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

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

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## Are There Babies In Hell "A Span Long"?

### Living For Jesus Now Just Where You Live

L. A. Music, Raceland, Ky.

Do you love the churches of Christ Jesus? Do you love the church in your community that is trying to point men's souls to God, and to strengthen Christian lives? If you can answer in the affirmative, you are Christ-like for, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). You and I should feel like the song-writer who was inspired to write:

"I love Thy Kingdom Lord,  
The House of Thine abode,  
The church our blessed Redeemer  
Saved

With His own Precious Blood.

"For her my tears shall fall;  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end."

A two-fold passion should characterize every true church of the Lord Jesus. There must be a passion for lost souls. In addition to this there should and must be a means of saving a life for service to Christ on this earth. Salvation is more than receiving a ticket to heaven; it means enlistment on earth.

We are failing woefully in keeping our Baptist people lined up. There is one particular weakness that ought to be remedied by all means. The vitality of Baptists is being sapped by the tremendous number of their people who have moved from their original home churches and have never enlisted for Christ in the new community where they have taken up residence.

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### Weddings For June

During the month of June, it was the editor's happy experience to join in the bonds of matrimony, the following eight couples. We trust that as each of these shall begin a new life together, that it shall be one of continued happiness.

1. Robert Eugene Arbaugh, 21, Salesman, and Lucille Seldomridge, 17, Huntington, W. Va.
2. William E. Hicks, 36, Janitor, and Brida I. Bozeman, 26, Columbus, Ohio.
3. Paul M. King, 37, U. S. Army, and Mary Lee Keller, 21, Vicksburg, Miss.
4. William Gregory, 48, Laborer, and Lillian Stevens, 21, Margo, Ohio.
5. Robert M. Mathias, 23, Steel Worker, and Mary Kthryne Morris, 22, New Philadelphia, Ohio.
6. Paul Lee Moore, 18, Laborer, and Eileen Edgell, 21, Charleston, West Va.
7. James Esmer Eiston, 21, Operator, and Dorothy Neely, 21, Huntington, West Va.
8. Patrick Herman Norris, 24, Welder, and Florence Beulah Horn, 21, Louisville, Ky.

### A REPRINT AND AN ADDITION

"He has no enemies, you say!  
My friend, your boast is poor;  
He who hath mingled in the fray  
Of duty, that the brave endure,  
Must have made foes. If he has none,  
Small is the work that he has done.  
He has bit no traitor on the hip,  
He has cast no cup from tempted lip,  
He has never turned the wrong to right,  
He has been a coward in the fight."

Author unknown

No poem that we have ever printed has caused so many favorable comments as the one we re-print above. A faithful reader in Mississippi adds the following.

He has not won the scorn and hate  
Of the true and tried believers state.  
But has gained the world's vain praise  
In the confusion of dark mist and haze.  
He has not gained the martyr's crown,  
But has won instead God's righteous frown.  
But God's witness of hate and scorn,  
Who the stigma thereof has patiently borne;  
His praise is not that of poor vain men  
Who revel in night and hate and sin.  
His praise comes alone from God above,  
His desires and motives are that of love.  
Men hate him, for they love sin's dark night,  
Love the darkness and hate the light.  
For Him God holds no righteous frown,  
He has bravely won the martyr's crown.  
Eld. W. T. Stegall, Pontotoc, Miss.

### With Dickerson In Brazil!

Belem, Para.  
June 30, 1941.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Your letter with check for the amount of \$161.69 came last week. Many thanks.

We are glad that you like the table. (Ed. note: This was a gift which Bro. Dickerson sent us through his son Wayne, who returned to U. S.) As to my opinion of how to care for it. I would advise against moistening

it in any way. My experience with timber has been that the surest way to cause it to crack, is to get it wet. It is possible that the difficulties others report in an effort to preserve some of these woods in other lands, has resulted more from letting them freeze than from a lack of moisture in the air.

Of course I do not know. Anyhow, if I were in your position, I'd simply keep

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### A Comforting Message As To Infants Salvation

John E. Huss, Covington, Ky.

As I begin this message on the salvation of the infant or the children who die before they reach the age of accountability, I am conscious that we are dealing with a stern reality included in the eternal purpose of God. Many have been the theories from so many pens on the subject of child salvation, only to be exploded by force of God's word. What we need for enlightenment is facts not theories.

Every infant, whether ten seconds or ten years old, has an eternity to spend somewhere, just as long as is the eternity of the adult. Being only two places of eternal abode, Heaven and Hell, the question is often discussed "where will the infant spend eternity?" It has been credited to the fatalistic predestinarians sometimes called "Hardshells" the statement that there will be infants in Hell but a span long. Personally I have never heard the statement made by them, but if such be the thought of one's mind, you would do well to search God's word and test or measure your theories by same.

Early in the Book of Genesis we note that God never began or started the human family with infants: He made two full size, full grown adults (Adam and Eve) and from these two, man and woman, have come the multiplied millions of people of every race, kindred and tongue.

When all the people of all the earth except Adam and Eve were infants for a period of years, how important in God's calendar for our lives, must those years of our infancy be. All the more important is that

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### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "THE SECOND SAYING OF THE SAVIOUR ON THE CROSS"

"And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

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.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.  
And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:32, 33, 39-43).

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### Our Radio Ministry

On Sunday, June 29, we temporarily terminated our radio ministry after four years and one month of continuous broadcasting.

Two reasons justify our action: First, for the last few weeks we have not received sufficient funds to carry on our radio ministry, and accordingly, it has resulted in a small deficit. In the second place, the editor has a personal reason for desiring a little rest from this part of our ministry.

It is our expectancy to resume our broadcasting the first of September. We will use the month of July and August in which to catch up financially on our old bill and accumulate a little balance for the beginning of our broadcasting in September. If you are interested in this phase of our ministry, we invite you to have a part in it by sending in your contribution now for our broadcasts.



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## "THE SECOND SAYING OF THE SAVIOUR ON THE CROSS"

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It is remarkable how God works out all things for His glory. This is in accord with all the Scriptures. Listen: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28) It is thus with the inscription which said, "This is the king of the Jews." It was placed there in derision, yet it was true. The crowd tried to get Pilate to change it, yet God would not permit him to do so. Pilate went so far as to say, "What I have written, I have written." This was doubtlessly carried through the streets in front of Christ as He made His way to Golgotha, and was finally placed on His cross.

The thief who was saved the day. Jesus was crucified, read and re-read this inscription, and wondered as to its meaning. He probably thought of Christ as an earthly king. Then God opened his heart, and showed him that there was a future life. Believing this, he even went so far as to rebuke his dying comrade, saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" His own sinfulness was revealed to him for he declared that he was suffering justly: "We re-

ceive the due reward of our deeds." The God who opened his heart and showed him there was a future life and revealed to him his sinfulness, likewise showed him Christ's sinlessness. We hear him say concerning Christ, "This man hath done nothing amiss." Having had the future life, his own sinfulness, and Christ's sinlessness revealed to him, he remembered that he had heard Christ pray just a little before, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." All this had the effect upon him that he looked again at the inscription on the cross and grasped the truth that Christ was a Divine King and that His Kingdom was a Divine one. Thus God used the mockery and derision of man for His glory for the saving of this sinner.

## I

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross, was the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy. In the great pen picture of Jesus, Isaiah declares concerning Christ that, "He was numbered with the transgressors." (Isa. 53:12). Now that Jesus is crucified, this prophecy was fulfilled — namely that He was numbered with the transgressors. This was just a part of God's program, for the crucifixion of Jesus in the presence of these thieves, so the disciples said, was God's predetermined plan. We read this in Acts 4:27, 28. "For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

I tell you here is another example of a fulfilled Scriptural prophecy, and since God saw to it that this prophecy was fulfilled, He will see to it that all others are accomplished likewise. Listen to this one which speaks of a burning Hell: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Listen to this one which tells of a judgment wherein religious workers who have failed to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as a Saviour, are condemned: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matt. 7:21-23). Since the Lord Jesus was careful in fulfilling this Old Testament prophecy which said that He would die with transgressors, then we can be certain that He will fulfill these prophecies which speak of a burning Hell and the judgment, and all the

balance of the prophecies in His Word. None of them will fail.

## II

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross is a demonstration of human depravity. Both of the thieves originally mocked Jesus. "Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him, for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth." (Matt 27:41-44). They had no reason to hate Him. They probably had never seen Him before. He had never done anything contrary to them. Undoubtedly the reason of their hatred was that of their inborn depravity.

May we remind you that all men today are born totally depraved. Listen: "The wicked are estranged from the womb. They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." (Psa. 58:3). "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51:5). Even the Scriptures declare that man's heart is incurably wicked:—that is, it is incurable from man's point of view. Man can't help himself. Listen: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17:9). The Apostle Paul likewise declares man's depravity: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable. There is none that doeth good, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:10-12, 23).

This man not only possessed in-born depravity, but he was a thief as well, which leads me to say that all men are spiritual thieves. To illustrate, we will suppose that a man is living in the west, and is supposed to represent a firm. Month by month he receives his pay check and his expense account from one firm, but represents a competitive firm instead. That man is nothing short of a thief. How accurately this illustrates the position of each unsaved man. Each of us are sent into the world by God, and are endowed and blessed by Him; yet, daily we serve Satan. We breathe God's air, drink God's water, and live off God's bounty, and yet we serve the Devil. As such, until one is saved, he is a spiritual thief.

## III

The second saying of the Saviour on the cross shows man's helplessness. This thief could not walk in paths of righteousness. He could not get down from the cross to run errands of mercy; neither could he do good deeds with his hands, for his hands were fastened to the cross. He could not turn over a new leaf—in fact, he could not even turn around, for he was fastened tightly to the cross. What a picture of man's helplessness, for every sinner just like this thief, is helpless to save himself. Do you remember the man at the pool of Bethesda spoken of in the

5th chapter of John? He was impotent — unable to help himself, and had been in this condition for a great number of years. It was to him that Jesus said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" This man could not help himself, he had to have Jesus. Do you remember the woman with the issue of blood? The New Testament tells us that she visited many doctors, and did not get better but rather got worse. Mark says that "When she had spent all, she came to Jesus." She had to come to the end of her own resources before she came to Christ. This is like the thief on the cross, for when he realized that he could not save himself, in his helplessness, he turned to Jesus. Whenever sinners today come to the end of their resources, they then turn to Jesus, and no sinner will ever be saved until he comes to that place in life.

## IV

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross reveals the fact that man's works are unnecessary in the realm of salvation. This thief had no good works either before or after his conversion. Yet the Lord Jesus said to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." This leads me to declare to you that works are no part of salvation, and that a man is not saved by anything that he does. Listen: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9). "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, His faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 11:5, 6).

We are not even saved in part by what we do. Many believe that Christ saves to begin with and that we must keep ourselves saved. But not so, for the Scriptures reveal that salvation is all of grace. "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works, otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace, otherwise work is no more work." (Rom. 11:5, 6).

The fact that this thief was not saved by any works on his part, but rather by the finished work of Christ, we are compelled to believe that works are unnecessary in the realm of salvation.

## V

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross also shows that one does not have to be baptized to be saved. The thief had no baptism, yet we have the positive assurance that he is in Heaven today, for Jesus Himself said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Baptism is no part of the Gospel. Paul declared on one occasion that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." (Rom. 1:16). Later on, he made the revelation that baptism was no part of the Gospel. He himself said: "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." (I Cor. 1:17).

I rejoice tonight that I do not



preach to you a Saviour waist deep in the water, but rather, a Saviour who died on the cross. We do not sing

"There is a fountain filled with Water  
Drawn from the city's main;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that Flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."

but rather we sing

"There is a fountain filled with Blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that Flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."

How we rejoice tonight that our salvation doesn't depend upon water, but rather upon the blood of Jesus Christ. Listen to this Scripture: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:9-13, 14).

VII

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross shows us what one can do to be saved. This man repented. One moment you hear him curse Jesus, and a little later, you hear him cry, saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" The very fact that he turned to Jesus and said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," reveals that he became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, his appeal to Jesus was nothing more or less than a confession of the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. This beloved, is all that a sinner can do — he can repent, believe, and confess. Listen: "Repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mk. 1:15), "I tell you, Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk. 13:13). "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:9, 10).

VIII

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross also tells us of the Saviour's readiness to save. Jesus paid no attention to the reproach of the crowd. He did not even listen to the insulting challenge to descend from the cross, but He stopped dying when the thief cried out in faith asking to be saved.

How we do rejoice that the Saviour is always ready to save. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (Jn. 6:37). No one can come to Christ at an unacceptable time. "For the Son of man is come to seek

and to save that which was lost." (Lk. 19:10). The very fact that the Saviour stopped dying long enough to save this thief, would reveal to us the Saviour's readiness to save regardless of who the sinner is, or what his condition may be.

VIII

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross likewise reveals where the saved go at death. It cannot be too strongly argued that the saved go immediately at death to be with the Lord Jesus. Jesus Himself said, "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." When the first Christian martyr was being tried for his life, he said: "Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56). Later, as he was stoned, he called upon God and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." (Acts 7:59). This would reveal that he went at once into the presence of Jesus.

This beloved, is the teaching of all the Word of God, that the Saints of God — those who are genuinely saved — go at once to be with Jesus. Paul made such a revelation to the Church at Corinth: "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8). He also told the same truth to the saints at Philippi: "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ." (Phil. 1:23).

IX

This second saying of the Saviour on the cross likewise shows us how near that one can come to Hell and yet be saved. This man was on the very brink of the pit. One foot was virtually in Hell.

This leads me to say that there is just one step between the sinner and Hell; there is just one pulse beat — the one you are now having; there is just one breath between you and eternity — the one you are now drawing. The sinner is held over the fires of Hell by a single cord — the cord of life. Every unsaved man is daily virtually in Hell. Yet the salvation of this thief reveals to us that one can come exceedingly near to Hell and yet be saved.

May I appeal to that individual who tonight is near to the brink of eternity and close to the pit of Hell. May I beseech you tonight to cry out like the jailer of old, "What must I do to be saved?" May God grant that you shall hear the answer of the Scriptures ringing through the ages, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31).

Whenever I think of the conversion of this thief on the cross, I am reminded of the incident taking place in the life of the great William Dorset, who one day preaching in London, said, "There isn't a man in London but what Christ can save." At the close of the services, a lady missionary asked him to visit a dying wretch in the east end of town. When he walked into the miserable room where the man lay and spoke saying, "My friend," the other said, "You are mistaken, I am not your friend, you are not my friend; I have not a friend in this world." Then

Dorset said to him, "I am your friend, and so is Jesus." The man replied, "He is not a friend of mine, for I have trampled His laws beneath my feet all my life." Then William Dorset told him of this thief who likewise trampled the laws of God beneath his feet, and who in the last expiring moment, came to be saved. When this dying man was saved, he turned to Dorset and said, "I can die happy but for one thing, — if only my earthly father would forgive me as Jesus has." When Dorset visited the father, the latter said, "I have no son Joseph. He is an imposter." Dorset said, "Well, he is your son, but he will not be very long." When the father realized that the son was dying, he hurried with Dorset across the city in time for his son to die in his arms, and for the father to say, "I would have forgiven you long ago if you had only asked me."

That, beloved, is God's attitude toward you tonight. He offers you forgiveness. Humanly speaking, you might have been forgiven long ago if you had only received Him. May God grant to you tonight that you shall receive Jesus and now be saved.

"THE WRITTEN WORD"

Alva Spence, Ironton, Ohio.

I happened on a tract the other day, stating that the Catholic Church had the Bible to itself for 15 centuries. Furthermore it claimed that they could have altered it to suit themselves, had they so desired. I don't believe that, for the simple reason that I do believe God. Listen: "Heaven and earth shall pass away," but my words shall not pass away." (Mark 13:31).

I don't believe that the Catholic organization, the Devil, or any other creature could have changed the Bible or caused God's word to become of no effect. I believe that Jesus meant exactly what he said.

Again, they say that many of the doctrines of the organization are based on tradition, and they are not bound to preach the written word. Friends, it was good enough for the Master for when He was resisting the Devil His answer was, always "It is written." Again John says (as inspired by the Holy Spirit) "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:31).

The New Testament was written before the last of the apostles died, and the Baptist Churches of those days were preaching and teaching the written word, as they have down through the centuries.

There is a scripture that tells us, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." (2 Cor. 13:5). And I thank God that he has given us the means of examination: The written word.

BRAZILLIAN MISSIONS

At the end of the month of June, we mailed Brother Dickerson our check for \$205.89, covering all contributions for the month. Those contributing are:  
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Russell, Kentucky .....	1.00
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Russell, Kentucky .....	1.00
Anonymously .....	1.00
Greenbottom Baptist Church	
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Clyde T. Everman	
Huntington, West Va. ....	1.50
First Baptist Church	
Russell, Kentucky .....	52.32

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Since sending these contributions to Brother Dickerson, we have received for the month of July, the following amounts:

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Kenova, West Va. ....	1.00
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Wayne, West Va. ....	20.00
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## THE INFANT'S SALVATION

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period since a billion or two have answered the summons of death in this period to go out into eternity. What is our hope for them?

'Tis true that in (Psalms 51:5) David said, "Behold! I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

David also said "They go forth from the womb speaking lies as soon as they be born." Again David said, "I said in my haste all men are liars."

A very sad picture but it explodes a false theory. Babies, however innocent, are not angels nor ever will be even when they are grown up. Look at thyself.

After sin entered, God said unto the woman, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; and in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children." Genesis 3:16.

Thus we see the status of an infant is that of a sinner.

Where is the hope of his salvation? Answer, as for the hope of every one's salvation, it is Christ, you say. But how are they saved? Answer, by grace, like everyone else. Did they have to repent and believe? No, sin was not charged to the infant's account. Romans 5:13. "For until the law, sin was in the world but sin was not imputed when there is no law." There is no law given to the infant. God requires no answer from the infant (nor idiots).

The 14th verse of Romans 5 states, "nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression." So infants died through that period of some 2500 years as they continue to die in this day, only many more because more are born now than before Moses' day. Where is the consolation? The 14th verse continues, "who is the figure of Him that was to come (the seed of the woman) Christ. A figure means a likeness. They say figures don't lie. How much more true are Gods figures? Paul said of the adults who are saved we shall wake in His likeness. No one in His likeness will ever suffer in Hell. Some may ask, who never sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression? You may search history, dissect society, and explore God's word and the only class of people who never sinned are the infants against which there is no law. Matt. 19:14 Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Again Matt. 18:3, "Except ye be

## TWO GOOD MEETINGS

Since we have secured our new tent, the Lord has seen fit to give us two good revivals. We had a splendid meeting in Russell, and are now engaged in a second one in Coalgrove, Ohio.

Again we thank God for each contributor and each contribution received toward this part of our work. If you live within "going distance", we invite you to worship with us in our tent meeting now in progress in Coalgrove, Ohio.

We expect to keep this tent busy this summer, and we ask that you remember us much in prayer that the Lord will provide for us the physical strength we need in order to carry on this work.

converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

Likeness of little children is the pattern or figure of kingdom subjects.

Many believe that all infants have a guardian angel in Heaven to represent them before God. Listen to Matt. 18:10, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven, their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven." The salvation of all infants is in the economy of God's grace in the exceeding riches of grace. Ephesians 2:7.

Sprinkling infants and calling them baptized has nothing to do with their salvation. It is anti-Christian, anti-Bible, and anti-God. It is another sin added to those who practice it. It belongs by virtue of originality to the Roman Catholics and for my part they can keep it there, and God pity any who follow in their steps to practice infant baptism for salvation.

Infants do have to be saved or else no salvation but the process of the spirit's operation was not revealed, neither is that of the adult. The wind blows when and where it pleases no man can hinder it. You can hear it but know not where it came from or whither it goeth. So is every one that is born of the spirit. That was just as near as Jesus came to explaining it.

Once more — this will give you something to provoke thought. All children who die in infancy go to Heaven. But will they be wee babies in eternity helpless, without knowledge?

Many deformed and defectives have been born only to live here awhile. Will they be deformed in the eternity? If so then satan got one victory over Christ.

Sin is the workings of Satan and death and disease is the product of sin.

Christ put the last enemy under His feet and conquered all foes, death Hell and the grave, arose victorious from every battle with satan, put the enemy behind Him, put him under His feet cast him into Hell shut the lid down tight and locked him there and has the keys of death and Hell. And He has eternal salvation for all who die in infancy and we who have believed on His name. That is good enough for me.

## WITH DICKERSON IN BRAZIL

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it out of the sun during the summer, and in a room where the air was warm during the winter. On the side, that is the prettiest one I have seen.

The meeting must have been a good one. We rejoice with you in the additions made to the church, and hope the good work continues. You are in the midst of a great field, opportunities on every side.

Those invitations from West Virginia are certainly encouraging.

We sure hated to have Wayne leave us, but we thought it best for him. We would not selfishly stand in his way, and then is nothing here for one in his circumstances.

Our work here is much the same. My wife, out of her tithe, has personally bought and distributed over 300 Testaments so far this year.

Of course, even yet, I am not fluent

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idence. My prayer is that every church may be led by the Lord to take hold of and try to remedy the broad-spread evil of their strapped church members. If the churches which these people left would co-operate and urge members to live for Jesus where they now reside, it would help a lot.

A good friend of mine, David M. Hughes, a well known Baptist evangelistic singer, and I plan to make a "recording" of a typical conversation between a Pastor and a Baptist in his community who has never moved his letter. The dialogue will run somewhat as follows:

Pastor — "Mr. Deadwood, I am the pastor of the Baptist Church, and I have come to ask you to worship with us, and if the Lord leads you, to unite with our church by letter. Certainly, the thing that you want to do is to live for Jesus where you live?"

Mr. Deadwood — "I'll study about it, but I don't think I want to just at present."

Pastor — "Just as 'now' is the accepted time of salvation, don't you think 'now' is the time to come and be one of us?"

Mr. Deadwood — "Brother, I might do it, but to tell the truth, wife and I don't know just how long we will live here."

Pastor — "How long have you lived here, Brother Deadwood?"

Mr. Deadwood — "Well, let see now. We came here in August, 1917. I think it was on the thirteenth day of August and on a Friday. That would make it twenty-three years, almost twenty-four."

Pastor — "That is a long time, and I am afraid you are just making an excuse when you say you don't know how long you will live here. If I am correct you own your own home, and your business is here."

Mr. Deadwood — "Oh, I guess that isn't the reason; to tell you the truth, Ma and I support a little church out in the country where we came from. There are very few out there now and they need our money more than your church."

Pastor — "That is a commendable thing to do. The great majority never send as much as a penny to support

in the use of the language. Under our Heavenly Father's blessing, I could do a good work teaching a body of believers, people with interest in what I was saying, but of course it is different with the unconverted. They absolutely have no interest. However, we are reaching many with the word and our testimony. Maybe the harvest will yet be given.

Glad you have a good tent at last, and that you are making good use of it.

I didn't think Russia and Germany would fight. Simply another proof of how little I know.

We are well as usual. The unit for our refrigerator is due the 4th, my birthday.

Hope you are well even better than when you wrote. And that all the family, and the church are well.

In Jesus Name,  
C. W. Dickerson

the churches they have left, and it rejoices my heart that you are relieving the financial burden at Drifting Springs. Yet, Brother Deadwood, you live here now. You are making your living off the people of this town. Many of the members of our local congregation aid in your livelihood, Your wife is here. Your children are here. Your furniture is here. Everything you have is here. Why not your church membership?"

Mr. Deadwood — "There is something I haven't told you, and I am sure you will understand when I mention it. My wife's mother and father are buried in the little cemetery by the church where we have kept our letter. My wife doesn't want to join here while they are out there."

Pastor — "You study God's word, I am sure. Tell Mrs. Deadwood that her mother and father's souls are in the presence of God, that only the remains of their earthly tabernacle are in the cemetery by the church there. Tell Mrs. Deadwood that her mother and father, could they speak to her from their happy home would urge her to let her life witness for Jesus where she lives and help the church here.

Mr. Deadwood — "I'll study about it. But I don't think I'll want to at present. Come to see us, Brother, at every opportunity. You know, I'll get mad if you don't come to see us."

The pastor leaves Brother Deadwood, and is it strange that his heart is filled with sadness? As a matter of record neither Mr. Deadwood or his wife supported the old church out in the country. Mr. Deadwood finally passed on and Mrs. Deadwood called in the pastor of the local church and asked him to preach from the fourteenth chapter of John, and said her husband reminded her so much of Barnabas.

The above dialogue would be amusing, if it did not so inevitably suggest the tragic truth of broadspread indifference among members to get to heaven at the least possible cost to themselves in sacrificial service to the Lord whom they profess to love and trust.

If a church member moves to a new community, it is wise for him to unite with a church immediately. It is wise not to wait until the pastor calls, or anyone in the membership calls. Don't wait for the church to prove itself, prove yourself worthy of the church. Let the church clerk write for your letter.

Do not get a letter and put it in a trunk. It is no honor to be a 'trunk Baptist.' It would help if pastors would tell members who are leaving their churches that Christ wants them to work for Him in the place they are going. As pastors we should build people around Christ and not selfishly around ourselves.

Finally this preacher has practiced what he suggests. One of the great joys in my ministry is to see people who have left the church, unite immediately elsewhere. It is sad to see them go, but the work of Christ is all over the world, not only in the church that God has permitted me to under-shepherd. Our goal should be that all people, live for Jesus where they live.