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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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### How An Infidel Lawyer Came To Know Jesus, As His Saviour

(From "Life Of Arthur T. Pierson")

At the close of a service, according to my custom, I invited anyone who was impressed with his need of Christ to meet me in the inquirers' room.

A young man of about thirty years of age responded. He was tall, stalwart, intelligent, and would have been fine looking but for a cloud that seemed to cover his countenance. In fact, his face seemed furrowed, as though his life had been a battle with sin and care, and he had been terribly worsted in the contest. I said to him:

"I take it that you are here to talk with me about your spiritual interests. Will you let me into the very heart of your difficulty?"

"Well," said he, "I suppose you would consider my case a desperate one. I am an unbeliever, a disbeliever, an infidel."

"But," I replied, "I suppose there are some things you believe. Do you believe the Bible to be the Book of God?"

"No, sir."

"Do you believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God?"

"No, sir."

"At least, I suppose that you believe in a God."

"There may be a God, but I cannot say that I believe there is. I do not know."

"Then why are you here, if you do not believe in the Bible, or in Christ, and are not even sure there is any God?"

"I heard you preach, and it seems to me that you must believe something and that it gives you peace and comfort."

"You are quite right," I answered.

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### Spiritual Poise In War Time

No, we are hardly surprised that our beloved country is now in the war. We are more surprised that we have not been in before.

Much will be said in many Christian magazines about the situation from the Christian standpoint. May we briefly suggest seven things that the Christian may well do in the war time days:

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### HE KNOWS, HE KNOWS!

There are so many things I cannot understand,  
Just why the thorn must grow upon the rose:  
Yet there is One whose wisdom excels all,  
He knows, He knows.

In my frail mind, I do not understand,  
Just why there are so many things I must oppose,  
Yet I am sure there's One who understands,  
He knows, He knows.

I do not know why clouds hang dark and low,  
And there is fear in every stormy wind that blows,  
But there is One who slumbereth not nor sleeps,  
He knows, He knows.

I cannot see nor can I understand just yet,  
How He conquered death and from the tomb arose  
To liberate the world from sin and death,  
Yet He knows, He knows.

I do not know why I am sometimes led  
Through paths that lead me to the doorway of my foes,  
But there is One who smiles and understands,  
He knows, He knows.

He knows His sheep, and calls them all by name,  
He leads us past and through our unknown foes,  
So I shall be content to follow as He leads,  
He knows, He knows.

Mrs. Minor Reed  
Raceland, Kentucky

It is a joy to the editor to share this poem with our readers, especially since the author of it was saved during his ministry in the first year of his present pastorate — nearly thirteen years ago.

### WE FACE A NEW YEAR

And what a year it promises to be! Great Britain, the United States, and her allies have approximately one billion human beings aligned against Germany and her allies of 30,000,000. Thus, nearly all of the world is directly or indirectly involved in this present war.

On every hand the question is asked, "Who's going to win?" And our answer to all is, "No one." Every nation involved will be the loser.

Yet, nearer home even greater menaces loom on the horizon. The booze, bad breath, and bingo crowd spent \$223 per capita for the things that destroy.

Modernists and higher critics continue in their attempt the destruction of the Word of God, and thus offer a lifeless, powerless, gospel-less ministry to a dying world.

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### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "INTRODUCING JESUS"

"And there were certain Greeks among them, that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus." (John 12:20-22).

It is an art to be able to properly introduce folk. In fact, it such a fine art that very few have ever mastered it. Very few realize that it makes any difference whether you present the man to the lady, or the lady to the man. Likewise, there are very few who know whether to present the older person to the younger, or the younger person to the older. I speak from my own observation when I say that very very few know how to properly introduce their friends.

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### Heir To Five Million Dollars Dies In Film Tragedy Recently

(By Tom M. Olson)

Only a few days ago Jack Budlong, handsome, 28-year-old, hard-riding polo-playing scion of wealth, could have been regarded as one of the most fortunate young men in the world.

He had but recently inherited a fortune estimated at \$5,000,000. He was happy with his bride of less than a year. He was looking forward to parenthood.

But death shadowed Jack Budlong's home where his young widow wept inconsolably. Budlong died as the result of a weird accident in which he was involved while working, "just for the fun of it," as a modestly paid bit player in a motion picture.

Impaled on Own Sabre

Enacting the role of a cavalryman in a battle of Gettysburg scene being filmed at Calabasas, Budlong was thrown when his horse reared and he was impaled upon the heavy Civil War type sabre he was carrying, the blade piercing his abdomen.

Our sympathies are with the widow in her deep bereavement.

"Just for the fun of it," often given as the only reason for many actions today. One can appreciate Jack Budlong's use of the phrase, for he was enacting the role of a Gettysburg cavalryman "just for the fun of it."

But there are others who even go so far as to resort to violence "just for the fun of it," without thinking of its results upon themselves and others.

Jesting Called Madness

The Scripture speaks of the jester who "casteth firebrands, arrows and death. . . and saith 'Am not I in sport?'" (Prov. 26:18-19).

He may bear no malice, he may indulge no revenge; what he does may

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### The Devil and The Bible

At the recent Keswick Convention, Pastor Graham Scroggie of Edinburg, was one of the speakers. At one of the sessions Mr. Scroggie was speaking on the text: "In the volume of the Book it is written of Me." Among other things he said that "modern critics tell us that Genesis is a myth and Revelation a mystery." He then asked, "I wonder who it was that inspired that theory?"

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be done as he says for "fun"—but if it ill affects his neighbor, the Lord terms such sport "madness."

Someone has very aptly said: "He that sins in jest, must repent in earnest; or his sin will be his ruin."

Thank God there is forgiveness for "sins of jest" as well as for all other kinds of sin.

The death of Christ for our sins and His resurrection for our justification are so divinely perfect and all-sufficient that "through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things" (Acts 13:38-39).

Hereafter, may we be more careful and considerate about doing things "just for the fun of it." Let us do all things for the glory of God and the welfare of others—then all will be well.

## HOW AN INFIDEL LAWYER CAME TO KNOW JESUS AS HIS SAVIOUR

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"I don't believe anything and am perfectly wretched. If you can show me the way to believe anything and to get happiness in believing, I wish you would. I have been carrying this burden as long as I can. I am a law student, but I am so wretched I cannot study. I wandered over here tonight, and heard the organ playing in your church, and went in expecting to hear some fine music. I heard nothing but simple congregational singing, but curiosity led me to remain and hear what you had to say. One thing impressed me: that you have faith in something, and you are happy in believing. My envy brings me here."

I lifted my heart to God for special guidance. Then I drew my chair up close to this unhappy man and involuntarily put my arm around him.

"Tell me something to read that may help me," he said.

"I wish you would read nothing but the Bible. You have been reading too much. You are full of misleading, plausible sophistries of skeptics. Read the Word of God."

Opening my Bible, I turned to John 5:39, and slowly read: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me and ye will not come unto Me that ye may have life."

"Now," said I, "it is God's testimony and my experience that he who diligently searches the Scriptures will find that they contain the witness to their own divine origin and inspiration, and to the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"Well," said he, "I'll read the Bible, but what beside?"

Turning to Matthew 6:6, I pointed to the words: "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, Himself shall reward thee." "If that means anything, it means that if you sincerely pray to God He will reveal Himself to you."

"But of what use is it to pray to God if you don't believe there is a God?"

A thought flashed across my mind, although I never had given such counsel to any man before, and I felt guided to say:

"It makes no difference, provided you are sincere, God will not disregard any genuine effort to draw near to Him. Go and pray, if only like the famous Thistlewood conspirator: 'Oh, God, if there be a God, save my soul, if I have a soul.'"

"Anything more?" said he.

"Yes," I replied and opened to John 7:17:

"If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." "That means that if you act up to what light you have, you will have more light. In God's school, we are not taught a second lesson until we practice the first. Then shall we know if we follow on to know the Lord."

I continued:

"I have given you three words to ponder. I wish to add one more: Matthew 11:28, 29, 30, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' That means that if you come directly to Jesus Christ, He will give you rest. Now notice: Search the Scriptures; pray in secret; put in practice whatever you know; and come to Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour."

"Is that all?" he inquired.

"That is all. Promise me to go and follow this simple prescription?"

"I will," he answered earnestly.

After kneeling in prayer together, this unbeliever left me.

Two weeks later, at the close of service, I gave a similar invitation to inquirers. The congregation was scarcely half out of the house when this same man came towards me, with both hands extended and his face beaming. "I have found God and Christ, and I am a happy man!" he exclaimed.

He sat down beside me and told me the story. He had gone home that Sunday night, taken out from his trunk the Bible his mother had put there when he left home; and had opened it and knelt before the unseen God. He simply, sincerely asked that if there were a God, and if the Bible were the Word of God, and Jesus Christ was His Son and the Saviour of man, it might be shown him plainly. As he read and prayed and sought for light, light was given. He honestly tried to follow every ray

and to walk in the light. The path became clearer and the light fuller and brighter, until his eyes rested on faith upon Jesus, and he finally accepted Him as his Lord and Savior.

## "DOLLARS FOR SELF—PENNIES FOR JESUS!"

The following "deadly parallels" taken from "Zion's Herald" (Melodist) brings out in bold relief, the contrast between REALLY long God and only PRETENDING to love HIM! The statements under the headings, "News Items" and "Church Records" in the two columns are vouched for by the editor as being actual facts. Initials are used instead of the real names for obvious reasons. We may not be able to take a "European trip," or even go to New York to see a "World's Baseball Series," as some of these folks did, but Oh! my! when we compare the DOLLARS we spend for Self with the miserly PENNIES we give to Jesus, it ought to cause us to hang our heads in shame! How any man or woman claim to be a child of God can have the "brass" to go to Him and say, "Give us this day our daily bread!" and then turn around and refuse to give Jesus even a "crumb" as an expression of gratitude is beyond me!

"News Items."

"Mrs. A. entertained eight intimate friends with a dinner yesterday at the —, after which she took the party to the Majestic Theater to see the —."

"Mr. and Mrs. B. left last night for New York, where they will attend the World Series. They will be gone about three weeks, during which they will visit Niagara and other points of interest in that section."

"Mrs. C. entertained with bridge at the Country Club Wednesday in honor of her guest, Mrs. S. of Albion, Michigan. Thirty guests were invited to meet Mrs. S., and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed."

"Mrs. D. will be hostess to the members of her club next Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-seven members are enrolled in this rather exclusive club, and after an elaborate luncheon several papers will be read on the life and times of Charles Dickens."

"Mrs. E. and family arrived at church last Sunday in their new Lincoln sedan, which he recently purchased preparatory to a western tour of six weeks, upon which they leave next Sunday."

"Mr. F. and his Packard shipped to Jacksonville a few days ago, and he and his wife leave for that point about the tenth. After two weeks in Jacksonville they will make a trip of two months touring the Southland."

"Among the three hundred guests at the Governor's reception on Wednesday evening, no one was more elegantly attired than Mrs. G. Her rare jewels added to her native charm made her friends proud of her in every way. Mrs. G. accompanied by her two daughters will leave for a four months' European trip."

"Church Records"

"Mrs. A. contributes \$3.60 a year to the missionary societies of her church. She has been a DEEPLY in-

terested member of these organizations for eighteen years!

"Mr. B. sent his check for \$60.00, covering his annual contribution for the support of the church and her benevolences, accompanying it with a note saying he was sorry it had to be less than last year!"

"The city in which Mrs. C. has resided for fifteen years is raising a half million dollars to build a hospital for children. Mrs. C. desires to help and pledges \$15 payable in three annual installments!"

"Mrs. D. pledges twenty-five cents a week to the support of the church. Sorry it has to be so small, but you know one must take care of one's own needs before helping others. Generosity before justice is her motto."

"Mr. E. pledged \$200 to the Centenary. He pays \$40 each year before Conference; but raises serious objections to the extravagance with which the people's money is spent by our missionary workers!"

"Mr. F. declined to give \$40 to assist a family who were in great distress because of a flood which had swept away their place before coming to—and uniting with the church of which Mr. F. is an official member."

"With these same rings on her fingers Mrs. G. called on the church treasurer one afternoon and informed him it was impossible to increase her support to the church 25 cents a week, on account of the increased cost of coal and labor. She would pay just as she had been doing 35 cents a week!"

There are several other examples given, but surely these are enough to illustrate just how the average Christian is trying to "serve God and mammon" at the same time! DOLLARS for Self and PENNIES for Jesus! And yet, notwithstanding our niggardly gifts to the Lord, we have the "gall" to stand up in the Lord's House on the Lord's day and sing:

"Take my life and let it be,  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my Hands and let them move,  
At the impulse of the Love!"  
"Take my Lips and let them be,  
Filled with Messages from Thee;  
Take my Silver and my Gold,  
Not a Mite would I withhold!"

—Baptist Forum.

## A FRIENDLY WARNING

Many of our readers write desirous of knowing why it is that they receive a paper entitled, "The Baptist Beacon," and also the circular letters sent out from Campbellite "headquarters" in Kenova, West Virginia.

As a matter of explanation, everyone whose names appear in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as a contributor to any of our mission funds, or whose name appears in a news item, will sooner or later find himself receiving the above mentioned literature.

Their dishonesty in stealing these names for a selfish mailing list, might be nauseating were it not that they are acting characteristically and running true to form. Campbellites and Campbellite lovers usually have about as high a concept of principle as is thus manifested by these.



## "INTRODUCING JESUS"

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The same is true relative to Jesus. It is a fine art—the finest of fine arts—to be able to introduce people to Jesus properly.

In our text, the Greeks spoken of desired to meet Jesus—they wanted an introduction. Hence, they said, "We would see Jesus." I believe that doubtlessly there are many who listen to these broadcasts on Sunday who in their hearts would like to be introduced to Jesus, and would like to make His acquaintance. Believing this to be true, I preach tonight from the subject "Introducing Jesus."

## I

To introduce folk implies that they have never met. Certainly the sinner needs to be introduced to Jesus, for he and Jesus have never yet met. As a proof of this truth, let me read you from God's Word. Listen: "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." (Eph. 2:12, 19). In these two verses the unsaved are spoken of as aliens, strangers, and foreigners. This is precisely what the unsaved man is—he is an alien, a stranger, and a foreigner to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Several years ago, while holding a revival meeting in Covington, Kentucky, I led a young woman—a harlot—to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. From the time that she was fourteen years of age, she had been public property. For between six and seven years she had merchandised her womanhood. By the grace of God, I was able to present the Lord Jesus Christ in such a way that she received him and was saved. When I introduced her to Jesus, she came as a complete stranger to Him.

I remember when I first became pastor of this church, that one of the first men I led to Christ was a drunkard, who had not drawn a sober breath for three solid months. He had never met Jesus—he was a stranger to the Son of God. When he was saved, I introduced one who was an absolute stranger to Jesus.

Some three years ago while holding a meeting near Charleston, South Carolina, I became acquainted with a woman who had been an Episcopalian from childhood, but who had just recently come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. She was in a so-called church and was a member in good standing for years, and yet she was a stranger to Jesus until the day that she was saved. I have seen church members and those who were not church members, moral people and immoral people, brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Regardless of their moral condition, each of them were strangers to the Lord Jesus Christ. This beloved is the spiritual status of all those who are outside of Christ. They have never met Him; they are strangers to Him;

and the fact that we attempt to introduce people to Jesus Sunday after Sunday implies that we believe that you have never met Him.

## II

There are two difficulties which we face in making a proper introduction. First of all, we often fail to introduce our friends—we just suppose that they are acquainted. Many times I have been put in an embarrassing position simply because someone supposed that I knew all those within the group. The host or hostess just took it for granted that I was fully acquainted. Many times we treat our friends that way relative to Jesus. We just suppose that they are saved—we just suppose that they are acquainted with Him, and we pass it by without even attempting to make them come to a saving knowledge of Christ. We often think in this connection of the man who had taken a very active part in one of the campaigns held by Gypsy Smith, and who along toward the end of the campaign came to Mr. Smith and said that he was unsaved and desired to know the way of life perfectly. When Gypsy Smith expressed some little surprise over this man's confession as to his spiritual condition, the man said, "My parents supposed that I was saved and they urged me to join the church; my pastor supposed that I was saved and urged me to become an officer in the church." "Yet," said he, "No one has ever asked me if I were actually saved. No one ever asked me if I were right with God." Here then was a man whom no one had ever asked if he had been introduced to Jesus. His friends and loved ones had just taken this for granted, and had allowed him to drift on in life without a definite knowledge of Jesus nor an introduction to Him.

There is also a second difficulty that arises in that we are often not able to introduce folk because we are not on good terms with one or the other of the party. How often is it true that our lives are so cold and that we ourselves are so indifferent and backslidden that we are not on good enough terms with Jesus to introduce Him to our friends. I wonder if tonight I may speak to someone who once knew the Lord and who once had a definite experience of grace. However that one has grown cold in the Master's service and it would be an impossibility for him now to introduce Jesus to anyone else. Oh, may I tell you tonight, beloved, if this be your experience that there are not only Greeks, but Romans and Germans and Americans and Englishmen and people of all the nationalities of the world who are waiting, saying, "We would see Jesus. We would like to be introduced to Him." May God grant that if there be such a backslidden indifferent Christian listening to this broadcast, that he shall tonight have his heart warmed, and his soul thrilled, that he will be able tomorrow to introduce his friends to Jesus, and bring all of his acquaintances to know the Son of God.

## III

I am wondering how many of those of my audience know what it means

to meet Jesus and to become definitely acquainted with Him. First of all, it means that the sin question is all settled. Each of us are sinners in God's sight. This we know by personal inspection and observation of others. However, we are also taught this in the Scriptures. Listen: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Gal. 3:22). Each of these sins deserve and demand that we should be punished. Listen to God's word: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4). "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

However, when a person comes to Jesus and actually makes His acquaintance, the sin question is forever settled, for all of our sins are laid on the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to these Scriptures: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3). "For he hath made him who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (II Cor. 5:21). This blessed truth is also taught us in the letter which Peter wrote, for we read: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (I Pet. 2:24). "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." (I Pet. 3:18).

Therefore, beloved, though we are sinners both by nature and by choice, when we come to meet Jesus, all of our sins are laid on Him, and the sin question is forever settled.

To illustrate it, I might let my right hand represent myself, while my left hand might represent the Lord Jesus Christ. The book which I hold in my hand represents my sins. When that book is resting in my right hand, then this means that my sins are on me. However, when I put that book over in my left hand, this means, by illustration, that my sins are thus laid on Jesus. How I thank God tonight from a personal viewpoint, that when a man knows Jesus and comes to be acquainted with Him, the sin question of his life is completely settled.

Again, when one comes to know Jesus and to make His acquaintance, the place where you will spend eternity, is likewise made certain. The Word of God tells us that there is a heaven to gain, and a hell to shun. Two men in the Bible give to us God's picture concerning heaven and hell. I speak of the rich man and Lazarus. Lazarus having met the Lord Jesus Christ and knowing Him, died from this world to enter paradise, and to be forever with the Lord in the skies. The rich man, rejecting the Son of God, died, "And in hell

he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." (Lk. 16:23). In the case of these two, there was no possibility of a transfer from either heaven to hell, nor from hell to heaven. Abraham himself said, "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." (Lk. 16:26). In other words, two men lived, two men died, and two men lived on after death. The man who had met Jesus lived in heaven, and the man who had rejected Jesus lived in hell without any prospect of his condition being changed. I tell you tonight emphatically, on the authority of God's Word that to meet Jesus and to become acquainted with Him, means that the place where you will spend eternity, is made certain right now.

Furthermore, to become acquainted with Jesus and to meet Him in the sense of knowing Him as Saviour, you are at peace with God. Listen to this Scripture: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1) The song fully expresses this truth which says:

"There comes to my heart one sweet strain,  
A glad and a joyous refrain;  
I sing it again and again,  
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

By Christ on the cross peace was made,  
My debt by His death was all paid;  
No other foundation is laid  
For peace, the gift of God's love.

When Jesus as Lord I had crowned,  
My heart with this peace did abound;  
In Him the rich blessing I found,  
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

In Jesus for peace I abide,  
And as I keep close to His side,  
There's nothing but peace doth betide,  
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.  
Peace, peace, sweet peace,  
Wonderful gift from above;  
Oh, wonderful, wonderful peace,  
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

In can't tell you just how much it means to me to say that I am at peace today with God. Yet, beloved, I am at peace—fully at peace—and it is all because that I have come to know Jesus Christ as a Saviour. This world itself will never be at peace—it will never know any abiding peace—until it comes to know Jesus as the Prince of peace.

Do I speak to someone tonight who is worried about tomorrow, and who wonders what the future may bring forth? Do I speak to someone who is grieved tonight and is fretting because you don't know what God has in store for you, or because you have some great problem which you have not been able to solve? May I tell you that you can find peace—sweet peace even this blessed hour by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Yes, when you come to know Him, you will be fully at peace with Him.

Furthermore, when you come to



know Jesus, you have God for your Heavenly Father. Prior to your acquaintance with Jesus, you have the Devil for your spiritual father. Let me read you God's Word which declares: "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). Even though tonight you may be a child of the Devil and Satan may be your spiritual father, you can tonight become a child of God and have God as your Heavenly Father. Listen to this Scripture: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26).

I am sure that many of you who are unsaved, have never paused to realize that God is not your father, and you have never even stopped to consider that the Devil is your spiritual father. I am sure that many of you carelessly even quote our Lord's model for prayer which begins, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by thy name." I am sure that many of you who are unsaved have been guilty of even trying to thus repeat this model prayer of our Lord, and you have actually spoken to Him and called Him, "Our Father." Yet, He is not your Father, and God will never be your Father until first of all you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour. "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).

I tell you beloved, it means something for a child to have a loving earthly father. About the biggest thing in any boy's life is a loving daddy. I am sure that I can speak from experience when I say that about the biggest thing in my life is the fact that I know that God is my Heavenly Father, and that I am His child through the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't forget that I am such, and that He is my Father because I came to meet Jesus and became acquainted with Him.

Furthermore, to meet Jesus and to become acquainted with Him, means that you have a salvation that you can never lose. I rejoice tonight in that I have no fear of hell. I am sure that my salvation is intact and that I shall never lose it. In fact, I have committed my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ for safe keeping. Listen: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (2 Tim. 1:12).

How I thank God tonight that my salvation is intact in Jesus. He, Himself, has promised unto us everlasting life. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47). And what is everlasting life? Jesus Himself tells us: "And this is life eternal, that you might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (Jn. 17:3). In the light of this text, then everlasting life is ours now in that we have come to meet and to

know and to be acquainted with Jesus as Saviour.

Jesus Himself has promised that we can never lose the salvation which He gives us: Listen: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (Jn. 10:28,29). Even the Devil can't take us out of God's hand. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." (1 Jn. 5:18). Even temptation can't remove us. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13). Even the violation of the law can't take us out of God's hand. "For ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14). Even we can't take ourselves out of God's hand. "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." (Jer. 32:40). In fact, we are safe and saved for time and eternity, from all agents and agencies, infernal, internal and external. Listen: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39).

How I do rejoice not only that I am saved, but that I am eternally saved and that I have an everlasting salvation which shall continue through time and eternity. This is mine because I have met and have become acquainted with Jesus as a Saviour.

I tell you beloved, it means a lot to be acquainted with Jesus, and to know Him intimately as a Saviour. But as much as it means today, it will mean a great deal more when you come to the end of the way, with earth in the background and eternity in the foreground — it will mean much to know Him a saviour. Leigh Richmond visited a dying cottager one day, and asked her as to her hope for eternity. She put her hand over her heart and said, "I have Christ there, sir." Then she reached her hand out from under the coverlet of the bed, and touching her Bible, said, "I have Christ there, sir." Then pointing toward the skies, she said, "I have Christ there, sir." Christ in the heart, Christ in the Bible, Christ in the skies coming again! It surely means something to the child of God to come to the end of the way and to know Him thus.

May I ask you a personal question? Do you thus know Him? If not, may I introduce Him to you this evening? Suppose I were to offer to introduce you to some one of my friends. When I present you to that friend, you fail to acknowledge the introduction, but

turn on your heel and walk away. Not only would I feel badly, but it would be an insult to my friend to whom I wished to introduce you. It is my prayer to God in your behalf tonight that you will not thus treat Jesus. He is the best friend I ever had. I want to introduce you to Him. I beg you to acknowledge the introduction and receive Him as your Saviour.

I remember going into a second-hand store in the city of Charleston, South Carolina several years ago, and engaging the aged proprietor in a conversation concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. I found that he was 88 years of age, yet unsaved. In the course of the conversation, he told me that he could speak ten languages. I said, "But, there is one language you can't speak, and that's the language of heaven, for in order to speak the language of heaven, you have to know Jesus Christ as a Saviour." And when I referred to Jesus, indignantly he referred to Him as the bastard son of Mary, thus deliberately refusing to make Jesus' acquaintance. May God grant that this shall not be your attitude toward Him tonight, but "acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace."

#### THE DEVIL AND THE BIBLE

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A voice in the tent shouted out: "The Devil!" "Quite right," exclaimed Mr. Scroggie, "and I will tell you why the devil is so anxious to get rid of Genesis and Revelation, because in Genesis his sentence is declared and in Revelation it is executed." — Tucker.

#### SPIRITUAL POISE IN WAR TIME

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1. Be calm, knowing that God is still on the throne and His purposes are being worked out.
2. Pray for our government, and especially for our President and others in leadership.
3. Pray that the experiences of war may drive our nation to its knees and that a great spiritual awakening may come.
4. Avoid the spirit of hatred for those who are accounted our enemies. Hate their sinful deeds and unholy ambitions, yes, — but remember that Christ died for everyone of them. He loves them, — we must do likewise.
5. Use every opportunity and means that God provides for making known the saving grace and power of the Lord Jesus. The sword of the Spirit produces far greater results than any other.
6. Respond to every legitimate request and demand of the government, remembering that we are under a heavy debt of gratitude for its protection and blessing. Remember too, that obedience to government is the will of God for the believer (1 Peter 2:13-17).

7. Keep the upward look and the pure heart. "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh." "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself."

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#### WE FACE A NEW YEAR

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If ever there were a time when the people of God ought to pray, it is now.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." — 2 Chron. 7:14.

If ever there were a time we needed a revival, it is now.

"O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Hab. 3:2.

If ever there were a time when every home needed to establish a family altar, it is now.

We need to remember that God is back of everything that is taking place.

"Right forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne;  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch upon His own."

In the midst of world conditions, the old Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." — Rom. 1:16.

Above everything else, we need to remember that Jesus is coming soon.

We are looking for His coming  
From the shining throne on high,  
And we're longing for to see Him  
Part the clouds in yonder sky;  
Then we'll all be caught to meet Him  
When the trumpet shall resound,  
All the dead and all the living  
No more to this earth be bound.

Each day passing draws us nearer  
To that hour when He'll appear,  
And in patience we are waiting  
For this hope to us in dear;  
He alone has giv'n the promise,  
"Tis His word, "I'll come again,"  
Never has His word been broken,  
We are waiting not in vain.

With this hope we have before us,  
Sure as He, our Lord, is true,  
We are working in the vineyard,  
His blest Will we seek to do;  
Souls about us need the message  
Of the Saviour's pard'ning grace,  
And our work will soon be ended,  
Then we'll see Him face to face.  
— J. M. Carlson  
Decatur, Ill.

Thus, we face a new year. It may be our last year. As we march across the threshold into this new year, it is the prayer of this editor that God's greatest gifts may be yours to enjoy, and that above all else, you may be spiritually fit to enjoy them.

#### FROM FAR OFF ALASKA

Fort Roy, Alaska  
November, 5, 1941

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Inclosed you will find six dollars. Please add three dollars for Brother Dickerson and three dollars for your radio fund.

Norman V. Thompson