.

Just then I looked out of the corner of my eye, and Jake Woods had turned around and was looking at me with eager interest, as much as to say: "Why are you talking about me?" I dropped on my knees and said: "O God, I came here more dead than alive last night, and this man and his good wife took me in and nursed me back to life, and now they refuse to accept anything for their kindness. But Jesus Christ has stood at their door, ever since they have had a house, with outstretched hands bleeding, and with thorn-crowned brow, and they have slammed the door in His face. Help Jake Woods to tell Jesus Christ to come in to-day."

When I got up, Woods was sitting on the floor, looking at the door. I followed his gaze, but saw nothing except the open door, with sunshine and melting snow. After a minute, he said, to Someone apparently in the door, "Come in." Then, turning to me, he added: "He came in," as much as to say, "You can't throw it up to me any more."

When I left the cabin, Jake followed me to the gate. "Doc," he asked, "have you another of those little Books like you read out of a while ago? My pap used to read about that boy, and I guess I've been him. If you'll lend me one and turn down a leaf, I might find someone to read, and I think I would like to hear it again." I gave him the book and he turned away, saying that his "old woman" might come to hear me preach when I re-

WHY YOU SHOULD BE SAVED, IMMERSED, JOIN A CHURCH, AND JOIN A BAPTIST CHURCH

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the truth for which it stands.

14. If you stay out of the church, you will likely influence others to do likewise. Could you feel right about that?

15. If all Christians felt they did not need to join the church, how would Christ's cause be maintained?

16. Even though there may be some hypocrites in the church, yet the best people in any community are church members, and the worst people oppose the church. Which side will you take?

Why You Should Join A Baptist Church

1. Because a true Baptist Church stands for the largest body of New Testament truth of any church in your community.

2. A Baptist Church is modeled after the New Testament churches in the following respects:

(a) It requires regeneration before baptism and church membership. — John 3:7.

(b) It does not baptize infants.

(c) It has no man-made creed, but takes the New Testament alone as its creed.

(d) It is a pure democracy; it is independent of all bishops, popes, councils, conventions, synods, conferences or human overlords. Christ alone is its head, and it conducts its affairs as He directs through the Holy Spirit. But Baptist Churches may and do cooperate.

(e) Every member has equal privileges in a Baptist Church.

(f) It has only two classes of church officers, pastors and deacons. Bishop, turned to the Flats School House.

Several times before I had preached at the Flats to but a few good souls, but when I arrived that time the whole schoolyard seemed to be covered with people. The first man who gripped my hand, until I thought I would fall off my horse, was Jake Woods. "Doc, I fetched 'em," was his greeting. Nancy Woods, his wife, was there at church for the first time in more than twenty years. "Doc," she said, "There's something the matter with Jake."

"What like?" I asked. "I don't know, but he h'aint like he used to be since you were there. He's been real good to me. Doc, please call for mourners to-day; maybe Jake'll go up."

The tears came to my eyes as I walked to the table and laid my saddle-bags down. Jake Woods had beaten that woman almost to death once because she had given a coin to a preacher. Many times he had driven her off in the storm. Once in a drunken delirium he had thrown her into the fire. Now she had been in heaven for three whole weeks.

The house that day was full of the good and the bad. The sermon I had prepared would not fit, so I took for my text, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." One standing by that table at my side, preached that day, with convincing power.

When I let down the net, Jake Woods sprang to his feet and went down that aisle, speaking in a voice that drowned mine: "Men and women, come on! Doc's telling you the truth, for I saw that Man when Doc prayed in my house.... I saw Him come in and He came and I haven't been the same man since." They came, until it seemed that all would come.

—The Voice, by courtesy Living Links.

elder, shepherd, and pastor are New Testament words all standing for the same office.

(g) It stands for equality of ministers; no graduations in the ministry, with some the overlords of others.

(h) It stands for the direct approach of every believer to God, without the aid of human mediators, rituals, ceremonies or forms.

(i) It stands for baptism by immersion alone upon profession of faith in Christ, the only mode of baptism the New Testament teaches.

(j) It administers the Lord's Supper as a symbolical ordinance, picturing Christ's body broken for our sins and His blood shed for our redemption. It is not a saving ordinance, but helps us remember His death, inspires us in looking forward to His coming, and is for baptized believers. — Acts 2:38-42.

(k) It stands for separation of church and government. Political issues should be kept out of the church; and the civil government should not interfere with the churches. But each Christian is to be a good citizen, using his influence for civic improvement — Matt. 22:21.

(1) It stands for the whole Bible as God's Word, for evangelism, missions, and holy living.

3. In addition to the above, a Baptist Church, in common with many others, holds such doctrines as the divine inspiration of the Bible, the Trinity; the virgin birth, deity, atonement, resurrection, and visible second coming of Christ; salvation by grace alone, the eternal existence of the saved in Heaven, and of the lost in Hell.

4. A Baptist Church allows individual liberty to interpret the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. — John 16:13.

5. Baptist churches were not originated by any single man, such as Wesley, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Campbell, Otterbein, etc. They are New Testament Churches founded not on men, but on the New Testament, and as such have existed under various names in all periods of Christian history back to the Apostles.

6. Baptists are an influential and rapidly growing religious group, numbering more than nine millions in the United States, and being next to Roman Catholics in size.

7. It does make a difference which church you join. It is more than a question of going to Heaven; it is a question of partial or entire obedience to the Word of God. There is a vast difference between denominations. You may belong to most any church, or none at all, and go to Heaven, but if you want to be loyal and obedient disciple, you will carefully compare the teachings and practices of the churches with the New Testament. In that case, you will be a Baptist. The longer you are a Baptist, the more of a Baptist you will be.

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the fine.

It stimulates insanity

It stimulates self-destruction.

It stimulates accide it.

It stimulates failure.

It stimulates embezzlement.

It stimulates prison life.

It stimulates the trade in hemp.

O' Rum! thou art a traitor,

A villian foul and black

That smiles upon the victim's face

Then stabs him in the back.

W. K. Stanley, in
Christian Soldier