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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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## Circus Man Now Ready For Coffin He Bought 20 Years Ago

From Sarasota, Florida, by United Press comes the news that Joe Dan Miller, 84-year-old boss porter and oldest employee of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey combined circus, died after a brief illness.

It was expected that the body would be sent immediately to the Jackson, Tenn., funeral home where the provident Joe Dan bought and paid for a handsome bronze coffin and shroud 20 years ago.

Joe Dan's annual inspection visits to the funeral home have been circus world legend for more than a decade. Around the lot, they'll tell you that Joe Dan was wont to remove his shoes and get in the coffin—just to make sure "everything was snug." He extended his meticulous examination to the linen shroud which hung in a dust-proof bag.

To secure the shroud, the coffin and the cemetery lot is to attend to the needs of the body at death—but man is not all body—he also possesses a "spirit" and a "soul" (I Thess. 5:23).

Neither the spirit nor the soul enter the shroud, coffin, or lot. They require a different type of preparation. At death they leave the body for the place for which they are prepared.

Twice over the Apostle Paul assures believers that absence from the body means their presence with the Lord.

He says: "We are confident—and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8) to die is gain—to depart and to be with Christ; which is far better." (Phil. 1:21-23).

The necessary preparation for such a glorious departure is personal  
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## Poor Fido

I am reminded of the story of the little girl, who, coming home from a Christian Science Sunday-school, was asked by her mother to change her dress.

Picking up her little dog Fido, she ran upstairs, changed her dress, and as she started down she tripped and fell. The mother came screaming, "Darning, are you hurt?"

She replied, "No, Mother! Every time I hit a step, I said 'Truth! Truth! Truth!' but poor Fido must be almost killed, for, every time he  
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## "I GO BEFORE"

Child of my love, fear not the unknown morrow,  
Dread not the new demand life makes of thee;  
Thy ignorance doth hold no cause for sorrow  
Since what thou knowest not is known to me.

Thou canst not see today the hidden meaning  
Of My command, but thou the light shalt gain;  
Walk on in faith, upon My promise leaning,  
And as thou goest all shall be made plain.

One step thou seest—then go forward boldly,  
One step is far enough for faith to see;  
Take that, and thy next duty shall be told thee,  
For step by step thy Lord is leading thee.

Stand not in fear thy adversaries counting,  
Dare every peril, save to disobey;  
Thou shalt march on, all obstacles surmounting,  
For I, the Strong, will open up the way.

Wherefore go gladly to the task assigned thee  
Having My promise, needing nothing more  
Than just to know, where'er the future find thee,  
In all thy journeying I go before.

Author unknown

## "WORKING OUT OUR SALVATION"

Eld. D. B. Eastep, Covington, Ky.  
"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" — Philippians 2:12.

This is admittedly a difficult passage of Scripture, but if interpreted in the light of the context difficulties disappear. Let us read verses 12 to 16: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

Though the church at Philippi was

an unusual church, it was not without fault. There was evidently some worldliness in it. See 3:19. There was also a group of legalists or Judaizers in the church, or there was at least such a group exerting an influence over it. This we find by reading 3:2, 3. But the greatest weakness in the church was division. This division was brought about by two good women—Euodias and Syntyche (4:2). If one reads the epistle carefully he will notice Paul continually appealing for unity. See 1:27; 2:14; 3:17; 4:2 and other passages.

This passage (v. 12) cannot have to do with the salvation of the soul, because to work for such salvation is contrary to the teaching of the whole Bible on the subject. See Ephesians 2:8, 9; Rom. 4:4, 5; 11:6; Titus 3:5, etc. Since no Scripture is of "private interpretation" (II Peter 1:20) Philippians 2:12 cannot have reference to personal and eternal sal-

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## Why There Can Never Be Permanent Universal Peace In This Age

We have often made the statement that there HAS NEVER been peace in the world among its people. This we know to be true from history. We have made the further statement that THERE WILL never be permanent universal peace during this age. This looks plausible from the mere human standpoint, since the history of the past has been indicative of the future. We have made the further statement that THERE CAN NOT Be permanent universal peace in the world during this age. Now this is an awful statement, and many find it too strong for them to believe. But it is so, and we shall set forth some reasons for making such a statement, presently.

### The Modernist's Fallacy

It is assumed by the leaders of all the big denominations today—Baptists included, that despite temporary setbacks the world is gradually moving upwards, and that eventually we shall have a warless world. This is taught in all modernist seminaries, and our semi-modernist Baptist seminaries give their students about the same slant. All sorts of peace moves have been made by church leaders of the modernistic stripe. But despite all this the truth remains that we shall never have permanent universal peace during this age. And this nation may fight to preserve democracy, but eventually democracy is going to be banished from the earth, for anti-Christ is to be a dictator, and he is as certain to come as the Bible is the Word of God. However, in the present war—the democracies may temporarily win out. This MAY NOT be God's time for the rise of anti-Christ. We don't  
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## Phone Call Record

Cat calls and heckling from a long line of impatient soldiers, waiting to use a Camp Callan pay telephone turned into cheers for private Robert P. Kronewitter, recently.

He set a new high for Army pay-as-you-go phone calls at the San Diego camp by talking for 21 minutes to South Bend, Ind.

Kronewitter, a bridegroom of less than three months, was celebrating his wife's birthday by talking to her on the telephone.

Before he finished, he had put 69  
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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"

"Thanks be unto God his unspeakable gift." — 2 Cor. 9:15.

The practice of gift-giving is age old. Through the centuries from the earliest dawn of man's history, men have been giving and receiving gifts from one another. When the queen of Sheba came to visit Solomon, she brought to him the choicest and the finest gifts obtainable. Listen: "And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that have spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart." (2 Kings 10:1, 2).

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## POOR FIDO—

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hit, he yelped, 'Error! Error! Error!'

—Western Recorder.

## PUT IN YOUR BIBLE

Here is a handy table, which it would be well to cut out or copy for reference in your Bible studies:

A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles.

A Sabbath Day's journey was about an English mile.

A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches

A hand's-breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches

A finger's-breadth is equal to one inch

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents

A shekel of gold was \$8.00.

A talent of silver was \$538.30.

A talent of gold was \$13,809.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A farthing was three cents.

A mite was less than a quarter of a cent.

A gerah was one cent.

An ephah, or bath, contained seven gallons and five pints.

A bin was a gallon and two pints.

An omer was six points.—Selected.

## APPRECIATED COMMENTS

"Just received the first copy since you took over THE BIBLICAL ECHO, and must say that I am delighted with the size and contents of my new paper. Let me know when my subscription becomes due again."

J. A. Dunlap  
Jacksonville, Fla.

The following "Diary" of Mrs. Foolemgood, we find in the bulletin of the First Church, Canton, Mo.

Sunday: Slight cold, kept in.

Monday: Washed and ironed.

Tuesday: Went to club.

Wednesday: Oh my head! No prayer meeting tonight.

Thursday: Lodge in the evening.

Friday: Out to dinner.

Saturday: Entertained the Browns.

Sunday: All in!

All, all, all of grace. It is grace that delivers us from the guilt, the doom, the despair, and the domination of sin; and it is grace that works in us to will, to do, to be that which God delights in and will honor.—Charles G. Moore.

Voltaire said, "I hate life, and yet I hate to die." Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

Examine many of your troubles and you'll find your own name stamped on them as the manufacturer.

Wild oats need no fertilizer.

## ANOTHER NEW ONE ON THE EDITOR

Through Brother Lloyd Harper, we have learned that some churches in Texas even have their Sunday ball games of their groups printed in their church bulletins. Somehow, we remember a Scripture which says, "But from the beginning it was not so."

## WHAT A PITY

We just have a letter from Elder R. Y. Blalock of Antioch, California, who says, "I want to say, as to the Fundamentalists out here that they are all alien immersionists, open communionists, and many are just community churches."

## PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS

The editor received a letter this past week from a young friend in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, —one of our draftees. He said, "The boys here don't seem to think anything about God." Certainly in the light of the fact that the U. S. O. is doing all it can to tear down the spiritual life of the boys in our camps, and with so little being done to build up the spiritual life, we need to remember them day by day in prayer.

## A NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Brother Bert C. Caldwell who is pastor of the Westmoreland Baptist Church, launched a new broadcast through station WCMI on Sunday morning, October 5, which program is made possible by free-will contributions.

We invite all of our friends to listen each Sunday morning from eight-thirty until nine o'clock, to make whatever contributions may be possible for this work, and to remember Brother Caldwell in prayer, and especially the lost ones to whom he shall minister by way of the radio.

## A FINE LETTER

Brother R. G. Holland of Laurel, Mississippi, one of the most faithful supporters of our ministry, says in part. "I know you do have a hard time to get the paper out at times. I wish I could help and do more for it. You will never know until you get to Heaven the good you have done, nor how many have been won from error to the gospel truth. I trust that the Lord is blessing. . . and that Brother Gilpin has the strength that God can give for the task."

How we wish that there were many who might write us accordingly.

## WORKING OUT OUR SALVATION

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vation. We feel as did the little girl who listened to the old Methodist preacher preach on this text as he

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, had without hypocrisy. James 3:17.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. James 5:18.

exhorted men to work to be saved. The little girl listened intently all during the service. When she arrived home she asked her mother, "Mother, how can we work out what has never been worked in?" Exactly so!

Now let us note the setting and context. Paul, who founded the Philippian church, was at the time of the writing of this letter, a prisoner in Rome. Epaphroditus, a trusted member of the church, had brought to him in prison a gift from this beloved church (4:18). Naturally Paul would inquire of him as to the state of the church in that city. "How are all the saints at Philippi, Epaphroditus?", seems the most reasonable question from the aged apostle. Then Epaphroditus told him of the true conditions, and no doubt emphasized the possible split over these two women. It takes no stretch of the imagination to believe that some of the brethren said to Epaphroditus when he started on his long journey to Rome: "Epaphroditus, tell Paul to come back to Philippi and help us if at all possible. If he were here he could control the situation and could get the whole matter settled, for both sides like Paul." In addition to other exhortations Paul wrote to them answering their request: "Brethren and sisters when I was with you you always obeyed me, and even when I was absent from you, you obeyed me. Why can you not obey now in my absence? It seems improbable that I shall be able to be with you. So you will have to work out your own salvation; I cannot help you." He was talking about the salvation or the saving of that church. It was about to go on the rocks. It was in need of being saved from a split, and eventually destruction. That was the salvation which Paul had in mind. Is not that plain enough?

Now notice the basis of his appeal in the next few verses (13-16). In verses 14 to 16 he continues, "Do not be fussing and fighting all the time, do all things without murmurings and disputings (v. 14)." Why? "That ye may be blameless and harmless. You live in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. YOU are its only light. If they do not see Christ in you they will never see Him. Therefore hold forth the word of life. If you are split and fighting the world will not see the light." Possibly Paul had in mind the words of Christ as He told His own that "by this shall all men know that ye are My disciples because ye have love one for another" (John 13:35).

"Can we work out our own salvation and save the church?" they might ask. Paul no doubt contemplated such a question on their part. So he answers it by saying that it can be done. He says, "For it is God who worketh in you who will make you willing and able (v. 13)." In other words, God will make the fighting element willing to "bury the hatchet" and will give them the grace or ability to do so. "If you look to Him it can be done," Paul says. "I cannot be with you, therefore, work out your own salvation." And he adds, "It is a serious and 'ticklish' matter, so do it with fear and trembling."



# "GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"

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In contemplating in prophecy the coming of Christ, the Psalmist prophesied that gifts would be given to the Lord Jesus. We read, "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts."

(Psa. 72:10).

When Jesus came to this world, the wise men journeyed from the east and presented Him with their gifts from that far country. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11).

Yet, long before the days of the birth of Jesus, or the time when the queen of Sheba visited Solomon, we find Jacob and Esau, after having been estranged from one another for years, meeting to become friends again. It was then that Jacob gave to Esau 220 goats, 220 sheep, 30 camels, 50 head of cattle, and 30 beasts of burden. Listen to their conversation: "And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord. And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it." (Gen. 33:8-11).

However, in the realm of gift-giving, the greatest gift ever received by man, was the Lord Jesus Christ. Greater than the gifts of Jacob to Esau, and greater than the gifts of the queen of Sheba to Solomon, and greater than the gifts of the wise men to Jesus, is God's gift of Jesus to man. Paul contemplated this gift to say, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Cor. 9:15).

A few years ago, a friend from back up in the mountains, came to my home early in the morning even before I had awakened. He had in his car an unwanted baby which had been born the night before to some young girl back up in Harlan County. Knowing me, he came to see if I would assist him in getting this baby into the Baptist Orphan's Home in Louisville. I immediately changed my plans for the day, got in the car with him, and drove to Louisville; and by God's grace, was able to get the baby into the Baptist Orphan's Home. When we returned to Russell that night, and I stood by the car door to shake hands with him before he left, he leaned out of the machine and with big tears in his eyes, said, "Brother Gilpin, I just can't find words to tell you how much I appreciate what you have

done for me."

Well, it was that spirit which motivated Paul to speak thus of Jesus in our text. Paul just couldn't find words to describe Jesus as God's gift to us. So wonderful a gift was Jesus, that Paul couldn't find the words to describe Him. Hence, he said, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Cor. 9:15).

## I

This gift of Jesus was unspeakable because it came from unspeakable love. It was love which sent the Lord Jesus Christ into this world. It was love which caused Him to tabernacle in the flesh with us for thirty-three years. It was love which caused Him to travel those numberless miles and preach those multitudinous sermons. It was love which brought Him to Gethsemane and caused Him to sweat great drops of bloody perspiration. It was love which brought Him into the judgment hall of the Sanhedrin, Caiaphas, Pilate, and Herod; but love found its greatest expression at Calvary.

I turn through the Bible, and read of God's love for sinners. Listen: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 Jn. 3:16). "We love him, because he first loved us." (1 Jn. 4:19). "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8).

However, the greatest expression of all relative to God's love is found in the golden text of the Bible—John 3:16—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life." And yet withal, beloved, John 3:16 never means so much to me until I come to stand beside the cross and see there Jesus dying for my sins. As we stand beside the cross, each of us can say, "Behold what love, what endless love; The Father hath bestowed, On sinners lost that we should be Now called the Sons of God."

It was when Charles Wesley contemplated the cross, beholding the pain as it leaped along the arteries of His body, and seeing the blood fall drop by drop from the blessed veins of His pierced flesh, and on seeing there the death of Christ, he wrote,

"Love divine, all love excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down!"

I say then, beloved, that this gift of gifts was an unspeakable gift because it came from unspeakable love.

## II

This gift was unspeakable because it involved an unspeakable sacrifice. We cannot think of Jesus without thinking of Calvary, and Calvary means sacrifice. It means the sacrifice of God's Son, and much a sacrifice of God's Son, and such a sacrifice. The apostle Peter makes reference to this sacrifice. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (1 Pet. 3:18). The apostle

Paul also makes reference to this unspeakable sacrifice. "For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:21). "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3).

Though these make reference to this sacrifice of Christ, it still remains unspeakable, for though they make reference to it, neither of them could find the words to describe it. The mind of man cannot fathom it. The imagination of man cannot go deep enough to truly understand this sacrifice. God gave His only Son, which Son came to this world to be crucified. See Him as the nails pierced His hands and His feet. See Him as His side was riven with a spear. See Him as His forehead was torn by the crown of thorns. See His blood as it dropped from His body. See Him as He suffers until He cries, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Surely this was an unspeakable gift. No words of tongue or pen could ever describe it. Surely then the gift itself was unspeakable in view of the unspeakable and indescribable sacrifice which was involved.

## III

Furthermore, this gift was unspeakable since it was undeserved. I remember several years ago a certain well-known preacher announced that he would speak one Sunday morning from the subject, "What God owes Man." I don't know what he had to say in his discourse, but I do know that God owes man nothing. Every one of us would go to hell if we were to receive justice, and if each of us today could receive our just deserts, it would mean a devil's hell for us.

I say emphatically, beloved, that none of us deserve the gift which is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to these Scriptures: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17:9). "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one: 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). "But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Gal. 3:22).

In the light of these Scriptures which tell us of our spiritual condition, how then could any one believe that he deserved to be saved.

I say then that in view of our sinful estate, and since we do not deserve salvation, then the gift which we have in Christ Jesus is unspeakable, being so undeserved on our part.

## IV

In like manner, this gift was un-

speakable since it is needed so badly by each of us. Not only is it true that we do not deserve it, it is equally true that it is badly needed. I remember a number of years ago attending a Christmas celebration where Santa Clause gave out the gifts about a Christmas tree. In joyous ecstasy each child received its gift to say, "It's just what I needed." Of course, mother and father knew what each child needed, and therefore had planned that Santa Clause should deliver these. So it is with us. God has given us just the very gift that we needed in Jesus.

How badly we do need Him! The Scriptures declare that we are children of the devil. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (Jn. 8:44).

The Scriptures also declare that we are spiritually dead. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2:1). We also read that we are the children of disobedience. "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." (Eph. 2:3). Furthermore, the Scriptures refer to our spiritual condition declaring that we are lost and dead. When the prodigal son came home, the father said, "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." (Luke 15:24). Surely then, beloved, in view of the fact that we are children of the devil, spiritually dead, the children of disobedience, and especially since we are lost and dead unto God, then certainly we need the gift of Jesus Christ. It would be impossible to say how badly we need Him, and therefore since needed so badly, this gift is unspeakable.

## V

This gift is likewise unspeakable since it brings us unspeakable results. It is truly wonderful the results which are ours through this gift.

The first result is that it makes us complete in Christ. "And ye are of all principality and power." (Col. of all principality and power." (Cor. 2:10). Then since we are complete in Him, we need not baptism, nor the Lord's Supper, nor church membership, nor reformation for our salvation. How wonderful it is to know that we are complete in Him, and that we need nothing more. The sinner does not need a priest, for Jesus has become his great High Priest, and the only mediator the sinner needs is the Lord Jesus. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5). How marvelous then is this that each sinner who repentingly turns to Christ is complete in Him.

The second result which is ours through this unspeakable gift, is that



all of our sins are forgiven when we come to Christ. Listen: "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." (Col. 2:13). "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14). "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I Jn. 1:7). Now look at these Scriptures, which to put them altogether, declare that when one is saved, he is forgiven of all trespasses, all iniquities, and all sins. This is the same message we have given us by the lips of Jesus Himself. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (Jn. 5:24). What a marvelous result then is this that all of our sins are forgiven.

Yet these, wonderful as they are, are the only results which come from receiving Jesus as a gift, for the Scriptures declare that God not only forgives us of all our sins, but furthermore, that He will not charge any future sins to us. "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." (Rom. 4:7, 8). Here is a verse which declares that God does not impute nor charge sin to the man who has believed on Jesus Christ. The reason is obvious: Instead of charging our sins to us, they are charged to the Lord Jesus Himself. Wonderful then is this to know that all of our past sins are forgiven, and that all of our future sins will be charged to Jesus.

Yet withal, there is an even more wonderful result which comes from receiving this gift of life which is ours in Christ Jesus, for the individual who has done so, has not only a blessed present, but a glorious future promised unto him. Listen: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is." (I Jn. 3:2). Here is a verse which declares that right now we are sons of God, and that in the "sweet by and by" we shall be made to look like the Lord Jesus Himself. Surely our present is marvelous, and if anything could be greater than our present position, it is that of the promise we have relative to our future estate.

These then are some of the results which come by receiving Jesus. Look at them again: To receive Him means that we are complete in Christ; it means that all of our sins are forgiven; it means that God won't charge any future sins to us; it means that we are enjoying a blessed present relationship, and that we have the promise of a still more glorious future relationship. In the light of these unspeakable results,

then certainly we must say that the gift is unspeakable too.

Now then a question logically follows: How can Christ become our Saviour? Paul declares that He is a gift. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." (2 Cor. 9:15). "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). Then since He is a gift, we must receive Him as a gift. A gift is not to be worked for, it is not to be paid for, and it is not to be asked for. If you want Jesus Christ and the salvation which can be yours through Him, then you must receive Him just as you might receive a gift from some friend. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them believe on his name." (Jn. 1:11, 12). A preacher friend was telling me some months ago of preaching for the Indians out in Oklahoma. He said that an old Indian chief heard the message of Christ's love for the first time, and when the preacher had been preaching only a few minutes, the Indian took his saddle off his donkey and walking down to the front of the church building, gave it to Christ. Then as the preacher continued his message, he took his gun and laid it down. And still later in the same sermon, he led his donkey down to the front and gave it to Christ. Then at the close of the service, when he fully saw the truth that Christ had died for his sins, he came publicly to yield himself to Christ and to receive Christ as a Saviour.

My prayer to God in your behalf is that you might today yield to Him now and receive Him as your Saviour.

#### WHY THERE CAN NEVER BE PERMANENT UNIVERSAL PEACE IN THIS AGE

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know.

But Why Can't There Be Universal Peace In This Age?

##### REASONS:

1. Because God's Word Says There Won't Be.

God knows all things (See Acts 15:18) Jesus foresaw the course of this age, and He predicted "wars and rumors of wars" as the course of human history during this age. (See Matt. 24:6-8.) (See Dan. 9:26 correct rendering is, "Unto the end, wars are determined").

2. Because Human Nature is Sinful.

Why even churches have quarrels and fights, when they are partially composed of Christians. How then, expect the unsaved world to get along? They don't and won't. Human nature would have to be completely changed to eliminate war, and anybody knows that who will think for a minute.

3. Because the Devil Is Loose.

One of the first steps that must be taken before the nations quit their warring, is the binding of Satan. (See Rev. 20:1-3). No peace while that old rascal is loose.

#### 4. Because We Must Have A Just And Perfect And All Powerful Ruler to Enforce Peace.

Much of the war of this earth is caused by RULERS and RULING CLASSES. Look at how Mussolini flung the Italian people into war against Greece. Look at the way Hitler invaded the smaller countries of Europe. And England is probably just as blameworthy, for it has been dominated by a powerful ruling clique who did anything for money. But Christ will be a perfect Ruler. He will govern in righteousness. (Read Isaiah 11:1-5).

#### 5. Because The Prince of Peace Has Not Returned.

No universal peace until the Prince of Peace comes. (Read Isa. 2:1-5). How And When Will Wars End?

Wars will end with the destructions of the armies of the world at Armageddon. Military power will be completely destroyed by the returning Christ, who will institute an entirely new order. (Read Rev. 19:1-21). What About Christians In This Age?

We are to seek for such peace as is possible. (See Matt. 5:9). In our hearts we may have peace. (Coloss. 3:15). Above all, every person needs to be AT PEACE with God their Maker. How may that be? See Romans 5:1. We believe that it is wrong to bear arms save in DEFENSE. Otherwise one may be killing the innocent and the helpless who are not to blame. THE HOPE OF THIS WORLD IS CHRIST — APART FROM HIM, NONE.

—Roy Mason Editor  
of Faith and Life.

#### PHONE CALL RECORD

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quarters and three nickles in the slot. Every time he rang the coin box gong, the boys outside the booth, who finally caught on to the fact that this was no ordinary call, roared their approval and urged him to keep going.

Said Kronewitter, emerging from the booth with a sweaty brow and a sublime expression on his face:

"It sure was worth it!"

There is another long-distance "call" which is surely "worth it," which we would encourage all believers to make.

It may incite cat calls and heckling from "the boys" until they realize that it is "no ordinary call"—but a heart call to the One who is the Lover of our souls.

There is no time limit nor money charge for this call. Why not step into the booth—your closet—and put in the call now?

He says: "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:3). Isn't that worth it?

Again He says: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15). Isn't deliverance from trouble worth the call?

"The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth" (Psalm 145:18). Isn't the consciousness of the nearness of the Lord's presence worth the call?

The more the believer calls upon Him in truth, the more inclined he will be to say with the Psalmist: "I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplication. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live." (Psalm 116:1-2). "It sure is worth it."

#### CIRCUS MAN NOW READY FOR COFFIN HE BOUGHT 20 YEARS AGO

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faith in the One who met and conquered death for our sins — and who now lives in the power of an endless life.

"Jesus can make a dying bed

Feel soft as downy pillows are;

While on His breast I lean my head

And breathe my life out sweetly there."

"Everything is snug" for the person who, so to speak, removes the shoes of his own works for salvation and rests entirely on the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—From "Now"

#### WEDDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jackson, Ohio.
2. Bernard Petrella, 21, Railroad-er, and Doreen Sumner, 21, Columbus, Ohio.
3. Andrew J. Harber, 23, Laborer, and Lolita Wilgus, 21, Proctorville, Ohio.
4. Edgar Bradley, 24, Clerk, and Marie Nelson, 21, Louisa, Kentucky.
5. Harry Oden Roberts, 21, Draftsman, and Dorothy Eileen Wagner, 21, Columbus, Ohio.
6. Curtis Halstead, 21, Miner, and Juanita Farley, 18, Omar, West Va.
7. Tyrus Perry, 21, Carpenter, and Mildred Mae Perry, 22, Milton, West Va.
8. Howard Fenn, 24, Laborer, and Lucille Moore, 21, Kinsman, Ohio.
9. Leon F. Winter, 35, Accountant, and Dolly M. Stump, 29, Charleston, West Va.
10. Raymond Burchett, 23, Salesman, and Hazel Phipps, 15, Greenup, Kentucky.
11. Marlyn Guss, 21, Ice Man, and Ruth Terry, 21, Zanesville, Ohio.
12. Oscar Gullett, 47, Steel worker, and Zella Kelly, 46, Ashland, Kentucky.

#### APPRECIATED COMMENTS

Dear Brother Gilpin,

We have been reading your paper for about two years, and enjoy reading the good sermons and other articles found in it. In reading your sermons, we are convinced that you are a sound Baptist, that you are a strong defender of the Faith, and that you deserve the support of all lovers of the truth. We are inclosing five dollars for which please renew our subscription for two years from date of expiration, and use the other four dollars to help in the support of missions as you think best.

Yours very truly,

J. E. Wilkinson and family  
Carlsbad, New Mexico.