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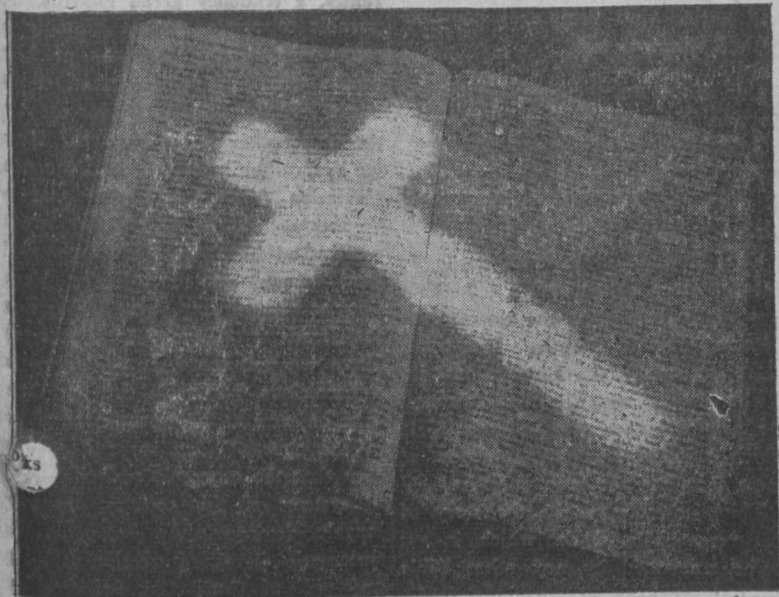
"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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The Cross



"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God . . . and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."—Phil. 2:3-8.

THIS WAR

From Nikolaev to Leningrad,
And every foot between
There human blood has soaked the sod
Oh! what a ghastly scene!

On Tarawa is a resting place
For America's noble sons;
They hear no more the cannon's roar,
They're through with tanks and
guas.

Cassino's hills are red with blood,
Shed by gallant men;
What has caused this crimson flood?
How will it end and when?

God knows the way, He's fixed the
time;
It's far too much for man.
Why not admit His sovereignty?
Accept His sovereign plan?

— L. D. Bruce, Russell, Ky.

OUR KENTUCKY BAPTIST HIERARCHY

Recently the editor received a calendar entitled "Baptist Activities — 1944."

That it was large and impressive in its appearance, goes without saying, — it being 36 x 22 inches in size.

With the exception of two of the months of the year, all the balance are specifically tagged for emphasis.

January — 100,000 Club Month
February — Christian Education Month

March — Home and Foreign Missions Month

April — Christian Literature Month

May — Kentucky Baptist Hospital Month

July — Baptist Bible Institute Month

August — Southwestern Baptist Seminary Month

September — Southern Baptist Seminary Month

October — State Missions Month

November — Western Recorder Month.

That it is a complete calendar as

to Baptist activities there can be no doubt. It tells when to emphasize B. S. U. vocational week, when to have Baptist College education day, the week in which to have Sunday School associated meetings. It tells when to take an offering for the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. The W. M. U. and the BYPU both are given prominent place as to their activities, and finally it tells when to start taking an every member canvas and when to have it completed. In short, it is complete as to Baptist activities.

Just one glance is all that one needs to realize that we have in Kentucky a Baptist hierarchy. Through the years, Baptists have resisted, bled and died in opposition to a Catholic hierarchy. Well a Baptist hierarchy is not one whit better than one fostered by the Catholics.

On this calendar is a picture of our friend and brother, Bryon C. S. DeJarnette, who is secretary of the Training Union. I have slept with him, prayed with him, eaten with him. (Continued on page four)

What Place Has God In The Present War?

"When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness" — Isa 26:9.

Naturally we all long for the date when the bells of a victorious armistice or peace will begin to toll. We naturally think of the days approximating those of the past. We think in terms of economic stability and comfort, and we perhaps pray for an early cessation of hostilities. But surely we have learned that there is something more important and precious than peace. Why have we gone to war? Is it not because we have deemed something more precious than peace? We must read the text again — "the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." That is the lesson of "God and the War" that bears upon us with more practical moment than anything else. It is the lesson that we have been loath to learn, the lesson of individual and national repentance. I don't think I am unduly pessimistic if I say that the signs have not been pointing in that direction of penitence and humility. We have had much humiliation, but (Continued on page two)

Which Describes You?

Two pastor's wives, alleges the Western Christian Union, were visiting together. One said: "I don't know what we will do — my husband is so discouraged. Somehow his people do not care to hear him preach, and our salary is far behind. My husband feels so blue that he does not like to visit the people and pray with them, and so he sits around at home nearly (Continued on page two)

Rambling With The Editor

"For sometime I have intended to write you, but have neglected. I want you to know that I love your paper, I love the truth of God's Word, and I rejoice to stand four-square behind you in my prayers. My wife and I read every word of your paper. It has been a heaven-sent message to me." This is what Brother M. C. Wilson of Perkins, West Va., says at the same time he sends us a subscription for his daughter.

"I look forward to getting my paper so I can sit down and feast for a little while. I never read one of your sermons but what I have to slip off to some quiet place and pray the Lord will make a better Baptist out of me. I want you to know that I stand one hundred percent for your belief in church doctrines. Oh, for more preachers that would preach the doctrines of the Bible and not compromise with the Devil's crowd," so says G. A. Bray of Jacksonville, Florida; and don't forget that he

enclosed a contribution of five dollars to help us know that he really meant what he said.

Of recent date we launched a drive for 10,000 new "subs." The first response came from our good friend T. B. Grissom of Burnside, Ky., who mailed his list by air-mail, immediately on receiving the notice. Blessings on him and others who shall do likewise.

"One of my preacher friends, D. A. Beam of Springfield, Missouri, told me of your paper and because of his recommendation I subscribed for it. This was the best fifty cents I ever spent. I have often wondered why some good Baptist pastor did not print such a paper. I intend to try to enlarge your subscription list" so says Elder Ed D. Dawson of Rogersville, Mo., in a much appreciated letter of recent date.

"I think THE BAPTIST EXAM-

INER is the most wonderful paper that comes into our home. We have appreciated it more the past few months than ever before. I couldn't survive spiritually without it," so says Miss Gaye Carroll of Shoals, West Virginia, as she sends us a subsidy for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and also two new subscriptions.

Cpl. Chris Williams of Kessler Field, Mississippi, tells me that there are several fine Christian fellows in his division in the Army, and as usual, he sends us two new subscriptions when he writes. This seems to be a habit, and a mighty good habit which he has. He says: "Several of my friends have been reading it and they say they really enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER."

Brother J. E. Reynolds, a layman of Perryville, Tennessee, sends us a subsidy of five dollars, saying: "Please use it for the spread of the (Continued on page two)

They're Not Too Busy To Read Bible Or Pray

We know you have appointments — most persons do in this busy age — but you don't have as many as the famous baritone, John Charles Thomas.

Listen to what he does before going on the air:

"He is fearful as his program approaches because he always senses the impressive size of his audience of the air. No one dares bother him between the time he reaches the studio and the moment he approaches the microphone. He goes into a little room and there, perhaps for 30 minutes or more, he prays.

"Thomas' father was a preacher, who conducted camp meetings at which as a child, John Charles sang. Father, son, and mother made a trio, and thus the boy caught the evangelistic fervor which nowadays comes out occasionally in the concert hall."

We know you must concentrate to do your best work; but your need along that line isn't as great as that of Vaughn Shoemaker — cartoonist of the Chicago Daily News.

He goes on his knees every morning. (Continued on page four)

The Lord's Cow

Some years ago, two stock buyers in the south rode up to the home of an old Negro and noticed a fine milk cow grazing in the yard. One of them said, "Uncle, we would like to buy that cow; is she yours?" The Negro responded, "No sah, boss, that ain't my cow. She is the Lord's cow. I am just keeping her for Him." The old Negro had grasped the true meaning of Christian stewardship. (Continued on page two)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Will A Christian Who Commits Suicide Go To Heaven?"

"For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson." — Hebrews 11:31.

Recently our good friend and brother, Elder C. C. Smith, pastor of the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist (colored) Church of Ironton, Ohio, came to the end of life's way. The coroner's verdict was that he com-

mitted suicide. Although I was deeply shocked over the story of his death I was not one bit surprised in view of what I know that he had suffered and the mental anguish through which he had passed for the last five years.

Naturally there has been much comment relative to his death and many

questions have been asked as to his salvation. I believe that a preacher ought to be ready to give a scriptural answer at any time concerning any matter. "And 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." (Continued on page three)

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gospel." We rejoice for this offering and are happy that our friends here and there believe in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER that it does preach the Word of God, and we rejoice especially that they are glad to support it.

"We enjoy reading your paper very much" so says Mr. and Mrs. Park Elswick of Cattleburg, Kentucky, and at the same time they remember that they have two friends in Virginia whom they think would like to read the paper, and therefore they subscribe for these friends. Haven't you a friend to whom you might send the paper too?

Brother John Price of Edwight, West Virginia, an old friend of the editor, sends us another nice size contribution, and this is not the first time. How we thank God for these friends who regularly support THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

BOOK REVIEWS

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ELD. C. C. SMITH, (DECEASED)



574 QM Railroad Co.
 Camp Shelby, Mississippi
 March 22, 1944

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am writing to thank you for the many kind words you expressed and the deeds you performed for us at the death of my father, Rev. C. C. Smith.

I always knew that my father's friendship with you was a very close one, however I did not realize the depth of your friendship until I was home at his burial. I didn't get home to the funeral services in Ironton, but I did get to Willard only after catching a plane the night before the Willard services. Our company had just moved into this camp from Tennessee Maneuvers when I received a small bundle of telegrams that had been following me for three days.

The manner in which my father was known to depart this life was quite shocking to most of us; however in my younger life I often could visualize my father riding up into heaven in a chariot when he would be in the midst of a sermon. Seemingly, I never could get it in my mind that he would die a natural death and be laid out in a coffin.

Somehow, I still can't believe that my father is dead in the manner in which most persons accept it. I seem to feel that he will be home from one of his evangelistic meetings soon for certainly that was his life work.

The sermon you delivered at the memorial services for my father was indeed deep and proved your very thorough knowledge of the Bible. If only the world would have more men like yourself, who would preach the Bible in its entirety.

I thought the services for my father at Willard to be very significant of the great good and work he had done. Just to watch the many persons, white and colored, among whom my father had worked as they came and paid their respects to his memory was enough to make me realize the beauty in serving God with all our hearts.

God's plan in taking my father at this time is not for us to explain, however I feel that his passing will serve as an impetus to we boys in finding our vocations more speedily. Pray that God will direct us in all our ways.

I am hoping and praying for the day when all we boys can come back to our homes and live lives that will make the world see the blessedness in

serving God.

I shall be happy to hear from you at any time and remember that I shall be praying for your continued steadfastness to your calling. Please give your family and churches my regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,
 (Sgt.) C. C. Smith, Jr.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE CONFLICT WITHIN MYSELF, by Earle V. Pierce. 192 pages, cloth binding, price \$1.50.

This is one of the most interesting books of sermons this editor has ever read. They reveal at first reading that they are the fruit of long study. Each of the nine sermons is a masterpiece. Every Christian who wants to be more like the Master will buy this book and read it carefully.

His sermon, "Have You Got Your Goliath?" will make you think and so will the sermon entitled, "Was Peter A Coward?" If you want a deeper experience read this book.

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This book, so interestingly written by Mr. Wright, and so fully illustrated by a dozen or more photographs, tells the complete story of the beginning, the development, and the expansion of this mighty ministry.

I rejoice with Brother Fuller over this ministry. My only regret is that he believes in the universal church and that he is not a strict Baptist. Would to God that he majored on all the Word, instead of omitting the church and her ordinances.

This book will make you more humble, more prayerful, and more of a seeker after His will. Order it today at \$1.00 per copy from THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

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change your mate for a little innocent (?) date? Better read this book first, and note well the results.

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This little book tells the story of this remarkable work, which is yet to be surpassed by any other Bible helps. This book is especially interesting since Mr. Gaebelin is the only one of the editors who worked with Mr. Scofield who is still living.

The Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, Illinois.

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Most everything which Moody publishes is helpful, but this is the best book of sermons we have yet reviewed from their press. You'll never regret buying this book, studying it, and making its contents a part of you.

The Lord's Cow

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What are you doing with what God has loaned you? Are you a good trustee?" — Central Baptist Bulletin, Phoenix.

Which Describes You?

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all the time." The other sister said: "We are getting along fine. My husband spends much of his time visiting, and the people like to have him kneel and pray with them in their homes. Our congregations are always good, and our salary is paid up promptly." While the two sisters were talking they were mending trousers. One was mending her husband's trousers at the seat, the other was mending her husband's trousers at the knees.

When angels visit us, we do not hear the rustle of wings, nor feel the feathery touch of a dove; but we know their presence by the love they create in our hearts.

What Place Has God In The Present War?

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have we put on humility as a garment? Have we acquainted ourselves with the alarming prevalence of sexual immorality and of marital infidelity? Have we followed the history of the divorce courts, the facility with which divorce may be secured and the frequency with which divorce is sought and granted? Have we witnessed the appalling increase in profanity, a tendency given impetus, deplorable to relate, by the example of some who occupy positions of high public trust? Have we taken cognizance of the lamentable increase in the desecration of the Sabbath? Have we not rather heard or read the proclamation from the highest seat of government of a seven day week, when God has said, "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Exo. 20:1,10). Have we not heard, in the terms of a pernicious antithesis, that this war is to be won in the workshop and not in the church? Can we fail to discern that the economic and educational systems of this country are very largely devised and conducted in systematic disregard of the authority and will of God? Our defiance has surely reached Babel proportions when we think that in the interests of defending our civil and religious liberties we can dispense with the laws which God has ordained. For the laws of God are the only basis and guarantee of true liberty and true worship.

Our minds are very liable in these times to be blinded by a certain kind of panic. We quite properly desire and set our minds upon the preservation of our national liberties and integrity and, in order to that, upon the defeat of those enemies who are arrayed against us. But in preoccupation with that end we are too prone to that panic that blinds our vision of the kingdom and His righteousness. I would not set up a false antithesis. But we should remember that no temporal catastrophe can be as bad as the strengthening of the bands of godlessness. I am not saying that it is necessary for us to undergo ultimate defeat in order to learn righteousness. May God forbid that this should be the case. But it would be better for us to suffer the humiliation of defeat, if thereby we should learn righteousness, than to be crowned with sweeping military victory if thereby we are to be confirmed in the ways of ungodliness. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17). Let us ever remember the sovereign prerogatives of God's kingdom and even in the pursuance of that life-and-death military conflict let us learn to think even then in terms of the kingdom of Him who is "the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God" (I Tim. 1:17). "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." — An extract of a recent address before the "Christian World Order Conference" held in Cincinnati.

April 29, 1944

Will A Christian Who Com- mits Suicide Go To Heaven?

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Peter 3:15). With the thought of this Scripture in mind, I therefore attempt to answer this question in the light of God's Word.

There are six cases of suicide in the Bible. Ahithophel who had been faithful servant to David, was one of those who rose in rebellion against David. On failing to become the friend and adviser to Absalom which he had hoped, he committed suicide. Listen:

"And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father." — Samuel 17:23.

Judas Iscariot was, of course, a suicide. "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that." And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." — Matthew 27:3-5.

"Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." — Acts 1:18.

These verses taken together would indicate that Judas hanged himself, and possibly by the breaking of a rope, or in some manner, he fell so that his body was burst open as a result of the fall.

King Saul of the Old Testament was also a suicide. He had been mortally wounded in battle at Mt. Gilboa, and fearful lest he suffer at the hands of the Philistines, he put an end to his life with his sword.

"Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it." — I Samuel 31:4.

Saul's armourbearer likewise was a suicide for when he saw that Saul was dead, he took his own life, thus dying with King Saul.

"And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him." — I Samuel 31:5.

Zimri, who was one of the kings of Israel, ended his life by burning himself to death.

"And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died." — Kings 16:18.

The sixth suicide of the Bible is that of Samson. "And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might, and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life." — Judges 16:30.

I There is no question but that Samson was a saved man. He was the thirteenth judge over Israel. Our text indicates that he was saved for

he is mentioned as one of the heroes of faith in God's great chapter of faith — the 11th chapter of Hebrews — God's Westminster Abbey of the faithful. I cannot believe that Samson would be thus spoken of if he had died unsaved, for it would be highly incongruous that God would place his name in this chapter along with the many others who were saved if he himself had not died in the Lord.

When Samson was saved, he was just like all others in that he possessed two natures.

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." — Rom. 7:18-21.

God tells each of us exactly how we are to deal with these two natures. He says that we are to starve the old nature. Listen:

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." — Romans 13:14.

He also tells us that we are to feed the new nature. Listen: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." — I Peter 2:1, 2.

Samson, just like many who lived before him and since his day, reversed the order in that he failed to feed the new nature but continually starved it, and at the same time, fed his old nature. If you will read the book of Judges, you will find this to be decidedly true.

By feeding his old nature, he had many experiences which brought one difficulty after another into his life. His final experience was with Leilah whereby his hair, which was a sign of his separation to God, was shaved off, and accordingly Samson himself became weak as any other individual, thus falling into the hands of his enemies, the Philistines.

It is a pathetic story as to how they took this erstwhile physical giant—Israel's champion, and gouged out his eyes. Notice his blindness, hear his chains clank, and observe his servitude to the Philistines and you have thereby the end picture of sin. Yet the Word of God tells us that though he was thus abused by the Philistines, that his hair began to grow so that eventually his strength came back to him little by little.

One day the Philistines brought him out that this old blind judge of Israel might amuse them. Then it was that he leaned against the pillars of the house and prayed for vengeance upon the Philistines. "And Samson called unto the Lord and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." — Judges 16:28.

It would thus appear that Samson certainly took revenge in his own hands and that he failed to believe the Scripture which says:

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger,

feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." — Rom. 12:19-21.

Thus Samson became a suicide and died with a spirit of revenge predominating in his death. However, in spite of all this, Hebrews 11:32—our text, indicates that he was saved.

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All of which leads me to declare that there is nothing that can take a child of God out of God's hand. When one is once saved, and has thereby become a child of God, there is nothing that can take that individual away from the Father,—not even death at his own hands. That is true for several reasons.

First of all, every saved person is kept by the power of God. There are a number of Scriptures which indicate that this is so. Listen:

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." — Jude 24.

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." — I Peter 1:5.

"For that which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: 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.

Concerning all these verses may it be remembered that none of us are able to keep ourselves. If I had a thousand dollars in my pocket, I would be unsafe in walking around on the streets of this or any other town. Not having the ability to keep this money myself, it would be the point of prudence and wisdom for me to go to the bank and place it there on deposit where the banker has the ability to keep it. The same is true spiritually. I have not the ability to keep myself in God's sight. If my spiritual preservation depended upon me, then undoubtedly I must spend my eternity in hell. The same is true of each of Adam's descendants. None of us are able to keep ourselves. Hence, we commit ourselves into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said he had made such a committal.

That committal was made on the day he was saved. In like measure, the day that I was saved, I thereby committed myself to Him and I have the assurance that I am kept now by the power of God. The fact that any of us go to heaven when we die is nothing to our credit nor praise, for all glory belongs to Him Who has saved us and kept us saved through His own power.

In the second place, there is nothing that can take one out of the hand of God since each of the redeemed is a new creation. Listen:

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." — 2 Cor. 5:17.

It is utterly impossible for that which has been created to be uncreated. Go back to the first chapter of Genesis and you can observe that in six successive days God had created the various and varied forms of life. When these had been created, nothing could uncreate them. In fact, there is an axiomatic law of life that whatever God does, He does it forever. "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever." — Eccl. 3:14.

Thus since the Scriptures declare that each redeemed person is a new creation and since that which has been created cannot be uncreated, then it logically follows that there is nothing that can take a believing child of God out of the hand of his Heavenly Father.

In the third place, there is nothing that can take a saved person out of the hand of God since believers are sealed unto the day of redemption. Listen:

"Who hath also sealed us, and gives us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." — 2 Cor. 1:22.

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." — Eph. 4:30.

The day of redemption concerning which Paul speaks, is the time of Christ's return. Thank God, He is coming back, and when He comes, He is going to redeem the body just the same as He has already redeemed the soul. That day of redemption is at the hour of His return. Listen:

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." — Luke 21:28.

"And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." — Rom. 8:23.

Thus these Scriptures would indicate that we are sealed and safe until Jesus comes again. I have a very definite conviction that if He can keep us until He returns, or, in other words, if He keeps us as long as we carry about this old tenement of flesh that certainly He will be able to keep us after He returns when this house of clay is no more and when we have a body that is perfectly redeemed just as the soul is already redeemed.

We might suppose an object sealed inside a keg and that keg in turn sealed inside a barrel, and that barrel sealed inside a hogshead. Now in order to get into that object that it might be destroyed, it would be necessary first of all to break the seal on the hogshead and thus destroy it, and to likewise break the seal and destroy the barrel and the keg. Since every believer is sealed by God, then it would be necessary for the Devil to destroy the power of the triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in order to take us out of the hands of our Heavenly Father. How we thus rejoice that we are sealed and kept saved and safe through the power of this triune God.

In the fourth place, the covenant which God makes between Himself and the righteous guarantees their security. Listen:

"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.

What a marvelous verse this is. What a wonderful promise in that he declares that He won't turn away from us and won't permit us to turn away from Him.

I was preaching several years ago in the new Car Shops here in Russell and at the conclusion of my message, a man asked, "Don't you think a fellow could crawl off the Rock of Ages if he wanted to?" My answer then, even on the spur of the moment, is the same as I would make now ten years later, after thinking much of this question. I said, "Did you ever see a man who was big enough fool

to want to crawl off the Rock of Ages?" However, beloved, suppose that such a person could be found who, though he was saved, wanted to damn his soul in Hell. Imagine such a perverted individual, who, after knowing that he was going to Heaven, determined that he wanted to go to Hell. Could such a person succeed in his desires? Though that individual might live a life of the vilest and grossest of sins and ungodliness, though he might bring disgrace to himself, his family, and his friends, still that individual could not take himself out of the hand of God and would not be able to "crawl off the Rock of Ages."

There is a type of life insurance that is known as "noncancellable." That is, when a person gets one of those policies, the company cannot cancel it under any consideration regardless of what the physical condition of the man may become. Well, we have in our Saviour something better than that, for our salvation is "non-cancellable" both from the standpoint of God and man. This covenant then whereby God promises that He won't turn away from us and that he won't permit us to turn away from him, secures us eternally.

In the fifth place, we have Christ's own statement which He is to make at the judgment bar of God to each of the unsaved, which proves that saved folk cannot lose their salvation. Listen:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." — Matt. 7:22,23.

What a fearful day it is which Jesus describes when He declares to unsaved preachers, personal workers, and even those who have religiously done "church work" that He never knew them. There could be nothing more pathetic than to see this crowd who have been deceived and deluded as He says to them, "Depart from me ye that work iniquity." You will notice that at the judgment He is going to say to the unsaved, "I never knew you." However, Christ does know every believer. He assures us of this. Listen: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." — John 10:27.

Suppose then that some one were saved and later was lost and that individual were to come to the judgment and hear Christ say, "I never knew you," yet once upon a time that one had been saved. Don't you see, beloved, that if one could be saved and then lost, the Lord Jesus Himself would be proven a liar at the judgment. In the light of His character, since He is Truth itself, then we can be assured that when one is once saved, that there is nothing that can take that individual out of the hand of God.

In the sixth place, when one is saved, he can never be unsaved because he already possesses eternal life. There is no truth more prominently taught in the Bible than the truth of eternal salvation.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." — Jn. 5:24.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may

believe on the name of the Son of God." — I John 5:13.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." — John 6:47.

I remember some years ago talking with a preacher of another persuasion and he declared that he believed in eternal life, that is, he believed that when we get into eternity we would then have eternal life. I cited to him the words of Jesus in His high priestly intercessory prayer: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3). Jesus declares that life eternal is the knowledge of Himself as Saviour. Then just as soon as a believer comes to know Jesus Christ, he has eternal life abiding within him. We don't have to wait until we die nor until we get to heaven. Just knowing Jesus now is enjoying eternal and everlasting salvation.

This word "everlasting" is a most unusually interesting word. In Matthew 25:46 everlasting describes the punishment of the wicked. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment."

In Romans 16:26 it describes the character of God's existence. "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith."

In 2 Timothy 2:10 it describes the duration of Christ in glory. "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

In 2 Peter 1:11 it describes the duration of Christ's kingdom. "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Now notice, beloved, that the same word which describes the punishment of the wicked, the character of God's existence, the duration of Christ in glory, and the duration of Christ's kingdom, is the identical word which is used to describe the life that is ours when we come to trust Jesus Christ as a Saviour.

Then, beloved, just as long as the wicked are punished, as long as God exists, as long as Christ's glory continues, and as long as His kingdom lasts — then that long the believer has eternal life. Or to say it inversely, if the punishment of the wicked could have an end, and if God Himself should come to an end, and if Christ's glory and His kingdom should have an end, then and then only could the believer perish. In view of this fact then how we praise Him for this blessed truth that whenever a believer is saved he actually and definitely possesses eternal life.

III

In view of these great truths that when one is saved he is saved forever, then may we briefly notice the sin of suicide.

It is a sin in that it indicates a definite lack of faith. There is no question but that anyone who is mentally sound who commits suicide has done so because of a definite lack of trust and faith. Anything that evidences such a lack is a sin. Listen:

"For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." — Rom. 14:23.

Then it is a sin in that it is presuming on God, for it actually presumes that the individual knows more than God Himself. Suppose I hire a man to work for me and he keeps wishing for quitting time. All day

long he keeps saying, "I wish the day were over; I wish quitting time would soon come." Such a man would not be a desirable employee. Certainly he would not bring much happiness to his employer. Well, the same is true in our relationship to God. Doubtless there isn't a person living but what at some time wished to die. Yet even that wish was wrong, for it is presuming that you know more than your Heavenly Father.

This sin of suicide certainly affects one's position in glory. In fact, there is no sin that one can commit but what it affects his position in heaven. It does not change his relationship, for he is still God's child, but it does make a difference as to the rewards which will be his.

The word of God makes it clear that we are to be rewarded for what we do after we are saved. "And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." — I Cor. 3:8.

Certainly our rewards will not be the same. "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory." — I Cor. 15:41.

Some folk will even be saved without any rewards. "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." — I Cor. 3:14, 15.

The Word of God indicates that even after one has been saved and has laid up a reward that that reward might even be taken away as a result of sin. "Let no man beguile you of your reward." (Col. 2:18).

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." — 2 John 1:3.

Every sin has its consequences. A child of God cannot sin without these consequences becoming a reality. When he sins he loses his fellowship (not his relationship), with his Father. He loses the joy of his God-given salvation. He stands subject to chastisement from the hand of God. His physical life is actually in danger. While all this is true, it is also a fact that sin does affect one's position in glory, and especially is that true of the sin of suicide.

IV

In spite of the fact that suicide is a sin, yet there is a hope shining through. In the case of our brother, there is no question but what he was a saved man. He had been ill, mentally disturbed, and greatly dearranged for the past five years or better.

However, in it all, we have this assurance that God knows. "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." (Acts 15:18).

In fact, the death of each of us comes in God's appointed time. "To every thing there is a season, and time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die." — Eccl. 3:1, 2.

In reality, God knows the time and the manner of the death of each of us. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God." — John 21:18, 19. In this instance, Jesus foretold the time of Peter's death —

"when thou shalt be old." He also foretold the manner of his death, — that of crucifixion — "thou shalt stretch forth thine hands." I am sure Jesus knew the time and manner of Simon Peter's death. Then it is an evident fact that He knows the time and manner of the death of each of us. What a comforting blessed hope this is. What a wonderful assurance it brings to us.

"God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm."

Deep in unfathomable mines Of everlasting skill, He treasures up His bright designs, And works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan His works in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain."

Just one question remains in closing. Do you have eternal life? If not, may God help you now to lay hold on that life through the Lord Jesus Christ. It isn't by a church ordinance nor through anything that the sinner does, nor by the work of the preacher that one is saved. We rejoice that we have a present and an eternal salvation wrought out by the Lord Jesus Christ. May you believe Him, receive Him, and be saved!

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." — John 5:24.

Our Kentucky Baptist Hierarchy

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him, travelled with him, and rejoiced in his fellowship in the past. Yet he consistently and continually shows contempt for the Word of God by organizing and carrying on BYPUs in an unscriptural manner, teaching women and girls to violate the teachings of God's Word.

Here are God's prohibitions: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." — I Cor. 14:34-38.

"Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." — I Timothy 2:11, 12.

Nor only does Brother DeJarnette show contempt for the Word of God, but actually, his acts defy the State

Board, for at a meeting of the State Board in June, 1925, a resolution was passed demanding that the BTU department obey the Scripture's teaching as to women speaking in mixed assemblies. Never, to my knowledge, has this action been rescinded. It is still a part of the records of Kentucky Baptists. Yet the BYPU flagrantly disobeys both the will of God and the will of Kentucky Baptists.

On this same calendar of Baptist activities, is a picture of W. A. Gardner, the Sunday School secretary. A few years ago he was engaged in services in a town in Illinois, and in response to a question that was propounded to him, he said, "Let Mrs. Gardner speak for herself, she is out of Kentucky now, and can do as she pleases." It is all right to accept the salary from Kentucky Baptists in Kentucky. It is all right for her to keep silence when with Baptists who demanded it, but when outside the state, so far as he was concerned, she might speak publicly. Such hypocrisy in stabbing Kentucky Baptists in the back ought to be repented of and apologized for publicly.

There is also a picture of Brother Carroll Hubbard as assistant to the General Secretary on this calendar. I have preached for Brother Hubbard when he was pastor in Murray, and he has likewise preached for us here in Russell. He knows better than to attempt to build up a hierarchy. It is strange to me how that one who used to find such rich fellowship among scriptural Baptists could now be content and satisfied in seeking to build up unscriptural and anti-scriptural organizations such as BYPUs and WMUs inside our Baptist churches.

Then there's a picture of Brother John D. Freeman who is now editor of the Western Recorder. I used to think that he was one of the best editors of the south, but age blunts one's sensibilities and Brother Freeman's many and varied compromises with the Seminary of the past year are too numerous and are well known among Baptists.

On this same calendar is a picture of Brother J. G. Cothran, who is director of Christian Education. I had a fine sympathetic letter from him some months ago during the time of trouble which this editor was passing, and I deeply appreciate his words by way of fellowship. However, we are still waiting for him to say one word in opposition to the Georgetown College class day escapade. How can he expect to raise one and a half million dollars from Kentucky Baptists for educational purposes when such indecent programs are fostered by the College.

Yes, it is quite a calendar, but I am just wondering where there is any room for the Holy Spirit. The trouble with our Baptist hierarchy is that it is a man made program from beginning to end and is an attempt to confine the Holy Spirit and make Him work according to man's plan.

In the articles of furniture which the Jews had in the Tabernacle, the laver where the priest washed both hands and feet evidently was supposed to be a type of the Holy Spirit. The water contained therein was a type of the Word of God. It is conspicuous that of all the articles of furniture which were made for worship in the Jewish tabernacle that size and shape is given of all of them except the laver. In the Word of God one will search in vain to find either size or shape mentioned, which would indicate that you can-

not confine the Holy Spirit.

May God raise up a Moses emancipate Baptists from the pressures of our Baptist hierarchy and may Baptist pastors be set free from the martingales, blind bridles, blinkers, and cruppers — set free to listen to the still small voice of God and to hear the Holy Spirit as He would direct Baptist activities in 1944.

What a change there would be! A lot of unscriptural organizations and programs would be removed. There would be a lot of emphasis on preaching of doctrines, evangelism and missions that is conspicuous in its absence now. There would not any set day to take an offering for education, hospitals, schools, or anything else. Oh that God might do it and not man!

They're Not Too Busy To Read Bible Or Pray

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ing beside his drawing board before starting work. He said:

"I wouldn't dream of beginning work without saying, 'God, whatever talent I have You've given me, develop in me. Take and use it. Guide my hand. I ask for ideas, the all-important stock-in-trade of the cartoonist, and ideas come, ideas on all subjects...'

To God goes all the credit. I talk with Him every morning. He stays with me all day long. He has inspired me with ideas that never would have had otherwise, ideas that have come to life almost unconsciously in my cartoons."

Interesting also is Mr. Shoemaker's testimony to having led his aged father to Christ, that father whom he knew as the worst blasphemer he ever met. The last year of his life was a change beyond anybody's imagination."

Certainly you have become tired by reason of your multitudinous ties, but you can't get more tired. General Douglas MacArthur — the tremendous weight of life and death matters on his shoulders. Harken to him:

"However tired I may be, I never go to bed without reading a portion of this Book, the Bible."

It is praiseworthy that you are doing something for your country during this global war — but if it is being done at the expense of spiritual exercises, it is not your best. You can't possibly be doing as much as General Dwight D. Eisenhower, he says:

"While the utterances of God recorded in the Bible are ever needed of mankind, it is in war, particularly in the present war, its issues of humanity and mortality that their essential presence is felt. On this front, I am happy to repeat this thought is foremost among men. Our objective is total victory, not only victory by arms, but victory also for American ideals. With the help of God in this hour for right, which help our men ever and devotedly seeking, this victory is assured."

Regardless of how busy or tired you may be, do not neglect the triple necessity of spirituality: Bible, Prayer, and Testimony.

Speak the truth by all means; bold and fearless in your rebuke of error, and in your keener rebuke of wrong doing; but be human, loving, and gentle, and brotherly while.