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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 Poison In Modernism

By Oswald J. Smith  
The Church was once invincible; today it is practically powerless. At one time its pews were filled; now they are empty. In days gone by it prayed for revivals and made soul-winning its main business; in our day revivals are feared and evangelists shunned. Why the great change?

I answer with one word — Modernism. Yes, Modernism has done its deadly work and the Church of the New Testament, and of Wesley and Finney, Moody and Spurgeon, is no more. It has lost its passion.

As a result the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (60:2). Oh, what a tragedy! No message! No vision! No hope for those who look to the church for salvation! German Modernism and Higher Criticism have won the day.

But there are those, thank God, who have not yet bowed the knee to Baal. They know that the Gospel works and that nothing else does, and they cannot be shaken. They place the infallible Word of God and His Christ over against all the vain opinions and imaginations of the natural mind.

Rather would I have my children uneducated than to send them to a modernistic college or seminary. Better go through life without a degree than to have injected the poison of Modernism. Of what value is a theological course if it takes away the Word of God? The preacher, above all men, must have a message. Modernism robs him of his convictions and fills his mind with doubts. And to destroy another's faith is a far more heinous crime than murder.

I have known young men to be sent to a modernistic college, young men established in the faith and truly converted. They have gone from an evangelistic church with a deep spiritual atmosphere; hence they were well

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"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE THEE." — Psalm 122:6

Behold, He that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep



### Verbal Inspiration Denied By Editor

For years we've been insisting that our S. S. literature was "chock full" of heresy. There have been a lot of denials and "buck-passing" on the part of the powers-that-be, so here it is in black and white.

In The Teacher (Nov. 1944), page 31, second column, second paragraph in the column, in speaking of world peace, we read:

"Let this truth be indelibly impressed upon us: The condition of world peace such as the prophet foretold in this vision is a world-wide spiritual awakening. A transformed world can come only through the enthronement of the religion of Jehovah and the worship of the God of peace. The Lord's house must be exalted. The truth of Christ must be taught. The arbitration of righteousness must be effected. Then we shall have peace. Let us not be fatalistic and pessimistic, saying that such can never be until the Lord returns to earth. As yet the ideal is far from being realized. This ideal will be approximated, however, just to the degree that the religion of Jehovah becomes supreme in the earth."

That is more like eating tomatoes with rotten specks in them than anything I've ever seen. The last sentence is definitely true, but how far from the truth is this remark: "Let us not be fatalistic and pessimistic, saying that such can never be until the Lord returns to the earth."

Jesus said, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars" — Mat. 25:6.

Somebody lied! If Jesus told the truth, then the writer of this article didn't tell the truth.

It is indeed noticeable that this comes from the pen of Clifton J. Allen, the editor himself. In fact, he is listed as "Editorial Secretary in charge of Sunday School and Related Literature."

It is beyond me to understand why the denomination

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### A Predicament

By ELD. WM. LODWICK  
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In reading my Bible the other day, I came across this verse of Scripture in Romans the fourteenth chapter, "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

Meditating on this verse, I remembered back yonder when I was a little boy, about the time that I had to stand before my mother for disobeying her. Mother had told us boys (there were four of us in our family and quite a few in the neighborhood belonging to other families)

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### Should Christians Play Cards?

At a meeting in Philadelphia, J. W. Chapman read a letter that created a great impression. He declared that he could vouch for every statement in the letter, for the writer was a personal friend. Here is the letter:

"While an evangelist was conducting a meeting on a certain morning, a tramp came in and said: 'My father and my brother used to sit this pew. It is the first church I ever attended. My father was an officer in this church. Seven boys used to sit in this pew in the Sunday School class. We had a great love and respect for our Sunday School teacher. Saturday afternoon she invited us

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### Christ's Return

In March, 1942, Gen. MacArthur by order of his Commander In Chief, was flown to Australia in a battered Flying Fortress, after Corregidor and the Philippines were doomed. On his way to Australia, he started planning for a swift and overwhelming return.

From Australia he sent this terse, confident message: "I CAME THROUGH — AND I SHALL RETURN." The world now knows that he fulfilled that promise in a most spectacular manner.

Describing his triumphant return, TIME says: "Last week, on the flag bridge of the 10,000 ton, 614 ft. light cruiser, Nashville, stood a proud, erect figure in

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### ALL SEEING

It is said that a New York minister, eager to see and hear Booth the actor, once wrote him as follows: "I am anxious to be at one of your plays, but as I have always been opposed to the theater, and would appear inconsistent, could you not admit me at some private or stage door?" To this note Mr. Booth replied: "There is no door to my theater through which God cannot see." What a rebuke, and what a proclamation of faith! In the pulpit, in the home, no matter where we play our part in life's drama, we all believe in the all-seeing eye of God. "Thou God seest me."

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "EMMANUEL — GOD WITH US"

"Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." — Matt. 1:23.

A modern company known for its national advertising, presents its ads around the meaning of names. I speak of Ethyl gasoline. They center their ads around the slogan, "What's in a name." Of recent date I saw one of these advertisements of a lad in need of going to the dentist. The ex-

pression that appeared upon his face was surely far from happy. A little girl appeared in the picture with a string tied to a door-knob and with a noose on the other end of the string. The ad said that his name was Graham, which means "gloomy" and here was Rebecca which means "a rope with a noose." The next picture showed a lad in a dentist's chair with a tooth having been extracted and with the dentist holding the tooth up in the forceps looking at it. The picture said that

the dentist's name was Alvin, which means "completely successful" and the open-mouthed lad who was looking in the mirror, was named Phineas, which means "an open countenance." Thus it is with each of the advertisements with this company. They are centered around that slogan "What's in a name."

Well, names have always meant something very definitely. Herod meant "cruelty" while Alexander meant "conquest." Demosthenes

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### JOHN HUSS

When John Huss, the Bohemian martyr, was brought out to be burnt, they put on his head a triple crown of paper, with painted devils on it. On seeing it, he said, "My Lord, Jesus Christ, for my sake, wore a crown of thorns; why should not I then, for His sake, wear this light crown, be it ever so ignominious? Truly I will do it, and that willingly." When it was set upon his head, the bishops said, "Now, we commend thy soul to the Devil." "But," said Huss, lifting his eyes to heaven, "I do commit my spirit into Thy hands, O Lord Jesus Christ; to Thee I

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## THE POISON OF MODERNISM

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grounded before they left. In fact, some of them had attended a Bible institute. It was taken for granted that they could go anywhere and remain true. They were warned about Modernism before they left.

And yet, within a few short months, they had opened their minds to the subtle teaching of Modernism.

Hence it becomes abundantly evident that but few young men, regardless of their training, with their immature minds, can go through a modernistic institution and remain true. The professors of Modernism seem to delight in casting doubt on the Word of God, and throwing out questions and suggestions that mature students could easily answer, but that young men in their early twenties, with their brief experience, know not how to meet.

Here is a letter that I received from a young man in a theological seminary:

"We've been having quite a time here in the last few weeks. I think that we have finally found out where everybody stands. As a matter of fact, we've found ourselves slipping into Modernism without realizing it. It's hard to explain. When we first came we felt around and discovered that everyone seemed to believe in the fundamentals as we did—the inspiration of the Scriptures, salvation by faith, the virgin birth, the Resurrection and even the Second Coming of Christ.

"We carried on for the first term, not altogether sure of everyone's stand, and therefore we didn't stick up for our own end of it the way we might have. Then, after Christmas, we began discussing things. We discovered that, without realizing it, we had actually taken a modernistic view point. All our fundamentals had been uprooted and we found that we had nothing left to believe in. I think it hit all the fellows pretty hard and we were worried about it. It seemed that the more we talked about it the more Fundamentalism went down in our estimation.

"I finally decided that if Modernism was all I had to believe in, I might as well throw the whole works up and not believe in anything. Actually for about ten days, I neither read my Bible nor prayed. The Bible seemed foolish to me and prayer was a mockery.

"You see, here is the view that the Modernists take so far as we can make it out.

"They believe in the inspira-

## I Should Like To Know . . .

## 1. Please explain Col. 2:16.

The apostle here has reference to the fasts and feasts of the Jews, including their observance of the Sabbath or Seventh day. Since all these have been nailed to the cross as a part of the first covenant and were only a shadow of the better things of the new covenant, they are a dead letter. Cf. Hosea 2:11. Let no man judge you in any of them, i. e., do not observe any of them if someone raises an objection thereto, because they have been nailed to the cross and are no more binding upon any man's conscience.

## 2. Can Baptist receive Freewill and Hardshell baptism as valid New Testament baptism?

No. Both of them are alien baptism without scriptural authority. Both came from men. Freewill baptism came from Benjamin Randall and Hardshell baptism came from Daniel Parker. Neither of them had any authority from heaven to start a new baptism.

## 3. Is it right to keep on praying and ask others to pray for

tion of the Bible, but just certain portions of it. Some of the books aren't inspired at all; others are partially inspired.

"Then they believe in the Resurrection of Christ, but not a bodily resurrection, just a living on of the principles and ideals of Jesus. He lived a spotless life and died. After He had died, the heartsick disciples suddenly came to a realization of the fact that the work of Christ could still be carried on because His ideals were still alive. The spirit with which He sought to change the world still lived on. This was the Resurrection. When the Bible says that the disciples saw Him, it means that they saw in their hearts this great truth. The story of the empty tomb was rigged up by the writers of the Gospels to satisfy the century-old belief of the Jews in the fact that there would be a bodily resurrection.

"They believe in the Second Coming of Christ, but that was merely the coming of the Holy Spirit.

"Christ was just a man whose personality was such that, by the power of suggestion, He could heal the sick.

"They believe in personal commitment to live up to the principles of Jesus and work for the building of a better world.

"So you see, according to these views our faith is pretty well shot and not worth much.

"While I was alone I began to think, and I realized that in spite of all these things I had had a personal experience with the living Christ. If Christ lives, then the resurrection story of the Bible must be true, and it follows that the Bible must be the Word of God. At once I discovered that my faith was stronger than any teaching I might hear to the contrary and that it was something worth standing up for.

"It must have been in answer to your prayers that we did not swing over to Modernism for good. Don't worry about that now, though, for we have something that cannot be shaken."

We must demand that the Modernist prove his every statement. He says the body of Christ was not raised. Let him prove it. The disciples, he declares, manufactured the story of the empty tomb. Let him prove it. Lazarus was not raised from the dead. Prove it. Jesus never walked on the water. Again, I say, let him prove it. He can't and he knows it.

something that you feel God has promised an answer but the answer has not come?

Yes. Jacob's clinging in Gen. 32; Daniel's persistence in Dan. 10; Elijah's prayer for rain in I Kings 18; the teachings of Jesus in Luke 11: 1-13 and Luke 18:1-8 and many other passages seem to teach that it is right to hold on until the answer comes.

## 4. Is God the father of the unsaved?

No, a thousand times no. Jesus said to the Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil." John 8:41-44. As Easter and Lent are so close at hand it is a good time to read that passage in John and tell all Easter observers just what Jesus told these Jews, namely, it matters not how often they call God their Father, that they are all the children of the devil and on their road to hell.

Paul very plainly says in Romans 9:8: "They which are the children of the flesh these are not the children of God." This means that no child is a child of God by the natural birth.

Every book and almost every chapter in the Bible records supernatural events. Do away with the supernatural and you do away with the Bible. Cannot God intervene in the affairs of men? And would He not? Why rule Him out? Why the desperate attempt to explain everything in a natural way? Isn't it to be expected that God would commune with men? And if the Word of the Lord comes to men — and a thousand times over the Bible says it did — and if that Word was fulfilled, as it always was, who is the Modernist to question it?

What do I mean by Modernism? How can it be detected? Briefly, by the following marks:

1. Modernism lays emphasis on education, social service, and world-betterment instead of on evangelism.

Modernism expects to save the world and thus usher in the millennium, whereas the Bible teaches that the purpose of the Gospel is to save men out of the world.

2. Modernism proclaims salvation by character in the place of salvation by blood.

"I do not believe in the doctrine of salvation by blood. Thank God, I am not saved by the blood of anyone. Salvation by blood is the Gospel of the butcher shop."

— A Modernist.

"We cannot accept the substitutionary death of Christ."

— A church magazine.

The same magazine declares that the hymn "Jesus Paid It All" is not the theology of the Church. Cain's religion is still more agreeable to the natural heart than Abel's.

3. Modernism rules the Bible out as an authority on theological questions.

(a) It declares that the recorded miracles of Christ are merely legendary exaggerations of events that are entirely explicable from natural causes.

(b) It denies the physical resurrection of Christ, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary.

Thus His disciples, who proclaimed His Resurrection, are made out to be deceivers, utterly unworthy of our confidence and trust, since they manufactured the story that they told.

(c) It spiritualizes the Second Coming of Christ, and declares that His followers were entirely mistaken.

(d) Its great purpose is to destroy faith in the supernatural.

4. Modernism strikes at the deity of Jesus Christ and seeks to undermine His infallibility. It declares that Christ lived a spotless life, and then it makes Him out a liar, for it denies His claims of deity.

5. Modernism is based on guesses, suppositions, speculations, opinions and human philosophies, and not upon facts.

6. Modernism has no answer for the question: "What comes after death?" Since the Bible is ruled out as an authority and we have not other source of knowledge, we are left to mere guess work. Philosophers, professors and scientists simply do not know. They have no message for the death-bed.

Shun Modernism; shun it as  
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## A BOY'S PREDICAMENT!

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not to go in swimming. We had about two miles to walk down to the old swimming hole. I remember it just as well as though it were yesterday. We would all run down over the high bank that surrounded what we called the "bottoms," and then down through the corn field we would fly.

No doubt, many of you have had a like experience. Of course, I do not mean any girls or ladies! I remember that path that led down through the corn to the river's edge, then another high bank. That bank was our diving board, and our swimming suit was the one that the good Lord had given us at birth. We didn't call it a bathing suit either. As we would run through the corn, each would try to outdistance the other and see which one could be in the water first. Last one in is "a nigger tar baby!" Remember? Then of course the last one out was the "goat" because he was the one who would have his clothes tied in knots. And I mean knots! He would be chewing at those knots and the rest of the gang would be singing "Apples are ripe and ready to bite, chew, chew green apples."

Though it seems funny now, it was serious then, at least to the one who did the chewing on those knots. Many times those knots were wet and then two boys would pull on them to get them tight. Well, one day mother had told us not to go near the river. How in the world could one swim if he didn't go to the river? It just couldn't be done. So, we felt that just one little swim wouldn't hurt anything.

Down we went, yelling and having a great time as we went. By the time we got to the swimming hole, all our clothes were off and in we would plunge, throwing our clothes down on the bank just anywhere. This day was no different than any other, so in we went, forgetting that we had been told not to do it. My, what a time we had that day! It was glorious. But when we had been in about an hour, someone shouted, "Boys, our mothers are coming!" Law, me, here I was out in the river without a stitch on and no chance to get my clothes either. So all of us began swimming across the river to the willows on the other side. And we did some fast swimming, too.

Finally we were secreted in the foliage from our mother's view. As we peeked out and listened, our mothers came to the bank on the other side where we had left our clothes. Oh boy! Well, they called and called, but of course, we didn't answer. Finally they espied our duds there on the bank. Well, each

mother got her boy's clothes and away they went home. Can you imagine what our feelings were? It was worse than terrible. We planned everything trying to get out of this mess, but to no avail, for we couldn't go anywhere without a covering.

So, we waited until dark. Oh my, what a day that was, that ended with so dark a night. Well, anyway we started home and all the way I tried to find something to put on to hide my condition, but nothing was to be had. At last I stood at the back door after much running and hiding when we could see someone coming, and I began to rap on the door. If I would have been worth one million dollars, I would have given it to have been able to cover myself. But there I was naked! I didn't seem to mind getting a whipping nearly so much as I did to stand before my mother naked. But I had to face the judgment.

I'll not tell you what happened after that as the consequences were obvious. There is a day coming when the Lord shall sit upon the judgment seat and you and I will have to stand before Him, naked. There is no covering for sin. Then shall all things be manifest. It may not seem real today, but there is a night time coming when we are to go home. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Thank God there is a covering for poor, naked, lost, undone sinners. But we must avail ourselves of it.

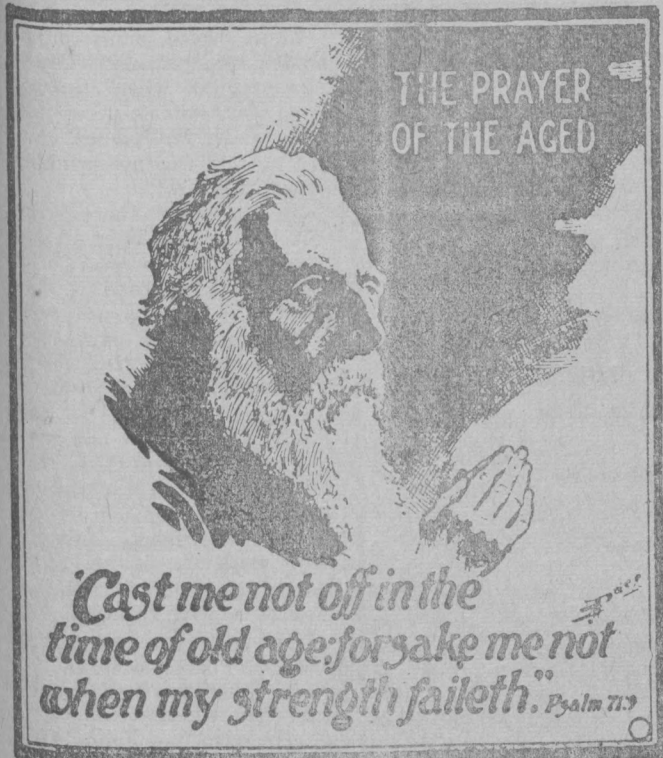
It is the righteousness of the Lord Jesus, that righteousness of His, which is freely bestowed upon all those who believe in Him. To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, we mean, believe that on Calvary's cross, He died to pay for your sins, and that Jesus met the demands of a just God, who had said that "The wages of sin is death." He paid the wages by His death and now you and I can go free the moment we believe. But that is not all that God does for us. He also imprints to us the righteousness of Christ, so that when we stand before Him, we will have a covering for our nakedness.

## SHOULD A CHRISTIAN PLAY CARDS?

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to her home for an entertainment of music, catables, and a look over the lessons. After a while she was anxious to please us and hold us, and she taught us a game of cards. We became enthusiastic over it, learning different games. After a while we would say, "Do not give us much time for the lesson, but let us have more time for playing cards, and show us some more tricks." After a while we were off in the cotton gins playing cards, and not going to her home. Later we failed to go to Sunday School. Cards, cigarettes, and after a while, drink and gambling. We all at different times left our homes. Two of these boys have been hung, three are in state prisons for life, one a vagabond like myself. No one knows where he is, and, if the authorities knew I was here, I would be arrested and put behind the bars. All I wish is that this teacher had never taught us to play cards. As he stood there broken-hearted, a lady at the right, and near the pulpit, dressed in mourning, arose and went to where the man was, fell on the floor with a scream, and said: "My God! I am the Sunday School teacher that did it." She fainted, and we did not know but that she was dead. She revived, but her heart was broken."





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## Life In The Blood . . .

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

Eighteen years ago a blood specimen was taken from an African native named Asibi, and it has protected millions of people all over the world from yellow fever. The specimen was taken in 1927 at the Rockefeller Foundation yellow-fever laboratory at Lagos, West Africa. It is reported that all the yellow fever vaccine produced since has been derived from the original strain of virus obtained from this humble native. It has given immunity to millions of people in many countries.

God "hath made of one blood all nations of men," and when Adam—the federal head of our race—sinned, the bloodstream of

humanity became defiled. Isaiah the prophet says, "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags . . . and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

But He who said, "The life of the flesh is in the blood," also said, "I have given it to you upon the altar." Our Lord Jesus Christ gave His precious blood upon Calvary's altar-cross "to make an atonement for (our) souls." Where the sin of man abounded, the grace of God abounded much more. The precious blood of Jesus has protected a multitude that no man can number from the doom of their sins.

To be saved from yellow fever one must receive an application of the blood from Asibi; and to be safe from the judgment of God against sin, one must receive a personal application of the precious blood of Christ.

### "EMMANUEL"

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meant "oratory," while Beethoven meant "music." Milton meant "poetry." Hitler, Mussolini, Hirohito stand for "treachery, barbarity, and beastiality."

The same is true in the Bible. In other words, names have always meant something. Jacob means a "sneak thief." Hosea means "salvation." Joshua means "Jehovah is salvation." Paul means "little." Peter means a "stone." Solomon means "peaceable."

One of the names whereby Jesus was called, is "Emmanuel." We have this both in prophecy and in our text. In prophecy we read:

"Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." — Is. 7:14

The fulfillment of this prophecy we have in our text:

"Behold a virgin shall be with

child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." — Mt. 1:23.

This word "Emmanuel" means "God with us." I am glad that He was not called "Emmanuiah" but rather "Emmanuel." "Emmanuiah" means "man with us" whereas "Emmanuel" means "God with us." It is surely something whereby we can rejoice to know that Jesus is Emmanuel, — God with us, and that He is with us in every phase of life.

**JESUS IS WITH US IN THE BIBLE.** The whole Book is His story. From Genesis 1 to Revelation 22, it is the story of Jesus. From the beginning to the ending, the Bible speaks of Jesus. There isn't a book nor a chapter nor a verse that Jesus is not the sum and substance thereof. Every doctrine which the Bible teaches, every duty which it demands,

every narrative which it records, every comfort which it gives, and every hope it inspires, gathers around the person of Jesus Himself.

A New Testament incident illustrates this truth very carefully. When Phillip went on his way from Samaria to the desert around Gaza, he came in contact with the Ethiopian eunuch who failed to understand the book of Isaiah. When Phillip climbed into the eunuch's chariot to expound to him the Scriptures, it is said:

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." — Acts 8:35.

You will notice that it says he began at "the same scripture." He didn't have to get out of the chapter that the eunuch was reading to find Jesus. He didn't have to turn to another book to point him to Jesus, but right there was able to explain to him God's plan of salvation.

I have been told that every English town has in it a road leading to London. Regardless of its size, whether it be city, village, or hamlet, there is at least one road leading from it to London. So it is with every text. There is at least one avenue from it which leads to Jesus. Jesus is with us in all the Bible.

### II

**JESUS IS WITH US AS THE SINNER'S HOPE.** He is Emmanuel—God with us, as to hope for the sinner. In fact, the only hope the sinner has is in Him. He finds no hope in reformation, nor in the works of the law. He finds no comfort in the strivings of his own flesh. Even religion, including church membership, baptism, and the partaking of the Lord's Supper, as well as the various forms and observances of the ritual of religion, bring to him no relief. Neither through the preacher nor the church, nor in himself can the individual sinner find hope in anything that is done outside of Jesus. Yet, we rejoice that He is with us as the sinner's hope. Listen:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no can cometh unto the Father but by me." — John 14:6.

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." — John 10:9.

Here are two verses that tell us that Jesus is the "Way" and the "Door." He might as well have said that He is the only "Way" and the only "Door." He is the only hope the sinner has. This is certainly the teaching of all God's Word.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." — Acts 4:12.

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." — Heb. 9:12.

In the years long before Jesus came, Socrates, in desperation, cried out to Plato his philosophical friend, saying, "Oh, Plato, Plato, I know God can forgive sins, but I don't know how." That which Socrates did not know, you and I do know. That which Socrates never learned, you and I have learned in God's Word. The answer to Socrates' question is found in Jesus. As He passed John the Baptist, pointed to Him and said:

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Jn. 1:29.

Yes, Jesus is our Emmanuel,—He is with us as the sinner's hope.

### III

**JESUS IS WITH US IN OUR SORROWS.** There is none of us but what have sorrow, from time to time, in some form or other. Perhaps you have been sick yourself, or you have had sickness within your own home. Maybe it has been financial want or material destitution; or perhaps it may be heartaches caused through the loss of friends and loved ones. In so many ways, sorrows come to us, and as the poet has said:

"Sorrows come not in single spies, But in battalions."

"Well, each of us have had this experience, and at the same time, those of us who are saved, have learned that Jesus is with us in our sorrows."

"Never a heartache and never a groan, Never a tear drop and never a moan; Never a danger but there on the throne; Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

Isn't that sweet! Isn't it lovely just to know that Jesus is with us in our sorrows.

When He came to Nazareth to begin His ministry, He read from the book of Isaiah. Listen:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted." — Lk. 4:18.

After reading it, He then said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." — Luke 4:21.

Surely it was true of Him not only during His ministry in the days of His flesh, but ever since He has been healing the broken-hearted.

Yet, all the Word of God teems with this thought that He is with us in all of our sorrows.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." — 2 Cor. 1:3.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." — Heb. 13:5,6.

It is because of such promises as these that the child of God need have no fear, for he has the assurance that Jesus is with him even in all of his sorrows.

There was a sign erected over the front door of a welding shop which said, "We mend everything except a broken heart and the break of day." Well, beloved, Jesus does better than that, He even mends the brokenhearted. He came, as He Himself said, to "heal the brokenhearted." How we thank God that He is with us in our sorrows.

### IV

**JESUS IS WITH US IN OUR CHURCH.** What a blessed truth this is. How happy we ought to be in view of the assurance which this truth brings to us. Most definitely does God's Word declare it to be so. Listen:

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." — Eph. 1, 22, 23.

I do not mean that every organization which calls itself a church, is His body. Nor do I mean to say that every building which pierces the etherial blue could be said to be one of His churches. Yet, I do insist that every church which is built after the New Testament pattern is a body of the Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore we have the assurance that He is with us.

In fact, the Word of God even goes so far as to declare that each

local church is His habitation. Listen:

"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit." — Eph. 2:22.

In the days of Paul, the only place which God inhabited in the city of Ephesus was the church. I'm satisfied that the only place that He inhabits today is His churches. He does not inhabit the W. P. A., nor the Red Cross, nor the P. T. A., nor the schools. His place of residence is His church. What a blessed truth this is, and how comforting and stimulating it is to us to know that He is with us in our church.

Those of us of this particular congregation know this to be true all too well. Every attack which Satan could make, he has made upon this church and upon its pastor. Our enemies have been multitudinous, and yet God has been with us in it all. We can look back across these days of trial with rejoicing in our hearts, because we can say that in spite of the combined attack of Satan and our enemies, that Jesus has been with us to protect and care for and sustain every step of the way.

### V

**HE IS WITH US IN ALL THE WORK WHICH HE REQUIRES OF US.** What a precious truth this is that there is nothing that He asks of us but what He is with us as we attempt to do it. When He gave His Commission, it was with the promise that He would be with us even unto the end. Listen:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." — Matt. 28:19,20.

The Apostle Paul, called of God to a mission field, testified that in all of His ministry, he had the assurance that God was with Him. As he made his defense before the Sanhedrin, he testified of the Lord's grace unto him. It was said:

"And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou has testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome." — Acts 23:11.

Surely Paul knew the meaning in his own personal experience of Jesus' promise to be with him in all the work which he undertook in His name.

This is nothing more than the promise which we have in all the Bible, for it is God who undergirds us with strength as we try to do His will. Listen:

"It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect." — Ps. 18:32.

I saw a man sometime ago with a cross-cut saw. I could only see one end of the saw—the end where this man was working. The other end was hidden from my view behind a building, yet I knew by the ease with which the man was working, that there was somebody on the other end of the saw. So it is with us as we try to work for Him. He is with us in each task that He commissions us to do.

### VI

**HE IS WITH US DAILY, HOURLY, AND MOMENT BY MOMENT TO DIRECT US.** Surely each of us need daily direction, we need hourly direction, we need direction for our lives moment by moment. Well what we need, we have in Jesus. He is Emmanuel—God with us as to the matter of daily direction.

Each of us have our difficulties. Joseph stands as a good ex-

## CATS AND TOBACCO

Cats don't chew tobacco, dogs don't chew of course; Cows don't chew it either, neither does the horse; Hogs are filthy creatures, hens are bad enough. They eat most anything, but they won't touch that stuff. Just men and women use it, they smoke right on the street. I'd be ashamed to use what dogs and hogs won't eat. There's a little tobacco shop that every one can close; There's a little tobacco shop, sir, right under your nose.

— Herbert Buffum



# "EMMANUEL"

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ample. He had his difficulties when a slave in the house of Potiphar. In his adversity, God daily directed him. Though there came many opportunities for sin within his life, yet Joseph was daily directed of the Lord, so much so that we read:

"But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy."—Gen. 39:21.

Well, as Joseph had his daily temptations and God daily directed him, so it is that God daily directs each of us.

One of the most wonderful illustrations of this truth is found in the very last verse of the book of Jeremiah.

"And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon every day a portion until the day of his death all the days of his life" — Jer. 52:34

This verse speaks of the latter days of Jehoiachin. It tells us that his diet was given him day by day by the king of Babylon. Well as the king of Babylon looked after the daily diet of Jehoiachin, so it is with Jesus — He is with us to daily direct and care for us.

It is this precious truth which Paul emphasizes when he writes to the church at Corinth.

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." — 2 Cor. 4:16.

It is true that the old flesh grows weak. The vigor of the muscles departs. The eyes pale and the nerves become jaded. Our old body so far as the outward man is concerned, perishes. Yet it is most interesting to notice that the inner man is renewed "day by day."

## VII

HE IS WITH US IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH. Wonderful as it is that He is with us all along the way in each step of life, it is even more wonderful to know that He still stands by us when we come into the shadow of death. Listen:

"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." — Ps. 23:4.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" — Ps. 116:15.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." — I Cor. 15:55-57.

Here then are ample grounds for rejoicing on the part of the child of God, — just to know that the One who has been with us in life will stand by us in death.

When John Wesley was dying, he confidently and calmly said: "The best of all is, God is with us." Mrs. Elizabeth Browning faced death with a similar statement: "It is beautiful." Whereas John Calvin came to the end of the way saying: "I am abundantly satisfied."

During these few brief years that I have spent in the ministry, I have seen quite a number of individuals die. I know by personal experience that Jesus does stand with those who are His as they pass through the shadow of death.

Of recent date I had a letter from one of the soldier boys who told me that every lad on the battlefield was constantly within the shadow of death, and yet

he said that there was no fear there as far as he was concerned for Jesus was with him.

When President McKinley was shot by an assassin, as he expired in the arms of a friend, he quoted his favorite hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee," and then said: "Nearer to Thee; it is God's way; good-bye all."

When D. L. Moody passed from this life into the next, he said as his dying utterance: "I see the earth receding, Heaven is opening, God is calling me." How wonderful it is to know that He is our Emmanuel—He is God with us in the shadow of death.

## VIII

FINALLY, HE IS WITH US IN HEAVEN. There is a union, a bond, a connection we have with Jesus which can never be severed. He has promised to us eternal life.

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

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." — John 10:28,29.

Other bonds may be severed, other unions may be broken, and other connections may be destroyed, but not so with Jesus. Sometimes our friends and acquaintances sever their relationship. Sometimes there even comes discord in our families. Still we rejoice for this truth that there is one bond which death can never sever and that throughout a never ending eternity we have the assurance that as he has been with us in life and in death, so He will be with us in Heaven.

These are fearful days through which we are passing. Immorality and apostasy abound all about us. Heresy and heterodoxy is found in the majority of the pulpits. Modernism in the pulpits and worldliness in the pews characterize the majority of our churches. Our hearts are torn and bleeding with the thought of war. Surely these are days of distress. They are fearful days through which we are passing. Jesus said it would be just like this when He returned. Listen:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 'Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.'" — Luke 21:25,26.

I do not say that these are the last days, but surely they are much akin to the last days. I rejoice that our only hope is Jesus. Some day He is coming in the darkness. As the disciples were crossing the little sea of Galilee, suddenly Jesus came to them in the dark and said, "It is I, be not afraid."

Well, some day He is coming to us again with that same voice of assurance. We can expect Him, we can confidently look for Him.

All this brings comfort to the child of God, and yet to that one who is unsaved, it brings no assurance, and could never bring any assurance until you are saved. My prayer to God in your behalf is that you might come to know Him. As God's Word has said, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace."

May God bless you all!

# THE REMEDY

When the weather suits you not,  
Try smiling;  
When your coffee isn't hot,  
Try smiling;  
When your neighbors won't do right,  
And your relatives all fight,  
Sure, it's hard, but then you might  
Try smiling!  
Doesn't change a thing, of course  
Just smiling;  
But it cannot make it worse,  
Just smiling;  
Then, it seems to help your case,  
Brightens up a gloomy place,  
And will sort o' rest your face,  
Just smiling!

—The Christian Witness

# THE POISON OF MODERNISM

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you would a poison. Accept God's Word rather than man's opinions, for God is always right, man often wrong. Stand by the Bible; the Bible vindicates itself.  
"Yea, hath God said?" So spake the first Modernist. "Thus saith the Lord." So speaks the man of faith.

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## "I SHALL RETURN"

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freshly pressed khaki. Douglas MacArthur had come back to the Philippines, as he had promised.

"Around him were hundreds of transports shepherded by an Australian squadron, and MacArthur's own Seventh Fleet, reinforced with jeep carriers from Admiral Chester Nimitz' vast armada of seagoing airdromes. On the horizon loomed the majestic battleships of Admiral Wm. F. Halsey's Third Fleet, some of them ghosts from the graveyard of Pearl Harbor. Beyond the horizon steamed the greatest concentration of water borne air power in war's history — Vice Admiral Mitscher's fast carrier task groups.

"There was not a Japanese

surface craft in sight. Only one enemy plane ventured out to attack. It dropped one bomb harmlessly into the sea.

"The 'Nashville' bore shoreward. The first land sighted by Gen. MacArthur was the islet of Suluan, the first seen by Magellan when he discovered the Philippines in 1521. The first landings, on Homonhon, where Magellan had made his first landing, and on nearby Dinagat, were only the preliminaries in MacArthur's vast and meticulously planned schedule of operations. His first major goal was Leyte, in the heart of the islands, where devoted Visayan guerillas had been heard calling by secret radio for help a year ago."

When he went ashore and faced a microphone, the General said: "People of the Philippines, I HAVE RETURNED. By the grace of Almighty God, our forces stand again on Philippine soil. At my side is your President, Sergio Osmena, worthy successor to that great patriot, Manuel Quezon, with members of his cabinet. The seat of your government is therefore now firmly re-established on Philippine soil. Rally to me! Let every arm be steeled! The guidance of Divine God points the way. Follow in His name to the Holy Grail of righteous victory."

Everybody admires a person who keeps his word and fulfills his promise.

There was another MAN in this scene, who before His death for sins and resurrection for our justification said, "I WILL

# COME AGAIN."

There were many Japs who smiled and winked and said "Impossible," when they heard Gen. MacArthur's promise to return to the Philippines. But they are not smiling nor winking now doubting NOW!

Sad to relate, there are many who today make light of the Saviour's promise to return. But the promise stands, and it shall be fulfilled — there is no possibility of failure on His part.

"For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." — Hebrews 10:37. We also have our Saviour's own words—give them the consideration and acceptance which they deserve:

"In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also." — John 14:2,3.

Dear Reader: Are you ready for the Saviour to return? If not, give your heart to Him now or you will be weighed and found wanting. — Now.

# THE DEATH OF JOHN HUSS

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commend my spirit, which Thou hast redeemed." When the fagots were piled to Huss' neck, the Duke of Bavaria was officious enough to desire him to adjure. "No," said Huss, "I never preached any doctrine of an evil tendency; and what I taught with my lips I now seal with my blood."

# RANK INFIDELITY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY

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pays men to teach that which is plainly a denial of God's Word.

Yet, this isn't the only instance where the same writer departs from God's Word. On page 43 of the same book, under "The Ideal State," we read:

"Our first lesson passage is Micah 4:1-5. Let us recall Isaiah's vision of peace and the study in last Sunday's lesson of Isaiah 2:2-4. In the treatment of that passage it was indicated that Isaiah might have been quoting from Micah. Of course, it is possible that Micah was quoting from Isaiah, through the other seems the more probable. In both instances we have a description of the ideal conditions prevailing through the reign of Christ. (Let us urge the study of Isaiah 2:2-4)."

This is worse than the first, as it is a denial of verbal inspiration. Listen to the Word of God: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" — II Tim. 3:16. "For the prophecy came not in told time by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" — II Pet. 1:21.

One of two alternatives thus appear: If you believe God, you can't believe the editor of The Teacher. If you believe the editor of The Teacher you can't believe God. WHICH WILL YOU BELIEVE?

Of course, we can expect the same attitude on the part of the hierarchy here as elsewhere — somebody will get out the old white-wash bucket and give Mr. Allen a clean bill-of-health. And naturally so, for compromisers must either hang together or else hang separately. But God isn't dead, just wait

# THE CHRISTIANS DAILY DOZEN

1. A little bit of patience — once a day.
2. A bit of self control — somewhere.
3. A minute of unselfishness.
4. A flash of generosity.
5. One kind word — possibly two.
6. A word of appreciation to somebody.
7. An eager excuse — for someone else.
8. A good deed — not left undone.
9. A noble thought — perhaps a text.
10. A little prayer — for a friend in need.
11. A sudden smile — where it can do some good.
12. A snatch of song — or hum a tune.

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