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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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Layman Helpers To Truth

The Teacher's Crown

Just a lump of clay in the Potter's hands,
Ugly and dirty and cold.
But the Potter saw there a vessel so fair
He with the clay would mold.
He worked with a will and cleansed it from dross,
He toiled with patience with not a moment's loss,
He worked to a plan of beauty inwrought—
And the vessel finished, by the King was bought.
Who would have thought that lump of clay
Would grace the courts of the King one day?

Just a boy or a girl in your class today
With a heart so prone to sin,
But the Master sees there a soul so fair
That through you He seeks to win.
So yield Him thy all—count not the cost;
Spend much time in prayer—that none be lost;
Toil on in faith—that Christ they may own,
For their place is with Him around the throne.
You would not think as they face you today,
Your crown of rejoicing they'll be, for aye.
—Frank L. Torrey

The epistle of Third John was written by John the Beloved. It was written to one layman and about two others. It is a good book for laymen to read. The theme of this book is "fellow-helpers." Gaius was a fellow helper to the truth. John was a helper to the truth by preaching it and by writing letters to laymen, telling them how they could help the truth as well as preachers. We do not have to guess what the truth was that John was writing about. Six times in 14 verses John speaks of the truth, and once affirms that what he says is true. John walked in the truth himself and wrote his three epistles to get others to walk in the truth. He was the apostle of love but the love he preached and exemplified was in truth. He had no love for error and none for sin. He neither compromised nor apologized for either. He had no fellowship with any one, who did not walk in the truth. Now nearing 100 years of age, he wrote a letter to all believers and a personal letter to an elect lady and another personal letter

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Unsatisfied On Bed Of Money

When relatives asked Mrs. Mary Jane Drummond, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who had been injured, if there was any money to pay a doctor, she said all her money was in her bed.

Among canvas pieces, between the mattress and pillows was found \$20,321 in gold and bills.

In each of 292 squares of one canvas was a \$10 gold piece.

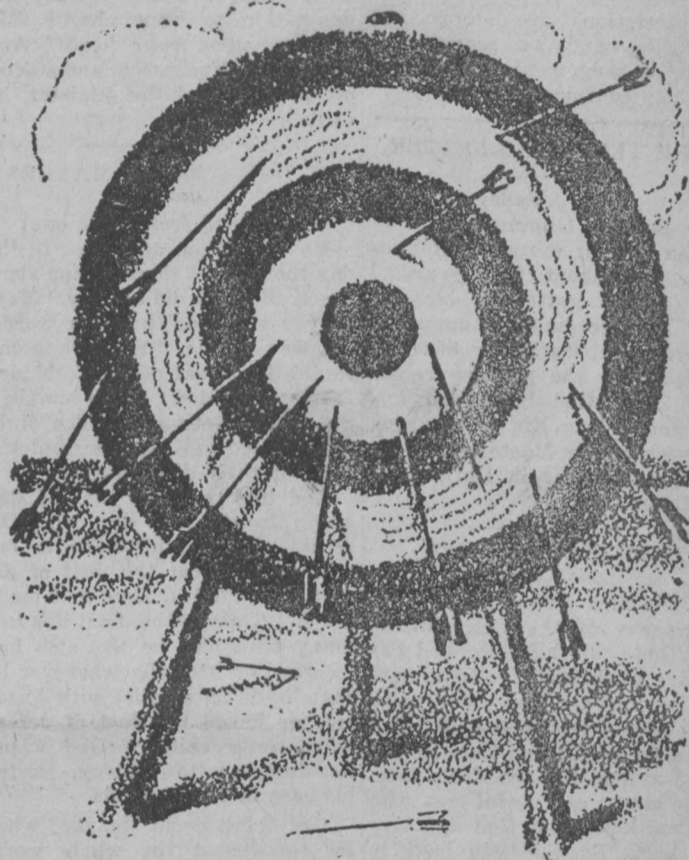
When told of the amount, Mrs. Drummond, who later died, replied: "Is that all? I thought there would be \$25,000. That is not much for a 50-year saving."

Does not this incident reveal the fact that even if one were wealthy enough to lie on a money-stuffed mattress, it would be an unsatisfactory resting place?

The only perfect place of rest is on the finished work of Christ.

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Missing The Mark...



"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." -- Rom. 3:23

The Doctrine Of Election

1. Election is God's act.
John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you."

Mark 13:20: "For the elect's sake, whom He hath chosen."

James 2:5: "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith?"

Luke 18:7: "Shall not God avenge His own elect?"

I Thess. 1:4: "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God."

2. Election is God's sovereign act.

Rom. 9:15-20: "Therefore hath He mercy on whom He will have mercy and whom He will He hardeneth.—Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?"

3. Election an act of sovereign grace.

Rom. 11:5-7: "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which

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A Child's Desire

After Mother had finished a task, she said to her little girl, "You may come now, dear." The girl said, "I am so glad, for I wanted to love you so much." "But I thought you were happy with your dolly," said the mother. "Yes, Mother, I was, but I soon get tired of loving her, for she cannot love me back."

There is profound wisdom in

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I Don't Mean Maybe

So often a command is given to a child by his parents to do something. Then to enforce the command a clause is added, "And I don't mean maybe." If a threat of a paddling is put in the command, all possibility of escape is erased by this added clause, "I don't mean maybe."

"Maybe" creates a doubt as to whether the threat will be carried out. It is also a confession that many of the person's threats have fallen by the wayside, but this one will not!

There are no "maybes" with God. He did not use our phraseology, but He used the same truth many times.

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"THE WONDERFUL JESUS"

"And his name shall be called wonderful." — Ist. 9:6.

Every name which was worn in the days of the making of the Bible signified some characteristic of the individual who possessed it. Peter meant a "rock"; Jesus, "Saviour"; Abram, "high father"; Abraham, "Father of many nations"; Jacob, "sneak-thief"; Samson, "son-like"; and Solomon, "peaceful". Likewise, every name that is applied to Christ has a separate and distinct meaning. In the Scriptures

you find 212 different names that are used of Him, each expressing something of His character, mission, work, or life. Each of them gives a different view of Him who is altogether lovely.

Isaiah, in his fivefold epithet describes Jesus first as "wonderful."

History tells how the ancient world boasted of its seven wonders, including the Great Wall of China, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, and the Pyramids of Egypt. The modern world also

boasts of its wonders. You may add the wonders of both the ancient and the modern worlds together, and these combined cannot equal the wonder of Jesus. You may place the wonders of the world on the scales and Christ in the opposite balance, and the wonderful Jesus will out-weigh the whole world.

HIS BIRTH WAS WONDERFUL. This was true in that it had been prophesied since the

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His Command To Us—"Go Ye"

J. H. Horsburgh, of China

I want to tell you plainly, if I may, but humbly, we Missionaries cannot think why you do not come. We cannot think why, with all the consecration meeting, and much talk of being willing to go "Anywhere for Jesus," there are yet so few who really do go, where we cannot but believe He wants multitudes of His servants to go. Dear Christian brothers, and sisters too, you who might come, but are holding back, we do believe you are wrong—utterly wrong. Here are thousands of you stopping at home, where whether you go or stay, the Bible and the Gospel are within the reach of all who choose. And across the water are many hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters, flesh and blood like ourselves, men and women, aye, and little children, real people—

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All This -- Yet Lost

Reader! ponder over the following statements. You may offer like Cain (Gen. 4:3), weep like Esau (Gen. 27:38), serve like Gehazi (II Kings 5:20), leave Sodom like Lot's wife (Gen. 19:26), tremble like Felix (Acts 24:25), be zealous for God like Israel (Rom. 10:2), be a disciple like Judas (Acts 1:25), take part in worship like Korab (Num. 16).

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AN INTERESTING LETTER

Valley Oak, Ky.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I have been a reader of your paper for about four years. I have really gotten a blessing from it. Accordingly, I am sending you my check for \$5.00 to help pay for the printing equipment. May God bless you and give you a long life to carry on the work of our Master.

Your brother in Christ,
Oscar Carter

THE CHILD'S DESIRE

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the answer of the wee philosopher. God could have stopped His creative work with the inanimate creation; but no: He wanted to be loved back! And so He made man with a free will; and then He revealed to man His sacrificial love, on the cross; and sinful men who see that love trust God and love Him back. So God will have in heaven, not mere "dolls," machines; but He will have redeemed men who will love and serve Him for all He has done for them!

"We love Him, because He first loved us." (I John 4:19).

—Christian Victory

"Since His first coming became history the second advent has been the dominant note in every prophetic strain. It is as certain to be literally fulfilled as was His first coming."

MINISTERIAL UNFAITHFULNESS

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the whole evening was spent in frivolity.

Some years after, when the minister had grown older, he was called to the bedside of a dying man. He hastened hither with a heart desirous to do good. He was requested to sit down at the bedside, and the dying man, looking at him and regarding him more closely, said to him:

"Do you remember preaching in such a village, and on such an occasion?"

"I do," said the minister.

"I was one of your hearers," said the man, "and I was deeply impressed by the sermon."

"Thank God for that," said the minister.

"Stop!" interrupted the man, "don't thank God till you have heard the whole story. You will have reason to alter your tone before I have done."

The minister changed countenance; but he little guessed what would be the full extent of that man's testimony.

Said he: "Sir, do you remember after you had finished your

sermon that I, with some others, walked home with you? I was sincerely desirous of being led in the right path that night; but I heard you speak in such a strain of levity, and with so much coarseness, too, that I went outside the house while you were sitting down to your evening meal. I stamped my foot on the ground; I said that you were a liar; that Christianity was a falsehood; that if you could pretend to be in earnest in the pulpit and then come down and talk like that, the whole thing must be a sham. And I have been an infidel," said he, "a confirmed infidel, from that day to this. But I am not an infidel at this moment. I know better. I am dying, and about to be damned, and at the bar of God I will lay my damnation to your charge. My blood is upon your head!" And with a dreadful shriek, and a demonical glance at the minister, he died. — Selected.

"I DON'T MEAN MAYBE"

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He told Adam and Eve "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." He did not say, "Maybe you will die." In other words, He was saying, "You are going to die if you eat of the forbidden fruit and I don't mean maybe." So it came to pass. The light was blotted out of their soul the hour of their disobedience.

God told the devil that he was going to see the day when he would crawl on his belly in humiliation and eat the dust of defeat. (Gen. 3:14). He didn't mean maybe! Though the devil has had many triumphs, he has also had to crawl on his belly whenever he came in direct conflict with Jesus. He has licked the dust of defeat whenever a child of God whom he designed to destroy, rested his case in Jesus' hands.

God didn't mean "maybe" when he threatened the whole world with the flood waters of judgment. The judgment came and only Noah and his family were saved.

God doesn't mean "maybe" when he tells you that you are

already condemned. John 3:18. You may be a moral man like Nicodemus of John 3, or immoral like the woman of John 4, but without a single doubt you are condemned with sin in your life.

When the Bible tells you that you are going to hell if you reject Jesus Christ (Mk. 16:16) and that you will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15) the author of that Bible doesn't mean "Maybe!"

God's holiness will not let him deceive;

God's truth will not let him lie; God's wisdom will not let him change;

God's power will not let him fail;

God's integrity will not let him compromise.

So there can be no maybe's about what He says!

One more instance for my reader to ponder is that when Jesus said, "If I go . . . I will come again." John 14:3. He did not say, "Maybe I'll come again" but "I will."

If all of God's people could see and believe that there is no "maybe" about this but that He means exactly what He says and will come, it would have a happy and wholesome effect on their conduct.

If the world, steeped in sin, could realize that our Lord is coming back and that terrible judgments are to befall her after He does return, it might awaken to a new sense of the need of Him as Saviour.

Dear friend, don't you think God means "maybe" in anything. He deals in certainties. Therefore order your beliefs, your life and your hopes by certainties and not by maybes.

LAYMEN HELPERS TO THE TRUTH

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to his beloved Gaius about the truth. He not only wants them to walk in the truth, but he wants their children to walk in the truth. He is greatly interested in and in love with the truth. From this short letter let us get these facts.

GAIUS KNOWN BEFORE THIS
In Cor. 1:14 we are told that

Paul baptized him at Corinth. In Acts 19:29 in the uproar at Ephesus, where Paul had his biggest meeting and most successful mission campaign, in which eight or ten other churches were organized, Gaius was so closely identified with Paul, that he was one of the two men arrested. That Scripture also tells us that he was Paul's companion in travel. He was a member of their Mission Board a little later on, as we are told in Acts 20:4. This Board handled all the contributions given by the churches of Macedonia, Achaia, Galatia and Asia for the famine-relief victims in Jerusalem and Judea. In Rom. 16:23 we are told that Gaius was the host of the whole church at Corinth. He was noted for his open house and open purse. After Paul had been dead 30 or 35 years Gaius is still living and is still noted for his devotion to the brethren and to his church.

THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES OF GAIUS

The first eight verses of this epistle are largely taken up with telling about the work of Gaius in John's day.

(1) He was a truth lover. His love for the truth was manifested in a number of ways. His love for the truth was so open and public that the brethren generally testified to John about Gaius' love for the truth. No finer commendation can be given any man than for his name to be so closely identified with the truth that when he is mentioned, those who know him immediately think of the truth for which he stands. How few preachers and still fewer laymen of that kind do we have today. Then Gaius had the truth in him. He had so thoroughly absorbed and imbued and mastered by the truth that it was a part of his being. He talked the truth every where because the truth was second nature to him. He was not ashamed of it. He talked it everywhere. Then he walked in the truth. Walking and talking the truth is walking and talking with Jesus. Gaius loved the truth; he lived the truth; he talked the truth; he walked the truth; he obeyed the truth; he defended the truth; he supported the truth. Jesus said of Himself: "I am the truth." That could not be truly said of any one but Jesus; but this layman had made great strides in likeness to his Lord in his passion and devotion to the truth. A layman who thinks one church is as good as another or who is so broad that he loves harlot churches as well as he does the betrothed of the Lord Jesus will look like a pewter nickel with a hole in it, or a punched copper compared with a layman like Gaius. Gaius walked in the truth.

Gaius Was A Helper To The Truth. He loved the truth and proved his love for it by helping it. He was a fellow-helper to the truth with John. The preacher, who preaches the truth and the layman who supports him and supports the truth are joint or fellow-helpers to the truth. Fellow means equal. The layman, who backs his preachers, is an equal helper to the truth; for the preacher can do precious little without the backing of his laymen. But that is not the special help talked about in this passage. Gaius was an unmatched fellow-helper to the truth because of what he did unto strangers. Who were these strangers? They were those "who went forth, taking nothing from the heathen for His name's sake." That description fits no one but foreign missionaries. Gaius was a great helper to foreign missions.

Testified to His Love Before

the Church. The old version says "charity," and other versions says "love." Love is correct. Note what this apostle of love says. Strangers testify of Gaius' love before the church. The sun shines, it doesn't talk about shining, it shines. That's love. Love just loves and lets other folk do the talking. That was Gaius. He supported the missionaries. The missionaries and the church did the talking. I think the Lord Jesus is sick and tired of the miserable hypocrites, who claim to love the old church and do not come and do not support the church and do nothing for missions, the one big job the Master gave His churches to do. Here it is down in black and white. A man's love for Christ and His church and His gospel will be known by the church and by strangers, and they will testify to it. John mentioned love in this epistle but once. Then he said that strangers testified to Gaius' love when they told what he did for the support of the missionaries. That is some testimony. The only love John thought worth telling about was the love of a layman, who was known far and wide for his support of missionaries. Briefly a word or two about the other two laymen:

DIOTREPHES AND DEMETRIUS

Diotrephes was a church kicker. John didn't love him. He was a kicker and a sore-head. He was "agin" missions and "agin" John and "agin" those who wanted to support the missionaries and "agin" doing, especially was he against doing. That was his main trouble. He did nothing and tried to hinder everybody from doing anything. That is the chief mark of this tribe. They do nothing and try to hinder all others from doing. Especially is this true of missions and missionaries. Wont that be some record for poor old Diotrephes to face? Gone down throughout eternity as the opposer of every forward movement of his church, and if he got to heaven he is still pointed out as the opposer of John and all fellow-helpers to the truth and to missions. Diotrephes had a bad report. Demetrius had a good report. John gave him a good name as one who loved and was loyal to the truth. He was not a big man, but he was true to the truth. He could not support missionaries and be the host to churches like Gaius, but John and the brethren and the truth itself all bore record that he was a true man.

What the world needs today is more "helpers to the truth" like Gaius. We thank God for the many friends and helpers God has given us. Yet we need many more. We need those like Gaius who love the Truth. We need those who will pray for us. We need those who will contribute liberally of their means to propagate the Truth. How we pray for many helpers like Gaius, —men whose hearts the Lord has touched. This paper goes into the homes of many laymen. In the beginning of this new year, why not make a resolution for God's glory to be such an "helper to the Truth?" God is calling you and we need you!

SHE SLEPT UNSATISFIED ON A BED OF MONEY

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He said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

That rest cost Him His all, but it costs you nothing.

Come to Him for the rest of your life.

The Word of God Is

"A lamp unto my feet,"
"A light unto my path,"
A plummet for every life,
A warning against sin,
An offer of reconciliation,
A message of compassion,
A call to seek salvation,
A declaration of God's love,
An exhibit of choice portraits,
A record of wicked men,
A showing of God's mercy,
A mine of richest treasure,
A touchstone for every teaching,
A solution for every problem,
A standard for finding values,
A proclamation of things to come,
A pointer to fundamental truth,
An invitation to "whosoever,"
A consolation to afflicted saints,
An exposure of the devil's devices,
An account of the progress of the Kingdom of God,
A document for the final judgment,
A revelation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE WONDERFUL JESUS

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fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Listen:

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." — Gen. 3:15

This is the fountain-head of all prophecy. It is the first prophecy that was ever given, and in it is the statement that Christ is to be born as the seed of woman. From that time on, the prophets continually speak of His coming. Listen:

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come." — Gen. 49:10.

"I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth." — Num. 24:17.

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." — Job 19:25.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." — Micah 5:2.

In these, and in dozens of others of like nature, you have the fact of His coming — even the place of His birth wonderfully portrayed.

If the prophecy as to His coming indicates the wonder of His birth, then surely the fact that he had only one human parent likewise makes His birth to be wonderful. It was prophesied in the Old Testament that He should be born of a virgin. Listen:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." — Isa. 7:14

This was fulfilled in the day of His birth.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 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. 1:21-23.

The wonder of His birth is even still more greatly intensified in view of the fact that a star was hung in the heavens heralding His coming. And that star which was thus hung in His honor, travelled from the far East guiding the wise men until they came to the very house where Jesus lay. No one else has ever had this honor attached to his birth as this which came to Jesus.

That you might see how wonderful His birth was, look at the way in which it affected three worlds. Even the angels of God came down from heaven to sing. Listen:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Luke 2:14.

The shepherds and the wise men, symbolic of the lowliest and the highest of earth's population, came to worship the infant Jesus. Even the devil of hell was moved at His birth, for he stirred up the king until he had all the babes of Bethlehem slaughtered. Truly, in the light of these

Rules For Daily Living

Begin The Day With God.
Lift up the heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.
Kneel down to Him in prayer.

Open The Book Of God,
And read a portion there.

Converse In Mind With God.
That it may hallow all thy thoughts and
sweeten all thy care.

Go Through The Day With God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art—at home, abroad,
Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie Down At Night With God,
Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.
He still is near to thee. —Selected.

events which indicate that His birth influenced three worlds — heaven, earth and hell—then surely we can say that His birth was wonderful. This, in connection with the star that was hung in His honor, the fact of one human parent, and the further fact that His birth was prophesied from the very beginning of the world—all this would lead us to conclusively believe that His birth was wonderful.

II

HIS MESSAGE WAS WONDERFUL. Immediately some one may ask as to what is His message. Well, beloved, it is more than the Golden Rule; it is more than the Sermon on the Mount; it is more than the four Gospels. Each of these is a part of His message, yet His message constitutes the entire 1,169 chapters of our Bible. And this makes up His message. Indeed His message is wonderful.

No Message Like His

His message was wonderful in view of the fact that no human teacher has ever given to the world such a message. You may compare Joseph Smith's book on Mormonism and the Mohammedan Koran, both of which were written in the light of the Bible — you may compare these with the teachings of Jesus, and you will find that all of these fall far short of being worthy of comparison with His message.

The wide range of His message makes it wonderful. Reading in Rom. 3:23 how that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," you find yourself a condemned sinner. Then read Rom. 5:8 as to the truth that "Christ died for us," and you find yourself grovelling at the cross. Reading still further, you will find the blood of forgiveness falls upon you, and then finally at the close of the Book, you may look beyond time into eternity and see

"The land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar; For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there."

Surely no message ever written is as wide in its range as

Jesus' message. This in itself is enough to indicate the wonder of His message.

Then the comfort of His message like wise makes it wonderful. No more comforting message nor truths can be found than are found in His message. Do you feel the need of comfort today? You will find it in His message. Do you fail to feel secure in Him? Then listen:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." — Rom. 8:38,39.

Do you shrink at the thought 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; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." — Psa. 23:4

Do the cares of life perplex you? Listen:

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" — Luke 12:6.

Are you in trouble? Hear the Psalmist:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." — Psa. 46:1.

Has you home been torn asunder by death? Listen:

"But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." — 2 Sam. 12:23.

Surely the fact that this message of Jesus is comforting to us in every experience of life, surely in view of this comfort which it brings, then His message is wonderful.

The people who listened to Him estimated His message as wonderful. At least three times during His ministry His message was thus complimented.

"And the common people heard him gladly." — Mark 12:37.

"The officers answered, Never man spake like this man." — John 7:46.

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his

doctrine." — Matt. 7:28.

Knocked Out

In this last verse you have a statement that the people were "astonished". This comes from the Greek word which means to "knock out". If one were describing a prize fight in the Greek language wherein one of the opponents was knocked out, he would use this word. Well, the people estimated Jesus' message as a spiritual knock-out.

Wonderful as it is to know that His birth was wonderful, it is equally as precious to us to know that His message was, and still is, wonderful.

III

HIS LOVE IS WONDERFUL. This is beyond our comprehension. Our finite minds simply can't grasp the fact of the wonder of His love. Even the inspired writers could only say that —

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

Paul makes a staggering attempt to speak of the wonder of His love when he described it in its dimensions. Listen:

"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." — Eph. 3:18,19.

Here he declares that the love of God has length, breadth, height, and depth. And how long is that love? It extends from eternity past to eternity to come. How broad is it? It is broad enough that it includes all races, tongues, and peoples within the world. And how deep is it? It is deep enough that it goes down beneath the deepest of sin. Regardless of how stained one may be thereby, the love of God is deeper still than that sin. And as for its height, it lifts the sinner not only upon the Rock of Ages, but into daily fellowship and communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. Surely such a love could be described by no other word than wonderful.

A Chinaman Explains

A Chinaman explained his salvation in a unique manner. He declared that he was within a pit and that Buddha came, looked in upon him, and merely said, "Forget your troubles." Confucius came and said, "If you had listened to me, you wouldn't be there." Then the poor Chinaman said that when he was in despair, Jesus came and looked in, yet said not a word, but got down by his side and lifted him up. And that, beloved, surely does describe the wonderful love of Jesus Christ. Each of us have sunk down into the mirey pit of sin. What a blessing that in His love, He lifts us out even when we are unable to help ourselves. Yes, His love is wonderful.

IV

HIS DEATH WAS WONDERFUL. The most wonderful scene that earth has looked upon was Calvary. Satan even imagined that he was thwarting the purposes of God, when actually he was merely bringing to pass the greatest event of all times the day that Jesus was crucified.

How wonderful was His death. It is wonderful to think that God would even consider us enough to want to die for us. Yet He did. Even the events accompanying His death were wonderful. That super-natural darkness which enshrouded the earth as Jesus was hanging upon the cross, was unlike anything the world had ever seen before. Then

likewise, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom as though the unseen hand of God had reached down to tear it, signifying that the way into the Holiest was now made possible in that Jesus Christ had become our great High Priest and that each one who is saved, is a believer priest or a lesser priest beneath Jesus. Likewise accompanying His death was an earthquake. If you were standing at Jerusalem, you might feel the ground as it shook beneath your feet until the whole city itself staggered as the earth shook beneath it. Even the graves themselves were opened after Jesus Himself arose and the saints arose too. Surely one cannot look upon such events as these without realizing that His death was wonderful. Even these events themselves which accompanied His death were most wonderful.

Yet the most wonderful fact of His death is that which resulted thereby. Turn to His Word and read of that crowd which are saved through His death. Look at them as they come before Him — a motley throng out of all the nations of the world. Listen:

"After this, I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." — Rev. 7:9,10,13,14.

Just as we have said that His birth was wonderful, and His message was wonderful, and His love was wonderful, so we naturally conclude this His death was wonderful too.

V

HIS RESURRECTION WAS WONDERFUL. What an interesting picture we have of the experience on that first resurrection morn. With the tomb opened supernaturally, the grave clothes left lying just as they were, yet with the body of Jesus gone. Listen to the angels as they said:

"He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee." — Luke 24:6.

As you behold this miracle whereby the dead was brought to life, you can then turn away to sing:

"Lo in the grave He lay—Jesus, my Saviour!

Waiting the coming day—Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;

He arose a Victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with His saints to reign,

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah Christ arose."

Our Guarantee

Wonderful as it is that Jesus arose, His resurrection becomes all the more wonderful to us in view of the fact that since He arose, we too shall arise. It is not only our hope, it is our guarantee that there shall be a resurrection for each of us, for since He arose, we too shall arise. Some day each of us will be able to

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THE WONDERFUL JESUS

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say with Paul:

"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.

Yes, His resurrection which
guarantees our resurrection, was
wonderful.

VI

**HIS MINISTRY AS PRIEST
IS WONDERFUL.** Today Jesus'
ministry is that of acting as an
High Priest in behalf of each of
us. He is in Heaven now to act
in our behalf. Listen:

"For Christ is not entered into
the holy places made with hands,
which are the figures of the true;
but into heaven itself, now to
appear in the presence of God
for us." — Heb. 9:24.

Prior to Christ's crucifixion,
each of us needed a priest. Yet
this is not true today, for Christ
at Calvary became our great
High Priest and each of us stand
as believer priests beneath Him.
Listen:

"And hath made us kings and
priests unto God and his Father;
to him be glory and dominion for
ever and ever." — Rev. 1:6.

When the veil of the temple
was rent in twain from top to
bottom, the Old Testament priest-
hood of men passed away, so
that from that hour on, any in-
dividual who claims to be a
priest is a man behind time. Why
every Catholic priest today is a
man at least two thousand years
behind time.

Our Only Mediator

In God's Word we are assured
that the only one who can come
between us and God is Jesus as
He is our only mediator. Up in
Heaven is God and down here
on earth is man, and the only
one who can intercede as a priest
for us is Jesus. Listen:

"For there is one God, and one
mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus." — I Tim.
2:5.

When you remember that it is
through this high priestly minis-
try of intercession that we are
kept saved, then we are made to
realize again and afresh that His
ministry as our priest is wonder-
ful.

VII

**FINALLY, JESUS HAS GONE
TO PREPARE FOR US A WON-
DERFUL HOME.** Listen:

"Let not your heart be trou-
bled: ye believe in God, believe
also in me. 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 ye may be
also." — John 14:1-3.

It seems great to know that
His birth was wonderful; His
message was wonderful; His love
was wonderful; His death was
wonderful; His resurrection was
wonderful, and that His ministry
as priest is wonderful, yet per-
haps the greatest part of it all
is that He has gone to prepare
a wonderful place for each of
us.

"My Home Is Just Beyond"

A little girl was observed run-
ning through a cemetery and
was asked if she were not afraid
to be there. To this she replied,
"No, my home is just beyond."
Well, beloved, that is true of
each of us. That's the reason
why the child of God is not afraid
of death, for His home is just
beyond. This earth is not our
home. In this world we are but

This I Know

By E. Margaret Clarkson

I do not know what next may come
Across my pilgrim way,
I do not know tomorrow's road,
Nor see beyond today;
But this I know—my Saviour knows
The path I cannot see,
And I can trust His wounded hand
To guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall
Of sunshine or of rain,
I do not know what may be mine
Of pleasure and of pain;
But this I know—my Saviour knows,
And whatso'er it be,
Still I can trust His love to give
What will be best for me.

I do not know what may await,
Or what the morrow brings,
But with the glad salute of faith
I hail its opening wings!
For this I know—that in my Lord
Shall all my needs be met,
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.

pilgrims. The cemetery, the cas-
ket, the open tomb, and the grave
stones do not cause the Christian
to fear, as his home is just beyond
death. Surely it is a wonderful
home that Jesus has gone to pre-
pare for us.

What a blessing it is then to
study this truth relative to the
wonderful Jesus. In view of these
facts, and many others of like
nature, then may I urge you now
to get ready to meet this won-
derful Jesus, and may you recall
that the only way you can meet
Him in peace is to meet Him
sheltered by His blood.

"And without shedding of blood
is no remission." — Heb. 9:22.
God bless you!

ALL THIS — YET LOST

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have a house of worship like
Micah (Judges 17:5), desire to
die the death of the righteous
like Balaam (Num. 23:10), make
long prayers like the Pharisees
(Matt. 23:14), prophesy like Saul
(1 Sam. 10:10), be near the King-
dom like the young man (Matt.
19:16), almost a Christian like
Agrippa (Acts 26:28)

And Yet Be Lost

Reader, think this over! Are
you saved? "Ye must be born
again" (John 3:7). "Now if any
have not the Spirit of Christ, he
is none of his" (Rom. 13:9). "Be-
lieve on the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved and thy
house" (Acts 16:31). — Our
Hope

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
ABOUT ELECTION

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he seeketh for; but the election
hath obtained it, and the rest
were blinded.—A remnant ac-
cording to the election of grace."

4. Election before the founda-
tion of world.

Eph. 1:4: "According as He
hath chosen us in Him before
the foundation of the world."

5. Election from the beginning.

2 Thess. 2:13: "God hath
chosen you from the beginning"

to salvation thro sanctification
of the Spirit and the belief of
the truth." Get these facts: the
beginning was before any thing
was created. Gen. 1:1, John 1:1.
That was when the election took
place. God elected men before
He created them. The election
was unto salvation. The salva-
tion takes place through the
sanctification of the Spirit and
belief of the truth. The truth
believed by which men are saved
is revealed in the gospel. 2
Thess. 2:14 shows that no man
was ever saved, who did not
hear and believe the gospel.

6. Election before birth.

Rom. 9:11-12: "For the child-
ren being not yet born, neither
having done any good or evil,
that the purpose of God accord-
ing to election might stand, not
of works, but of Him that call-
eth: it was said unto her: "The
elder shall serve the younger."

Rom. 9:13: "As it is written,
Jacob have I loved but Esau
have I hated."

Acts 9:15: "He (Saul) is a
chosen vessel unto Me."

John 13:18: "I know whom I
have chosen."

John 15:6: "Ye did not choose
Me, but I chose you."

Rom. 8:33: "Who shall lay
anything to the charge of God's
elect." The charges against Eli-
jah, Isaiah, Peter, John, Paul
and all the balance in Old Testa-
ment days and New were per-
sonal. Their election was just as
personal.

7. Election personal.

Rom. 9:15: "I will have mercy
on whom I will have mercy."

Eph. 1:4: "Even as He chose
us in Him."

Eph. 1:11: "Having been fore-
ordained according to the pur-
pose of Him who worketh all
things after the counsel of His
own will."

2 Thess. 2:13: "Chose you
from the beginning."

Acts 22:14: "The God of our
fathers hath appointed thee."

Acts 13:48: "As many as
were ordained to eternal life."

Jer. 1:5: "Before I formed
thee in the belly I knew thee."

Rev. 13:8; 17:8: "Every one,
whose name hath not been writ-
ten in the book of life from the
foundation of the world."

8. Elect sure of salvation."

Matt. 24:31: "Shall gather to-
gether His elect from the four
winds, from one end of heaven
to the other." Rom. 11:2, 8:29-
30.

9. Only remnant elected.

Rom. 11:5: "Even so at this
present time also there is a rem-
nant according to the election
of grace."

10. Election unto salvation.

2 Thess. 2:13: "Chosen you
to salvation."

I Pet. 1:2: "Elect according
to the foreknowledge of God
the Father."

11. Election includes preach-
ing the gospel.

2 Thess. 2:10: "I endure all
things for the elect's sake that
they may also obtain the salva-
tion which is in Christ Jesus
with eternal glory" — I Cor. 1:
21; Rom. 8:28-30; 2 Thess. 2:
13,14.

12. All the elect will believe.

Acts 13:48: "As many as were
ordained to eternal life believ-
ed." John 6:37.

13. Election guaranteed the
salvation of some.

Rom. 10:20: "I was found of
them that sought Me not." John
15:16. This proves election was
unconditional as well as per-
sonal.

14. The gospel is to be preach-
ed to all.

Mark 16:15: "Preach the gos-
pel to every creature." Matt.
16:20; 22:14. "Many be called
but few chosen" (elect) Elec-
tion makes sure some will hear:
otherwise all would reject.

15. Every New Testament
writer teaches the doctrine of
election. We have already quot-
ed Matthew, Mark, Luke, John,
Paul, James and Peter. Jude
only remains. Jude 4: "For
there are certain men crept in
unawares who were before or-
dained to this condemnation." The
inspired writers are unanimous in
teaching personal uncondition-
al, eternal election from before
the foundation of the world.

"GO YE"

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with real souls, remember, just
not "Creatures" nor "Things"—
as precious as yours, who have
never known of Jesus' love; who
never can know if you do not go
to them. I tell you honestly, many
of us think you are making, un-
consciously perhaps, a cruel
mistake. We do not want to
judge. God forbid. But that is
our conviction. We believe there
are many staying at home who
ought to be preaching the Gos-
pel to the heathen.

Think of poor India, poor
China, poor Africa, poor Malay
Peninsula, poor Persia, Mongol-
ia, Thibet, Korea, Japan, South
America and many more. Then
the Jews, too—they have such a
special claim.

It is easy to attend conventions
for the deepening of the spiri-
tual life. It is easy to hold up
your hand and say you are

WILLING TO GO

to the heathen, but it is another
thing to go! And it is another
thing to let your child go, or even
your money. Yet consecration, if

it is worth anything, will bear
being tested. And the Mission-
ary cause does test us. In re-
sponse to God's claims upon us,
we may take an interest in
Christian work generally, and
even double our offerings—and
go on living comfortably at home
as we did before. But this going
to the heathen! this parting with
our child!—it touches us in a
vital part; it pulls down our
home over our heads. Ah! this is
a real test. It will cost us some-
thing. Now, what is our conse-
cration good for? It is still un-
flinching "Yes, Lord?" Or is it
a sad retreat under some plaus-
ible excuse?

We talk of the light and con-
secration and enthusiasm and in-
terest in Missions of the pres-
ent day. But with it all, Satan
is able to lull the consciences of
God's men and God's women
with specious and beautiful ex-
cuses, and keep vast districts,
perfectly accessible to us and
full of our perishing fellowmen,
free, from the molestations of
ambassador of Christ—all undis-
turbed in his own power!

The only way to evangelize the
heathen is to go to them. And
God has told us to go. But we
do not go! And so the heathen
perish, and Satan laughs, and
the heart of God is sad. All the
time we try to think God is
pleased with us! But how can
He be pleased with us while we
who might go, stop at home, or
keep our children at home, and
withhold our money instead of
doing what He tells us?

Look at those fears and ex-
cuses of yours, my brother. What
are they really worth? Why,
half of them are dressed-up
ghosts! And the rest, well, many,
perhaps most of them, I believe
you should be quite ashamed of
in any other cause.

But in the service of Christ,
any excuse almost is good en-
ough, or bad enough. We are
ready to jump at it, put it on a
pedestal, religiously trot it out
on every occasion, and faithfully
hide ourselves behind it when
any moving appeal looks in our
direction. Yes, it is astonishing
how, with a little nursing, and
petting, and magnifying, we can
bring to God with a most com-
placent conscience, excuses which
in time of war, for example, it
would be a perfect disgrace to
mention. Yet we are His faithful
soldiers all the same! And we ex-
pect Him to applaud us and say,
"Well done," when He returns.

And how can He say, "Well
done?" Imagine our Lord turn-
ing to His Church today and say-
ing, "Well done, good and faith-
ful servants!" Why there would
be millions of sad, neglected hea-
then standing by, who with one
accord WOULD TESTIFY A-
GAINST US.

"Well done" to know of a Sav-
ior themselves, and never to give
us a chance? "Well done" to stay
at home and feast themselves
and their children to the full, and
not bring us and our little ones
even a crumb? "Well done," to
keep singing of the joy of being
saved from hell and of going to
heaven, and never so much as to
tell us there was a hell to be
saved from or a heaven to go to?
"Well done?" Nay, disgracefully
done! He cannot say it. — Tract.

HOW TRUE OF EACH OF US!

Somebody once said to D. L. Moody, "Have you
grace enough to be burned at the stake?" "No!"
"Do you not wish you had?" "No, for I do not
need it. What I need just now is grace to live by."
—Copied