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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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Deadly, Deceptive, Devilish Delusions.

"THIS DO AND THOU SHALT LIVE"

This expression is often quoted by those whose philosophy is: keep the law, live up to the commandments, and thou shalt be saved. They remind me of the Jews of Paul's day who said, "Except ye be circumcized after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved." (Acts 10:45). Now all of this may sound good, but the Scriptures tell us, the law was not given as a means of salvation (Gal. 3:21), that "if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness would have been by the law." (Rom. 7:12). The law was given to sinners (I Tim. 1:9), to prove their guilt (Rom. 3:20) and to show them their need of a Saviour. "It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come," (Gal. 3:19), and as error reveals the flaws (Rom. 7:7), makes known the sin (Rom. 3:20) and shows up the sinner. A man who thinks he can be made alive spiritually, through the keeping of the law, needs to read Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:1, and Acts 13:39. Certainly then, he will have his eyes opened. The law is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith, (Gal. 3:24), and the moment an individual sees this made to realize that "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth." (Rom. 10:4). Do we continue under the curse? (Gal. 3:10). Why not realize that "if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain?" (Gal. 2:21). If a man is saved by the law, he is saved by self? There are no other conclusions. We are either saved by Christ who kept the law and gave a suitable substitute for us, or we are saved through the law and are living up to the letter of it. I prefer Christ to the exclusion of all law-works and conclude with Paul that a man is justified by faith (that is faith in Christ) without the deeds of the law." (Rom. 3:28). For this excludes boasting and all honor to the Christ who loved me and gave himself for me. He might redeem me from all iniquity. — Roy A. Hamilton, Green-Kentucky.

"Who Can Find A Virtuous Woman? For Her Price Is Far Above Rubies" -- Prov. 31:10



The Living Argument For the Living Christ

BY L. W. BECKLEY
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They took knowledge of that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:12). It was our privilege some years ago to hear that staunch defender of the faith, Dr. R. A. Torrey, present a whole evening setting forth convincing proofs that Christ had risen from the dead. Many books have been written, and in a scholarly manner "the facts of belief in the great fact of the Lord's resurrection." These arguments should be given to those troubled souls who have no confidence in God's truth and are in the balance. They need the great mass of lost men (Continued to page two)

The Movies Again

The daily papers stated, that several officers arrested two boys in a town not far from Nashville and charged them with buglarizing a post office. One of the boys is nine, and the younger one is twelve, said the officers, of a two-man gang. The younger has been accused of more than twenty house-breaking jobs, and the officials say that the nine-year-old has a criminal mind equal to a twenty-year old violator. Now listen to the cause: The of- (Continued to page two)

Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Seventh Day Adventist

"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." — I Peter 3:15.

I. Because I cannot agree with the Seventh Day Adventists on the date setting question, especially with regards to the coming of Christ. — Matt. 24:36.
II. Because I believe in a literal hell of eternal torment which the Bible plainly declares. I believe there is no context to prove that this is to be taken figuratively. Cf. II Thes. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:15; Mk. 9:43-48.
III. Because I do not believe that the soul sleeps in the grave, as all true Adventists do. — II. Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; Lu. 16:23.
IV. Because I have never found in the Word of God one single sentence where Patriarch, Prophet, Apostle, or anybody else in the New Testament ever commanded a Gentile to keep the law of

Moses. Cf. Rom. 6:14; See Deut. 4:12, 13 with Heb. 12:18.
V. Because I believe the Word of God which teaches me that I am saved by grace and not by law. Romans 3:24-28; 7:6; Galatians 2:16; 3:10; 19-26; Eph. 2:8,9.
VI. Because Baptists and not Catholics were the first to observe Sunday as the day of worship. Mt. 28:1.
The Lord arose on the first day. Ps. 118:24. Moneys were to be collected by early Christians on this day. I Cor. 16:2. John, on the Isle of Patmos, saw the Lord on the Lord's Day, and we believe that that day was Sunday. Rev. 1:10. See Acts 20:6,7.
VII. Because of the difficulty in harmonizing some Scriptures with the practices and teachings of

Seventh Day Adventists, as:
1. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath Day, why do Adventists depart from their dwellings on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do so? Ex. 16:29.
2. If they keep one Sabbath, the seventh day, why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized any one to make the distinction in favor of the seventh day? — Lev. 25:1-22.
3. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath how are they to live in cold climates? Ex. 35:1-3. This is one great proof that it was for Israel.
4. Is it the duty of Christians (Continued from page two)

Man's Cover For Sin Contrasted With God's Cover

BY REV. J. C. MACAULAY
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"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper." — Proverbs 28:13.
"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." — Psalm 32:1.
I want to speak to you this evening on "A Cover For Sin." And we have suggested to us in these verses how men cover sin and how God covers sin. When men cover sin, it brings sorrow and destruction, when God covers sin, it brings blessing and salvation. Both men and God, strangely enough, are engaged in the task of covering sin, men wrongfully, God rightfully.
1. How Men Try to Cover Sin: (Continued to page two)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"God's Blessing--Salvation"

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." — Proverbs 10:22.
This text, beloved, is true both as to material blessings and spiritual blessings, for material blessings are from God just the same as spiritual blessings. So many people have in mind that the automobile they drive, the house in which they live, the bank account they have — most people have in mind that these material blessings have all come to pass because of the individual's own ability in making money. The Word of God tells us not so. Even the material blessings of life are a gift from God. Listen: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." (Deut. 8:18). "For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth." (Psa. 37:22). Both of these Scriptures tell us that material blessings come from God. (Continued on page three)

Latin America

A continent of nations with 90 millions of people. Argentina alone can support 100 millions. Brazil is larger than the United States with out Alaska, and could support hundreds of millions of people. The world's surplus population will find a home and a future in this continent.
Ninety millions of people almost entirely without the Bible. There are from 15 to 20 millions of Indians waiting for the light. The membership of the evangelical churches represents one-ninth of one per cent. Suppose (Continued to page two)

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to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day? Numbers 15:32-36. If yes, who will be the public executioner. If no, what will you do with Ex. 35:2?

5. Why did not Jesus require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? Matt. 19:16-29; Mk. 10: 17-22; Luke 18: 18-24.

6. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus who is our example, unless by saying, "The power that made the law can take it away, and that He did it?" Matt. 12:1-8; Jn. 7:19-23.

7. If early Christians kept the Sabbath day, why did they break bread on the first day of the week? Acts 20:7.

8. If Christians are to keep the Sabbath day why did not the apostles and N. T. writers command it? Col. 2:17-20.

9. Why should we insist on keeping the Sabbath when God Himself said that He would cause even Israel's Sabbaths to cease? Hosea 2:11.

10. If the Sabbath is to be kept ought not feast days and new moons to be kept, and solemn feasts such as Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles?

11. If the Sabbath is to be kept ought it not be kept according to the law?

(a). Offering of the burnt offering. Num. 28:3-10.

(b). Stay in your homes. Ex. 16:29.

(c). Have no fire in your house on Sabbath. Ex. 35:3.

This should all be observed for it is written: "He that offendeth in one point is GUILTY OF ALL." And again: "Cursed is EVERY one that continueth not in ALL things that are written in the law."

VIII. Because I believe Christ meant what He said on the cross when He cried: "It is finished." And I can do nothing to obtain salvation but to receive it.

IX. Jesus founded His own church on earth and promised it perpetuity; but Seventh Day Adventists was not founded until about 1831-49, and was founded by William Miller and his deluded followers. That Seventh Day Adventism was founded by William Miller we have the testimony of no less an authority than Elder White: "We hold that the great movement upon the second advent question, which commenced with the writings and public lectures of William Miller, has been, in its leading features, in fulfillment of prophecy." (Life of Miller, page 6).

X. Christ is the Head of His church. (Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18), but Mrs. E. G. White is the head of

Seventh Day Adventists. They regard her as having been inspired of God to explain the teachings of the Bible. They profess to take the Bible as their authority, but they view it only as it is seen through the writings of Mrs. White. Therefore, they look to Mrs. White and not to Christ as their head. This accounts for their glaring, absurd, fallacious teachings; and these teachings prove that Mrs. White and not Christ is the head of Seventh Day Adventism, for no sane, normal person would believe them if he studied the words of Christ for himself under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The Movies Again

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Officers said both boys will do anything to get enough money to pay their way to a western or gangster movie. The authorities allow western and gangster movies to be shown, and perhaps a few church people have registered objections to such shows, and yet such shows created the gangster spirit in the boys. What is true in that town is true of many.

The American people ought to love boys better than shows, and authorities ought not, for the sake of a few movie dollars, jeopardize the morals of their youth. If the movies won't clean up, church people should unite to "clean them out" of the town.

— Cumberland Presbyterian

Latin America

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five millions have come under evangelical influence, IT WOULD STILL LEAVE 85 MILLIONS WHO ARE WITHOUT THE GOSPEL.

— L. A. Evangelist.

The Living Argument For The Living Christ

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show little interest in our logical proofs and conclusive arguments. They are apt to be cold and therefore fail to reach the heart.

The unbelieving Jewish leaders detected something in Peter and John which showed them at once that they had been in the presence of Jesus Christ. That their lives had been definitely affected by His life. This was evidenced in what they said.

We are not too far removed from Calvary and the empty tomb to set forth the same telling argument for His resurrection. He says (Rev. 1:18), "I am He that ... was dead... behold, I am alive for ever more." We who are saved have met this living Christ. We have made His acquaintance. We have learned of Him. We have accepted His ways as our ways. And the very finest argument, the most telling proof we can give that the Christ Who died is now ALIVE is that of having our lives so full of Him that the world cannot fail to see Him in us.

It is not easy to deny what one unquestionably sees.

A minister was one time earnestly proclaiming the loveliness of the life that is filled with the living Christ. A lady in the audience remarked to the one beside her, "I wonder if anybody ever lives such a life." Quietly came the reply, "Yes, he does. I am his wife." If in that realm where Christian living is almost difficult his most intimate observer had seen in him the living Christ, we are sure that others in the outer circles of his acquaintance must likewise have seen His beauty and felt His presence.

His life was a constant sermon on the living Christ.

So may be yours and mine.

MAN'S COVER FOR SIN CONTRASTED WITH GOD'S COVER

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Secrecy:

I think of three ways in which men try to cover their sin. First, they try to cover their sin with secrecy. Men foolishly believe that they can sin without being seen, without it being discovered. But you know sin hidden has a terrible way of coming out; so that men are in anguish continually lest their sin come out on them, and then at the end they have the further anguish of having it do what they had hoped it would not do—come out of the sealed box and stand facing them. There is a little verse that says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Sin cannot be done in secrecy. Men's secrets will all be brought out and revealed.

Since we came to Wheaton, we have heard quite a bit about that place down in the city (I think they call it TeleNews), where they give news in moving pictures. A place, we are informed, that was quite apart from the institution of Hollywood or of the moving picture industry. So one time my wife and I decided we would go in and see the news. It was just at the time when we were hearing so much about the uncovering of that spy movement down East, and we saw the pictures of it that day. Now those men and women thought that they were doing everything in dead secrecy, but, remarkably enough, they were not. We saw pictures of Uncle Sam's movie cameras trained right on those men and women as they were engaged in their spy work, and of course it was but a short time until these same people were being herded like cattle into the prison wagons. They did not know that Uncle Sam's recording machines were busy.

Even so men who try to sin in secret seem to forget that God's recording machines are always busy, and they never omit anything. "Thou God seest me." It is not only what we do that is recorded but what we say also. Did you know God's universe is one great recording machine, picking up every action and every word, every sound, every thought? Yes, and God's recording machine is picking up our character, our dispositions, our attitudes—everything is being caught up in God's great recording machine, to be brought out one day and flashed before the universe. Even things of which we are unconscious ourselves are being taken down by means of God's marvelous, intricate, infallible, inerrant recording machine.

The other day I was down at the home of our good brother, Bill Rice
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THE WORK OF A PREACHER

BY E. P. MARVIN

If you will make your first sermon from the text, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified," (I Cor. 2:2), you will do well. That is the King's business and you are His ambassador. Read often Paul's charge to Timothy and Titus, and make your closet your power house. Yours is a high, and heavenly calling.

Remember that you are a specialist under a great commission, and not a cyclopedia, a lecturer, or an all-rounder to do house-cleaning for the world. You have a message from Heaven, dyed with divine blood. Preach the preaching God bids you and remember that "he that winneth souls is wise."

Declare the Whole Counsel of God

The source of all evil in the world is sin, and the only sovereign remedy is the Gospel. It is high treason to God Almighty for a preacher to turn aside from the great themes of ruin and redemption

to be a smart trumpeter of sociology, science, or the glories of our splendid intellectual and materialistic civilization.

Preach Christ, not only as a great teacher and an object lesson, but Christ crucified for the sins of men. If He was not God manifested in the flesh, He was the greatest pretender ever seen on earth. Study the Bible to teach it and get a working knowledge of it. Earnestly contend for the faith against the destructive critics.

Study the whole Bible to be versatile in preaching. About one quarter of the Bible is prophetic. Don't neglect that. Study especially the prophecies of these last days, that you may understand the signs of the times and know what you ought to do. The Lord's coming in triumph is the pole star of our hope, and its near approach makes the study more and more interesting and important. It is spoken of more than three hundred times in the New Testament, and as we see the day approaching it becomes more and more the doctrine of a standing or a falling church. Let the obstacles of these last times stimulate and not discourage you. Have the courage of your convictions, and declare the whole counsel of God.

You are to be popular with God first of all. Paul said that God's judgment came first, his own conscience next, and that of man was least of all. Rise above the seven great principles, the five loaves and the two fishes. It requires wonderful faith to overcome the present wonderful world. Provide for your family, but keep right with God if you have to live from hand to mouth, God's hand and your mouth. Feed the flock of God. Spiritual life is better than academic learning.

The Importance Of A Good Start

When you enter the pulpit make no apologies. If you have a message from God, deliver it, or hold your peace and have a Quaker meeting. Do not waste time by long prefaces, but say good things from the start, and do not keep on talking after you get done. Better leave the poor people longing than loathing. Leave self out of the pulpit and take Christ in. Do not preach old sermons without warming them over, and never stop growing. Do not harp too much on one string, but give the great variety of the Bible. Take care of your character, and let God take care of your salvation. If lied about, thank the Devil for lifting from you the woe of those concerning whom all men speak well. God may love you for the enemies you make. Have no petted or neglected classes.

A setting star may rise again, but a falling star never. Do not abuse people for not liking you; perhaps you like yourself too well. Blame them for not loving Jesus. You are not a preacher, no matter whose hands have been laid upon you, unless you know the truth and are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Do not scold. Be a friend of sinners, but not of sin. Always preach as well as you can, but do your best for those who come on rainy days. Christ preached marvelously to one woman at the well and to one rabbi at night.

Do not repeat, "As I said before." If you said it plainly before, say something else next. Leave out big words, and do not expect your hearers to bring their dictionaries, but their Bibles. Cultivate naturalness; chew your food, but not your words. Do not dwell on a monotone, nor drop your voice near the end of a sentence. Do not tire yourself and others out; when weariness begins, devotion ends. Do not begin too low and slow. Keep your lungs full. It is easier to run a mill with a full pond than an empty one. Do not miss all the good places to stop. Stop at a climax. Do not preach with a big

stick in your hand, but keep it and hold up the cross. Use words, but pack your sermon as to have something to fill. Be clear. We can see to the bottom of Lake George, but we cannot see the bottom of your sermon proportionate, narrow and shallow, or short; if wide and deep, it is longer. I was told of a preacher who had two faults: he had no sin and he had nothing to deliver, member that you preach to save, rather than to entertain.

Preaching By Consistent

Preach straight and live straight as a divine epistle. You are ordered to be a pattern, publicly and from house to house. A sympathetic, house-going preacher makes a church-going people. The early church grew mainly by personal evangelism, sure to please God, and friendly faces smile upon them. Look upward and forward, few promises; keep out of the simple life. Set up a standard for the church, and show them how to live it. Your will be your loudest preacher.

If you approve the wisdom of God in organizing the Church as a consolidated body with the minimum of spiritual power and a minimum of frictional machinery, you need not reorganize it. Confederacy of worldly churches, trumpery societies, needing administrative ability of a president to run them instead of the inspirational ability of a preacher. If men will not do the work in the church as God points, why should we expect to do it in these? Are they it? The institutional church, adulterous wedlock with the

After a house is solemnly dedicated to the worship of God, there be no room for the money-changers, or for ecclesiastics who sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play the social element in the realm of worldliness. Beware of the amusement heresy and stove apostasy. Ecclesiastical oligoly and orthodoxy are incompatible. The cross and not the church is the central attraction for true Church. Do not simply preach the church. Feed the sheep instead of trying to amuse the goats. The knowledge and piety a church the more clubs, societies, ice cream, and fun it takes to it, and the faster it runs from it. Go forward, brother, with faith and cheerful courage. Walk closely, work earnestly, watch constantly for that Hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AN OMISSION

Due to an error on our part the last week's issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, we failed to give the proper credit for a soul-stirring message, "Remember Pearl Harbor." This challenge message was delivered by Sam Morris of Texas and reproduced in WAVES OF GRACE from which we copied it.

We regret this omission on our part, but wish hereby to make brief statement relative to it.

The devil never asks you to go farther than the next step with him at first.

Don't think you are necessarily on the right road because you are well beaten path.

If some sermons were for they should be labeled: "Do's and notions."

There are lots of Lot's church who have pitched tents toward S. dom.

OD'S BLESSING — SALVATION

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We have a good illustration of this in the Word of God in the experience of Abraham, for in the book of Genesis we find that Abraham's servant in making a proposal in behalf of Abraham's son, Isaac, said, "And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great; and he hath increased him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and manservants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses." (Gen. 24:35). We also have a similar experience in the life of Isaac. Listen: "Then Isaac dwelt in that land and received the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him." (Gen. 27:12). Every ear of corn that he sowed brought forth one hundred ears. Every grain of wheat brought forth a hundred grains of wheat. Notice, "And the Lord blessed up to him."

I take time to read you these scriptures that I might say that the material blessings are gifts of God. Let no man, when he comes to his harvest in the fall of the year and looks at his crop, say, "It is mine because of my superiority as a husbandman." No man, when he draws his check on the fifteenth and twentieth, say, "It is mine to do with as I please because I have received it through the strength of my arm." I tell you, beloved, that the material blessings are from God, for the text says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." I say, beloved, that even the material blessings whereby you are made rich, are from the

I However, beloved, these are only temporal blessings. These are only by the way, or off the record. This text means far more than that, for it tells us that salvation is a blessing from the Lord. Jonah would tell us the same truth when he says, "The salvation is of the Lord." And Solomon in the book of Prov. 10:4, says that salvation is a blessing from God, for he says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." Salvation is then a blessing from God.

This is true whenever you consider man's depravity. When you think for a moment's time how depraved you and I and everyone of us are, it certainly is a blessing that God would stoop down to save our hearts and our inner-most self. He says, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Most of us like to go to the photographer now and then to have a picture made — not exactly a picture, but one of us would touch a picture as it actually is, for it would look too much like what we are. We want it touched up.

There isn't a person listening to this that would want to see a photograph of his own heart. There isn't a one of us that would like to see what our hearts look like, or God says that all of these things come from within the man and defile him. Whenever you consider the depth of our depravity and how sinful and depraved we are, surely it is a blessing from God that He would stoop down to save us — that He would save a depraved sinner like you and me. Certainly it is a blessing from God that He would ever save any-

of us.

But, beloved, salvation is not only a blessing from God because of our depravity, but salvation is likewise a blessing from God whenever you consider man's inability to save himself. There isn't a person here nor in all this world who might have been saved through his own ability, for the best man Jesus ever met in the days of His flesh needed more than he himself had. Listen: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee. Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:3-7). I tell you, beloved, these verses and many hundreds of others that we might read, indicate to us man's inability in the realm of salvation.

How unable you are to save yourself! You might as well try to overturn this building single-handed; you might as well try to lift yourself by your own bootstraps; you might as well catch the lightning or stop the thunder bolt; you might as well do the impossible as to save yourself unaided and without the power of God within your life. I tell you, when you consider man's inability in the realm of salvation, certainly salvation is a blessing from God. You, and me, and each of us are so unworthy, and so unable, and so depraved, and so powerless to save ourselves, and yet God gives us salvation. Certainly it is a blessing from the Lord.

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Solomon looked upon it and said, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." Now what did he say it does for us? He says, "it makes us rich." Now let's see how that salvation has enriched me and you. How much richer are you than you would have been if you had never been saved?

First of all, I have a loving merciful Father I would never have had if Jesus had not saved me. "Why," you say, "Isn't God the Father of the unsaved?" Well, the Lord Jesus will answer that. Listen: "Ye are of your father the devil." (Jn. 8:44). Every unsaved man cannot say that God is his Father, but rather, he must say that the Devil, or Satan himself is his spiritual father. But, beloved, the day Jesus Christ comes into a man's heart and makes him over and gives him a new outlook on life and saves his soul, — that day he gets a new Heavenly Father. "For ye are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26). I say then, beloved, the blessing of the Lord makes us rich. How does it enrich us? In that salvation, in the first place, gives to us a loving Heavenly Father, for we never would have known Him if it had not been for Jesus.

There is a second phase of richness that comes to us through salvation — namely, we enjoy the privilege of prayer. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that I will do." (Jn. 14:13). What does it mean to pray in the name of Jesus? Among other things, it means this: You have to be saved before you can enjoy the privilege of prayer. No unsaved man can say, "Our Father," because God is not his father. No unsaved person can say, "My Jesus," for Jesus does not belong to him. No unsaved person can pray for the word of God says, "Now we know that God heareth not sin-

ners." (Jn. 9:31). The day that Jesus saves a man, that day when God becomes his Heavenly Father and Jesus becomes his Saviour, that poor sinner, now saved by grace through faith, then enjoys the privilege of prayer.

How much would you take for your privilege of prayer, never to use it again? Beloved, all the deficit and all the red ink that the United States Government owns and possesses, would not be enough for me to sell my privilege of prayer. If you would get together all the gold that is buried at Fort Knox, and all the wealth of this world, and say, "Gilpin, never pray again, and you can have it all, never breathe another prayer." I would say, "Brother, you can keep your gold, I want to be on speaking terms with God." Yet, beloved, I never had that privilege of prayer until the blessing of God — salvation — became mine, and no one else ever enjoys the privilege of prayer, no one else is able to pray until the Lord Jesus Christ becomes his Saviour. Our text says, "it maketh rich." It has made me rich in that it gives me a loving Heavenly Father, and I also enjoy the privilege of prayer.

Again, it has made me rich in that I can now understand the Bible. You know, the only person who can understand the Bible is the man who is saved. The unsaved man can't understand it. How many times somebody comes to me and says, "I wish I could understand the Bible." I say to him, "You have to have the right starting point." He asks, "Where?" I tell him at the cross — you have to get right with Jesus. Listen: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (I Cor. 2:14). This Bible is just so much foolishness to the unsaved man. Beloved, you can't understand the Bible until you first get right with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Talk about riches — "The blessing of God, it maketh rich." Certainly it makes me rich. I have a loving Heavenly Father, I can talk to him in prayer, and I can read His Bible and understand the loving messages that He has given me within His Word.

You know beloved, when I think of it, I get on shouting ground just to remember that it has made me so rich that the fear of Hell is all gone — completely gone out of my life. I have not one bit of fear in my heart or my life about Hell. A man gripped me by the hand a few days ago and his hand trembled and shook my arm with the emotion that he himself was feeling, and he said, "Brother Gilpin, I'm afraid of Hell." Oh, is it possible that a man or woman can go on in this life feeling so definitely and so deeply his or her conviction of sin, until that conviction comes to the place that that individual is afraid of Hell, and yet he goes on in his sin. Beloved, with me, the fear of Hell is all gone. I am not one bit afraid of the fires of Hell today. I can walk up and look down into the very flames that belch from the abyss. I can hear those hollow shrieks and groans within the pit. I can stand, beloved, and read in this Bible God's description of Hell when He says that it is a place where there is no love, where men gnash upon one another with their teeth, and I can read what God says about it being a bottomless pit, and a place of outer darkness, and then I look to Calvary and see the Lord Jesus Christ dying there, and all fear of Hell is gone out of my life.

Beloved, I am rich today. Do you feel that richness? Is the fear of Hell gone out of your life? As far as I am concerned, Hell, to me, is as though it never existed. "Be-

ing born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Pet. 1:23).

You say, "Brother Gilpin, there may not be any fear of Hell in your life today, but you might fall, you might sin, you might lose your salvation." But this Word of God says that we are born "by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." Beloved, like begats like, and if the Word of God lives forever, and that is the cause of my spiritual birth, then I am not fearful lest I fall and go to Hell. I am looking to the cross of Jesus, and He is going to hold me until that day.

Beloved, what a thrill my text gives me when it says, "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." It does make me rich for I have a loving Heavenly Father, I can talk to Him in prayer, I can read His Word, I can look to Hell and spurn it, and it makes me rich also in that day by day the hope of heaven gets brighter and brighter. This old world does not look very bright to me today. It certainly isn't anything for us to love. With war not only threatening, but actually a reality, with sin on every side, with all kinds of iniquities and transgressions before us that we rub elbows with and brush shoulders with every day, the hope of Heaven gets brighter day by day. Talk about a man being rich today! I know I'm going to Heaven when I die. It doesn't make any difference how long I live, if I live fifty years — it doesn't make any difference if the Lord Jesus comes back and catches me up in the skies, it doesn't make any difference how long I live in this world — when the time comes, if I should die here, and you stand and look down on my cold dead presence, you can say one thing, "He has gone to be with the Lord." Beloved, the hope of Heaven gets brighter day by day, — the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich.

How it thrills my soul to know that I have a Heavenly home to go to after a while. All this past week, the thing that kept me plugging was the fact that I knew I was coming home on Friday night. I confess to you that I get homesick when I go away. I'm a terrible baby, and get worse as I get older. When Sunday comes and when Wednesday comes, I feel like I ought to be here, and I miss you, and I miss my wife and babies. I tell you, I was home-sick all this last week, and the thing that buoyed me on was the thought that in just a few days and I'll be home.

Beloved, some days I look out upon this world and all its darkness and sin, and when I see it I am encouraged and helped with this thought in mind, it isn't going to be long until we stand face to face with Him and enjoy that Heavenly home. Talk about a man being rich, oh, sinner friend, you don't know what it's all about, but the child of God knows it, for it is his experience.

My text says, "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." I am rich now, and I am getting richer day by day. There isn't a day that goes by but what I learn new lessons from it, there isn't an hour of my experience but that it grows sweeter, and only God knows how much richer I shall be after a while.

During the depression, a man came into the study one day and wanted some money, which was a common experience in those days, and in order to get what he desired, he made this plea: "I am going to be immensely rich when my old man dies;" and I said, "Thank God, that's true with this preacher." The Bible refers to our fleshly nature as our "old man," and when my old man dies, I'm going to be immensely rich too.

I am rich now, for I have a lov-

ing Heavenly Father, I can talk to Him in prayer, I can read and understand His Bible, the fear of Hell is gone, and my hope of a home in Heaven grows brighter and brighter day by day. Yet, I'm going to be even richer when I reach my Heavenly home.

III

However, my text doesn't stop there. It tells me how I get this blessing of salvation which makes me rich, for the last part of the verse says, "And he addeth no sorrow with it." The literal Hebrew says, "You don't have to work for it." One night this last week in Columbus, Ohio, a man who is a Plymouth Brethren, invited me to come to his home for the evening meal. In fact, he drove some twelve to fourteen miles to get me, and then brought me back to the church services. When we were ready to eat the dinner that had been prepared, before we prayed, he passed around a little box that had some cards in it, and on the side it said, "The Bread of life." He asked each of us at the table to choose a card, and everybody pulled a card from the box, and when you looked at it, there was a verse of Scripture on it, and each person read that verse, and then I prayed. It happened that there was a missionary lady who had spent some twelve years in Africa sat just to my right at the table, and she drew the card that had this verse upon it — Prov. 10:22. She read it: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Then it said underneath, Literal translation, "You don't have to work for it." As soon as she read it and I had prayed, I said, "Let me have that card, I want to see it." I thought, I wonder if that is what it means. It never had registered before. I did not have any commentaries with me, so I had no way to check on it. I came back and started looking through my commentaries in the study, and everyone of them, without a single exception, says the literal translation of this verse is, "You don't have to work for it."

Beloved, that's salvation. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich and you don't have to work for it." Beloved that's grace. Why, you don't have to work for it, for what God gives us, He gives us as an out-right gift, and you don't have to work for it.

Listen: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5). How are we saved? Not by works. This is the same teaching Paul gives us when he says, "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).

It is the same truth you have in Romans 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Don't you see — you don't have to work. Thank God for a salvation that you don't have to work for.

If there is anything that thrills my soul, is to know that when God saves, He saves by grace and you don't have to work for it. Jesus did the work. He paid the whole price at Calvary. He worked that I might cease working and died that I might not have to die. Thank God, through what Jesus did, you don't have to work. Oh, in God's name I beg you to cast your works down at the foot of the cross, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and trust Him, and be saved today.

The blessing of the Lord. What is it? It is salvation. "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich." It does make us immensely rich, and you don't have to work for it. Thank God for a salvation like

that.

One thing that impressed me about our Sunday School lesson today was the crucifixion of Jesus, and the thing that stood out particularly was the fact that Jesus died for our sins. I told my class this morning that I heard a preacher say a few months ago that the supreme value of Jesus' death was that it teaches us that we ought to be true to our convictions even if we have to die for them. Beloved, that's the biggest lie in this world, for Jesus did not die for us to give us an example, — Jesus died for us to save us from Hell and take us to Heaven. He did not die as a martyr to show us we ought to be true to our convictions even if we have to die for them. From the time I heard that preacher say that, there has been a cartoon in my mind, and I am going to have Mary Jo draw it and I'm going to put it in *The Baptist Examiner*. I'm going to have her picture that preacher stand up preaching, and have him say, "The supreme value of Jesus' death is that He gives us an example that we should be true to our convictions even if we have to die for them." Then right behind him in the picture, I'm going to have the cross standing there but you can't see it because of what the preacher is saying. Then I'm going to have a poor heart-broken mother with her son, stand before the preacher and say, "Please stand aside, sir, that he might see the cross." Beloved, that's the plan of salvation. He wants preachers that would thus hide the cross, to step aside that lost sinners might see the cross of Jesus Christ.

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and you don't have to work for it." God help you to trust Him today.

MAN'S COVER FOR SIN CONTRASTED WITH GOD'S COVER

(Continued from page two) who has just come to live in Wheaton (brother of John Rice). I was down at the service of dedication for his new home in Wheaton. I was tremendously interested and greatly blessed through that service. The service was recorded, for there was the recording machine taking down all our speeches. When the service was over, they put the record on again, giving the speech I had made in this dedication. Well, I discovered things in my voice and in my accent of which I was quite unaware. My Scottish accent hit me right in the face when I heard that record! Even so, the things of which we are unconscious are being taken down in God's record. And the hidden things, the secret things, will out.

The Flower that Revealed the Corpse

In a French magazine I read this incident. A professor of natural history was walking through a field over there in France right beside a bush, and he noticed a remarkable flower growing there. He knew that that flower was not native to those parts. It was a tropical flower. He immediately pulled out his knife and tried to get that plant by the root to take it to the natural museum, but he discovered that his knife was not sufficient instrument to get it up. So he went to the farmer to whom the field belonged and said to him, "Man, do you know, over there beside the bush is a tropical plant growing and it has a magnificent flower? I am a professor of natural history and I want to get that plant to give to the museum and to enquire into the cause of its growing here. Will you lend me a spade to take it up?" The farmer turned pale and began to tremble. He answered roughly, "I don't want you digging up my field. I won't get the spade." The natu-

alist could not understand it, so he went away until night came. Then he brought a spade, borrowed somewhere else, and started to dig for the roots of that plant. To his horror he began to turn up a dead body in an advanced stage of decomposition. It was but a matter of moments until he had secured his plant and covered the body again and went off to a magistrate, who immediately started an inquiry — and then it came out. This farmer had a brother who had gone to Central America. This brother suddenly turned up home on a surprise visit. He was an unwelcome visitor, for the farmer hoped the brother would stay away so that he would have the full patrimony. So that night he secretly poisoned the visiting brother and buried him beside the bush, thinking that nobody would ever know about it. But the dead men had in his pocket a bulb from the tropics, and this sprouted, and the exotic flower, feeding on the carcass, signalled the crime to an astonished world. So secret sin will out. And it is good for men to realize that trying to hide sin from God is a foolish practice, for God sees everything.

You Cannot Hide From God

You have read the 139th Psalm: "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is no word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? if I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." These are solemn words. We can do nothing in secret from God.

The Torment of Unconfessed Sin

Then, too, men try to cover their sins in silence. They decide they will say nothing about it and maybe God will forget. David tried that in this same Psalm where he speaks of the blessedness of the man whose sin is covered by society-inflicted penalty, by reformation, by heaping up good deeds, will ever atone in the eyes of God for his sins.

But God has provided an atonement for sin which is a PERFECT atonement: When the Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself our sin, He took upon Himself the sin of the world and He took upon Himself ALL the sin of the world. And when Jesus Christ bore your sin on Calvary, He bore ALL your sin, and when Jesus Christ bore my sin, He bore it ALL. He gave the last iota of the law's demand. The eternal law of God cannot make one demand more, for sin has been completely, perfectly atoned for. Now when I come in penitence to God in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, this score is completely wiped out, and when He recalls the day when he tried to cover his sin in silence, and here is what he says, "When I kept silence my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer." To try to keep quiet about our sins pays no better than to try to sin in secret for God is altogether too gracious

too merciful to allow us to forget our sins. The moment God gives us up to forget our sins, He has given us up! Here then was the Psalmist. His sin was working havoc in his heart and in his life, and yet he was determined that he would not confess it. Did God let it go at that? Oh, no, God kept His hand heavy upon that man and just kept him burdened about his sin, so that his very bones, instead of having normal marrow in them were drying up like the bones of an old person, like a tree that has no sap. And God kept him that way until he 'fessed up. There is no peace, there is no joy, in trying to forget sin, for God will not forget God will keep bringing it up and bringing it up. Oh, how many a one could tell a story of veritable purgatory before he has confessed his sin. By night he would lie upon his bed and he would grow fevered with remembrance of his sin. He would fall into restless sleep and dream about sin, and rising up in the morning the first thing that would meet him was his sin. Going to business, there would be a thousand remembrances of his sin come before him — every incident that took place, every object he saw on the street, would bring back his sin. When God acts that way with us, He is acting most graciously, because He is leading us in the road to salvation, pushing us along to the place where we shall no longer keep silent but confess our sin. No, you don't get rid of sin by keeping quiet about it. You get rid of sin by confessing it.

The Folly of Self-Righteousness

Then, too, there are men trying to cover their sin with self-righteousness. They admit they make mistakes, but then they say, "Look how many good things I do." So they make a good front for themselves, by deeds of kindness, by business honesty, by their church-membership, by their religious education and by any other thing which they consider will be accepted as righteousness. To the outward eye they seem like square shooters, they look like religious men, they will pass muster according to the judgments of this world, but there is inward corruption just the same. These cancers of sin remain, and will one day be brought to light.

In his very interesting book called *Kabloona, de Poncins* gives a description of the Eskimo. One passage is a propos of our subject. The writer says:

"In the winter this land is white and green, the snow purifies it. In this season it is repellent, sordid and haggard. All the skull-like stone strewn over the barren tundra grin in the dead landscape of summer. As far as the eye can see, all is brown, black, lugubrious. The Post itself seems deep in a welter of ashes and garbage now uncovered by the thawing of the successive drifts of winter. What filth we ourselves, without knowing it, were responsible for! The ignoble tins flung heedlessly out-of-doors; the empty jam pots; the rotten potatoes — all this is present suddenly to disgrace us."

As the cool warmth of the summer's sun in the Arctic makes revelation of all the uncleanness, one day, when the Sun of Righteousness shines forth in His strength upon the lives of men, all the white covering of self-righteousness, of religion, will melt away and all the defilement and the sin will be unbarred. Oh, men, don't try to hide your own sins. "He that covereth his sin shall not prosper." It does not work.

II. HOW GOD COVERS SIN

But there is the other wonderful side to this story. "Blessed is he whose sin is covered." God covers sin and oh, what a difference when HE does it! He covers sin with a perfect atonement. Men try to atone for their own evil deeds.

The law apprehends the criminal, passes sentence upon him, and that sentence inflicted upon the man is supposed to be an atonement to society for evil deeds. When the man comes out of prison, if he is incarcerated for a year, five years, ten years, twenty years, he is supposed to have made a full atonement to society for his evil deeds. The score is supposed to be clear now between him and society. But is it? Is it? Suppose that man tries to get a government job. His record is looked up. Oh, he has a police court record, hasn't he? He is laid aside. Suppose he tries to get a job in a bank. His record is looked up. Oh, he was found guilty of robbery, was he? Well, he is laid aside. I thought he had made full atonement. Oh, no. Oh, no! There is no such a thing as a man making full atonement for his sins even a man can do by self-inflicted penalty, to society, and how much more true is that with respect to God. Nothing that make application for some heavenly privilege, when we seek communion with the Most High God, He does not look upon our record and say, "Oh, I see that the sinner was guilty of such and such and such in times past, therefore he may not have access to Me." Or, when we seek entrance into some service of God, the preaching of His gospel the ministry of reconciliation, God doesn't look up His police court record, and discovering that we in times past did this and that, reject us. No. He has made perfect atonement in the death of Jesus Christ so that every privilege of high Heaven is completely open to the sinner who has come by Christ to God. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." ALL sin! It is all-inclusive.

And then God covers our sin with a perfect righteousness. Men's Righteousness Filthy; Only Christ's Righteousness Will Do.

Look at this man who is trying to cover his own sin with his own righteousness—how horribly deficient it is. Did you ever put out a white sheet or a white shirt when snow had newly fallen on the ground? Does your sheet look pretty yellow and your shirt pretty brown? Even so, what a dirty thing human righteousness is in the face of the divine holiness!

God says, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." (Isaiah 64:6). But now God has a righteousness, a perfect righteousness, and He had that righteousness of His lived out in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ who rendered perfect obedience, perfect love, perfect devotion, perfect purity all the days of His earthly life; that is the righteousness of God in man. When the poor sinner comes to God with his sin, God wraps him around in that perfect righteousness. He puts the best robe upon him in place of that garment of filthy rags of human righteousness. When God covers our sins, He covers them with the perfect righteousness that was manifested in His son, Jesus Christ, His credit covers our debit.

The Roman church has a doctrine known as the doctrine of supererogation. They believe that those whom they make saints did so many good deeds that they have some left over for others after they have had sufficient for themselves. And so the poor sinner can go to a particular saint and say, "Please, will you put some of your good deeds to my account to help me out?" That is the work of supererogation. Well, let me tell you that just One ever lived who had deeds of supererogation, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The saints have a hard enough time getting by themself.

ves. But the Lord Jesus is enough for every man who come and receive Him. This pererogation. I Timothy 2:5, us, "For there is one God, one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time."

When God Covers Sin He Cleanses The Sinner

And the last word. God covers our sin with a perfect purity, remember up in Sault Ste. Marie I was called to visit a poor man who was in the last stages of cancer. The cancer was on the He had heard our radio message, especially one on the Lamb's of life, and he wanted to that his name was written so he had sent for me. Beloved, he went upstairs to the room, the relatives said, "Now to warn you, he looks pretty some." So I went up, and it was one of the most sights I had ever seen. Part of his face was rotting with cancer sores. It almost nauseated me almost turned me inside out. I had to pray God to give me grace, and God gave me grace. The old man there, just on the edge of leaving this world, accepted Lord Jesus Christ and he had his name written in the book of life. But here is I want to say. They kept his as much as they could, covered but the covering didn't cure. There was no power in those efforts to kill that ever more cancer working cancer. The cancer remained. But I want to tell this, when God puts a covering over the cancer of your sin and there is something in that covering that is curative. When sins are covered with the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, the active power of that blood goes way down into the depths and cleanses the man. It just sucks the filth of sin out and that goes until one day we stand before God without spot or blemish, complete righteousness and joy, the likeness of Jesus Christ. Oh, you wonder that the Psalmist said, "O, the blessedness of sins covered?" When God covers, He cleanses the disease and makes us fit for Heaven.

I wonder are your sins covered? If you are trying to cover your sins with secrecy or with silence or with your own righteousness, sure it won't prosper. One day you will stand ashamed before God, your iniquity and hear Him say, "Depart from me, I never knew you." But if you allow God to cover your sin, He will cover it that it will be blotted out, and the disease will be cured. So God Himself looked for your sin. He couldn't find it after He covered it.

You say, "How can I get my sins covered?" I'll tell you. Uncover it. Uncover it to God right now. David said, "I said, I will confess my transgressions unto thee, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." That is the way.

Let us pray. I wonder, are any reading this, whose sins have not been covered except with poor coverings that you have made up? They are going to be torn away one of these days. expose the whole vile mess. today you can say, "I am going to ask God to cover my sin with the precious blood of Christ, not only covers, but blots out, cleanses and cures." He will do for you right where you are, if your heart is going out to God right now in prayer for a covering of your sin, will you raise your hand to say, "I am trusting God to cover my sins with the blood of Christ today. Would you quietly raise your hand? Where are you? Where are you?"