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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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God's Call To Holy Separation - - - An Appeal To Christians

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How the heart of God must be broken when He looks down and sees His children living such careless and indifferent lives. What a shame, that in spite of all He has done for us, many of us choose to live such selfish lives, and lives that are so conformed to the world.

Hebrews 13:13 says: "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach."

Jesus took His cross, and carried it outside the city. Are we to be like Him? If so, then we must follow Him outside the camp. Outside the camp—away from the world. Outside the camp—apart from sin. Outside the camp—determined to be separate.

"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness. . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." (II Cor. 6:17).

We aren't willing to bear the reproach. We aren't willing to pay the price. We aren't willing to go through with God.

We are afraid of the suffering; we are afraid of the persecution; we are afraid of the ridicule.

Beloved, we must live separated lives if we are to please our Saviour.

We must separate ourselves from sin. The very thing that sent Jesus Christ to the cross was sin. We must separate ourselves from it. Righteousness can have no fellowship with sin.

We must separate ourselves from the world. We cannot afford that our associates and companions in this life be those who are rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, how many

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The Level of Giving

"1. The 'Tip' Level. There are those who give a nickel or a dime to the Lord in the same way they tip the waitress or the porter. It is just a little matter of appreciation for the Lord.

"2. The Entertainment Level. There are those who give only when they come to church. They give just like they give to the theater, the ball game—they give when they go.

"3. The Emotional Level. There are those who give only when they are emotionally stirred. This may be once

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COURAGE, BROTHER DO NOT STUMBLE!

Courage, brother do not stumble,
Tho' thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble,
Trust in God, and do the right.
Let the road be rough and dreary,
And its end far out of sight,
Foot it bravely; strong or weary,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Perish policy and cunning,
Perish acl that fears the light;
Whether losing whether winning,
Trust in God, and do the right.
Trust no lovely forms of passion,
Friends, may look like angels bright;
Trust no custom, school or fashion,
Trust in God, and do the right.

Some will "hate" three-some will love thee,
Some will flatter, some will slight;
Cease from man, and look above thee:
Trust in God, and do the right.
Simple rule, and safest guiding,
Inward peace, and inward might.
Star upon our path abiding,
Trust in God, and do the right.

On Sunday April 19, when this editor began his 14th year as pastor in Russell, one of his dear friends and faithful members handed him the above poem—in honor of his anniversary. Thank God for the friend who wrote it and for the sentiment of it. J. R. G.

THE KEY IN WHISKEY

There is a key in Whiskey: Whiskey. This key fits many locks. It locks up the human brain, and unlocks the doors to insanity and the "bug house." It closes the door of a husband's affection for his wife, and at the same time opens the doors to roadhouses, brothels, and "strange women;" it locks the door of modesty and unlocks the door of coarseness and shame; it closes the door against decency, and opens the door to filth and impurity.

This key slams shut, in the face

of emaciated mothers and starving children, the door to plenty, and opens wide the door that leads to poverty and rags; it locks the doors of comfortable homes, and thrusts the inmates into streets as beggars and pariahs of society.

This key, this whiskey key, locks hard and fast the door of good health, and unlocks the door of misery, woe and broken hearts; it closes the door of reason, and leads men into the fanciful land of delirium tremens

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A Question - Which Comes First In Conversion, Life Or Faith ?

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The subject on which I am about to write has long been a matter of controversy. It takes us into the arena where theological gladiators have fought for centuries. The keenest of intellectual swords have been wielded in the long combat. The Arminian declares in triumphant tone that faith precedes life; the Calvinist, with the same spirit of certainty, says that life must precede faith, and is logically the cause of faith.

The writer believes that the controversy over this question is due to lack of distinguishing things that differ. The Scriptures speak of life in two different senses. There is life in the subjective, experimental and biological sense; and there is life in other words, there is life in the sense of regeneration or the new birth, and there is life in the sense of justification. The first is life in respect to an inward state; the second is life in respect to an outward standing before the law of God. (Rom. 5:18 speaks of "justification of life") The first is life biologically; the second is life legally or judicially. The first is life wrought in the sinner by the Holy Spirit; the other is life wrought for the sinner by the redemptive death of Christ. Life in one sense is from the Holy Spirit; in another sense it is from Christ. Life from the Holy Spirit give spiritual qualities to the heart

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Detached Baptists

"Many people with saved souls are losing their lives! And nothing promotes his condition more than a divorced church membership.

"When we approach such Christians they are usually ready to give some old objection, such as:

"1. 'The old church is weak, and needs me to keep it alive.' He made churches to keep you alive. Churches were made for men, and not men for churches.

"2. 'I am not sure how long I will be here.' No one is sure how long he will be living. But a church letter is easier to move than a suitcase or a trunk.

"3. 'My people are all members there.' But if you can stand to sever

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THE FIRST BAPTIST PULPIT

"THEORIES OF SALVATION"

"As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."—Gal. 1:9.

Materially speaking, we face today the most troubled, soul-sick world since the days of Adam. Industrially, economically, financially, politically, and internationally, this is true beyond a peradventure of a doubt. Every one has his own pet notion as to the cause and the cure. Many are the arguments and the discourses as to the way out. A multiplicity of theories are offered for solving the world's problems.

That which is true materially, is also true spiritually. From the Garden of Eden, and from the days of Adam and Eve, the world has been in a bad

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