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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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Should Like To Know....

Is it right to call on a Methodist or any Arminian heretic to pray in a Baptist Church?

put it, it is not right. Jesus taught eternal life by Grace. The Methodist or Arminian teaches salvation by works—installment plan of salvation. Well, since the doctrine of Christ was eternal life, let us go to John: "Whosoever believes in the Son of God, he abideth in the Son, and the Son abideth in him, and the Father abideth in them, and the Son and the Father abide in him; and he that abideth in the Son, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there be any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him speed: For he that biddeth such a one to greet, he shall bring his own judgment upon him."—II John 9, 10, 11.

Which is the greater: juvenile delinquency or parental delinquency?

Parental delinquency is the cause of juvenile delinquency. Mothers and fathers both living or out having a so-called good time while the children are left to roam the streets, not giving them the things of the Lord, leaving God out of their lives, failing to chasten children as they deserve it. Look to the Word of God: "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let thy soul spare for his crying."—Proverbs 19:18. Again:

You Don't Want To Grow, Be Sure You Pass This By

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Peter 2:17—"Love the brotherhood."—I John 13:34,35—"New Commandment that ye love one another."

BRETHREN: The title which I address you, that "brethren", or its singular "brother", has been precious to Christians through the centuries. The early followers of Jesus addressed each other as brethren. That Jesus taught them that "one is father and ye are all brethren", and it is said of Him that He was not ashamed to call them brethren, and that God had ordained that Jesus is to be the Father of the Fatherless. Peter, in referring to the Christian fellowship said "the brotherhood." I wish to speak of this brotherhood of the saints tonight. The word "brother" is found only once in the Bible. It had no reference whatsoever to a group of men organized together for a social or political purpose, but rather to a group of men organized together for a spiritual purpose.

HOW DO YOU GIVE?

Husband: "Who's that in the room?"
Wife: "It is a member of evangelism team from the church."
Husband: "What does he want?"
Wife: "He wants to know whether we will renew our pledge of twenty-five dollars for another year."
Husband: "I'd like to know what..."
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"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it"—Proverbs 22:6. No home training is the chief reason for juvenile delinquency.

3. Should a Baptist allow a Holy Roller to put a tent for revival purposes on land belonging to the Baptist?

No, the Holy Rollers are a bunch of deceivers preaching a doctrine of works for salvation, deceiving and damning men's souls. The Baptist would be a partaker of his evil deeds (II John 9, 10, 11). "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."—Rom. 16:17, 18.

4. Should a Baptist lend lumber to a Holy Roller for seats in a revival conducted by the Holy Roller?

No, you would be a partaker of their sins.

we have here, but it referred to the fellowship and kinship of the saints in Christ. There are four things to which I would call your attention concerning this "Brotherhood".

THE BASIS OF BROTHERHOOD

This Brotherhood is based upon "birth"—Jesus in John 13:33 addresses His disciples as "little children". They were children of God and therefore brothers in the family of God. Sonship is essential to brotherhood and you must be born again to become a son. Only those who have been born again are God's children, others are the children of the Devil. I may call every man on earth "neighbor" but only the "born again" are brothers.

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REVIVE US AGAIN!

There is general complaint in all denominations of the religious decline everywhere so abundantly manifest. In many places in the United States Sunday evening services are quite generally discontinued, and even in Canada, and in Toronto, this is not unknown. In Toronto it is common for a number of churches to have union services for the months of July and August, and even the united services, with the resources of two or three churches behind them, are but sparsely attended. This condition, bad enough before the war, has become still more accentuated during the war's progress. Very probably the war has exercised a hardening influence upon the public mind, and people are less inclined than ever to attend public worship.

There are, of course, exceptions to this general rule. There are churches which are not forsaken. This, in a few rare cases, is true even of churches whose pulpits are decidedly modernistic. But in such cases invariably the pulpit is occupied by a man of genius of some sort who, though he denies the faith once for all delivered to the saints, has ability to deny it interestingly. But ordinary preachers who turn Modernists, or who dilute their gospel to meet the popular demand for neutrality even in respect to clearly defined principles of right and wrong, soon empty their churches.

But what of the cause of Evangelical Christianity in our day? It is sometimes said that the gospel itself is the most popular of all messages. We believe nothing...

Mused Uncle Mose

"Pahson wahm ev'ybody up last Sunday, but dey cools down mighty fas' dese days."

"Going" t' vote on fiakin' de pastor nex' Sat'dy night. Dey'll be chu'ch membahs dar dat ain' nevah seed 'im yit."

"T'other day big aiah plane advertizin' Seegretts wid big smoke lettahs in de sky. Ole Aunt Julie hollered, 'Look-a dar, dat's God! Her li'l boy says, 'Naw, dat ain' God; he wouldn't be advertizin' no seegretts!'"

God's Promise....



"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."—Job 5:26.

How God Saved A Catholic Woman That Was Dying

A poor woman, dying in one of our large hospitals, had been brought up in the Roman Catholic Church. She had not been a good member of it, and now her sins were tormenting her, and she was crying out in anguish, "My sins! what will I do to get rid of them?" A sweet faced sister of charity passed through the ward and seeing her in distress talked to her kindly. "O sister," the woman said, "can you get me a priest that I may confess my many, many sins, and be prepared for death?"

"Yes, I will go for the parish priest. But in the meantime let me put this scapular around your neck. It may help you at least a little, if you should die before the priest comes." And away she went.

In the meantime, as God would have it, a city missionary was passing through the ward and she heard the groaning, for the scapular had not given her peace. She said, "My poor woman, you seem to be in great distress."

"Oh yes, my sins are troubling me and I do not know how to put them away."

"Let me read to you from God's holy Word," and reading scripture after scripture she unfolded to her God's peace through Jesus alone.

Finally the poor, dying soul rested on the Word, "Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" and oh, the joy that came to her!

A few minutes later the priest arrived. He was a kind man and he had all his paraphernalia with him. He said, "Now, make a good confession, in order that I may give you absolution, that you may die in peace."

She was very weak now, but said, "Father, let me see your hand."

He thought her mind was wandering and said, "Pull yourself together." (Continued on page two)

DON'T PREACHER!

DON'T use hackneyed phrases, meaningless terms, exaggerated expressions or appeals to sentiment only.

DON'T try to be eloquent, clever, comical, or entertaining. We are only messengers—"a voice."

DON'T provoke unnecessarily: The presentation of truth is the best way to denounce error.

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"THE WORST BARGAIN THAT A MAN EVER MADE"

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—Mark 8:36,37.

Possibly the greatest world-wide emperor that ever lived was Charlemagne, who reigned over the country of France about the year of 1880. In all probability neither Nebuchadnezzar nor Alexander the Great nor any of the Caesars who preceded him were as successful in building a world-wide monarchy as he. Even those

who have lived since his day have never even approximated the success which he achieved.

At Aix-la-chapelle is his tomb. He was buried in a most unique manner, sitting upright in a marble chair—the chair in which kings were crowned. He was wrapped in his imperial robes and an open Bible was placed in his lap. As he sat there cold, silent and motionless, a finger of his hand pointed directly to the words of our text.

Surely if any one ever gained

the whole world it was Charlemagne, and yet before his death he realized that the whole world was not worth the value of his soul.

Ours is a unique text. It is most often misunderstood because of the fallacy of the King James translation. This text was never spoken to the lost. It is very definitely wrong to ever apply it to the unsaved. Jesus was speaking to His disciples. The word which was translated "soul" is...

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DON'TS FOR PREACHERS

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you have finished; a wearied audience rapidly diminishes.

DON'T throw yourself about; this distracts the hearers. Muscular movements do not always denote earnestness.

DON'T exaggerate; God's Word is complete.

DON'T shout, this grates on people's ears; distinctness is preferable to volume.

DON'T imitate others; our beauty, if we have any lies in our own individuality.

DON'T argue the Word of God. It is beyond argument. "It is written" settles every point.

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HOW GOD SAVED A DYING CATHOLIC

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together, you have only a little time. Make your confession that your sins may be forgiven."

"Let me see your hand, father."

Thinking that he better humor her, he held up his hand, but her eyes were glazed and she could not see. She reached up her hand and felt his, and then said, "It won't do, father, it won't do."

"What do you mean, it won't do? Do not waste the time, make a good confession that I may do all I can for you before you die."

But she continued, "It won't do. The hand of the One that forgives my sins has a nail print in it. I can't find it in yours."

Dear friend, do you know what it is to trust the One with the nail-pierced hand? He died for you. He shed His precious blood for you, and the Scriptures declare that all who put their trust in Him receive remission of sins.

THE PAGAN ROOTS OF MODERN CATHOLICISM

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The inscriptions on these votive

offerings he found to be verbal translations of the pagan originals. The vow is said to have been divinely inspired and expressly commanded; the cure wrought by the visible apparition of the tutelar saint or by the notice of a dream.

Middleton declares that Rome makes idolatry, which the first Christians looked upon as the most criminal part of paganism, the principal part of its worship. He describes the holy image of Loretto: "Its face is as black as a Negro's, therein resembling the idols of pagan antiquity which classical writers described as black with the perpetual smoke of lamps and incense."

Taking Over Pagan Deities

Pagan deities have been baptized into the church and appear as Christian saints. "In the church of St. Agnes they shewed me an antique statue of a young Bacchus which, with a new name and some little change of draping, stands now worshiped under the title of a female saint." The Pantheon, dedicated to Jove and all the gods, was piously reconsecrated by Boniface Fourth to the Virgin and all the saints. The little temple of Vesta, mentioned by Horace, is now possessed by the Madonna of the Sun; that of Fortune Virilis by Mary the Egyptian; that of Saturn by St. Adrian; that of Romulus and Remus in the Via Sacra by Cosmas and Damianus. At the foot of Mount Palatine between the Forum and Circus Maximus, on the spot where Romulus was said to have been suckled by the wolf, stands a little round temple. In this stood the statue of the wolf and the sucklings, and in pagan days it was visited by mothers and nurses with sickly infants with the conviction that there health and vigor was to be found. When this temple was transformed into the church of Theodorus, the custom of presenting children at the shrine continued on thru the centuries, and Middleton says: "As oft as I looked into this church, ten or a dozen women could be seen, each with a child in her lap, sitting with silent reverence before the altar of the saint in expectation of his miraculous influence on the health of the infant."

These changes of name were made with as little abruptness as possible. A Roman temple to Apollo is supplanted by a church of St. Apollinaris. The temple of the Bona Dea, or Good Goddess, is now dedicated to the Madonna. Where once was a temple of Mars now stands the church dedicated to Martina with the inscription (translated by Middleton),

"Mars hence expelled; Martina, martyred maid,
Claims now that worship which

to him was paid."

An altar to St. Baccho and others to saints with such names as Quirinus, Romula and Redempta, Nymphia, Mercurius, and the like, suggest the easy passage from pagan Rome to papal Rome. A monastery on Mt. Soracte gets its appropriate name of S. Oreste (S. being the Italian abbreviation of Saint). Thus this holy mountain stands under the protection of a patron whose being is just as imaginary as that of its old guardian Apollo.

Various illustrations are given as to how saints are made. In Spain a St. Viar attained at one time great popularity. When search was made for the reason, a stone was produced with the antique lettering "S Viar," which the antiquaries readily saw to be a small fragment of some old Roman inscription in memory of one who had been Praefectus VIARum, or overseer of the highway. So in Catholic England the St. Amphibolus, who was supposed to be a companion saint to St. Albans, was traced to amphibolus, a name used to signify a rough, shaggy coat which ecclesiastical persons wore in that age. St. Amphibolus, then, instead of being a co-worker of St. Albans, was that worthy's ulster.

So St. Veronica's name can be resolved into vera icon, or true picture. Veronica was the legendary woman whose handkerchief relieved the bloody sweat of our Lord on the way to Golgotha and retained the true picture of his face. Two of these cloths exist in two different Roman churches, but the saint herself, disappears in the two words, vera icon.

Old Rome had its gods of the street and highway, worshipped at wayside shrines. These, too, were rebaptized and the old Hecate in triviis became the Maria in Triviis, a church observed by Middleton. Huge wooden crosses by the roadside, covered with wreaths and votive offerings, replace the old tree trunks such as the one Ovid mentions, "With ribbons, garlands, pictures covered o'er,
The fruit of pious vows from rich and poor."

The universal opinion of the heathen was that the gods in a peculiar manner loved to reside on eminences or tops of mountains, the "high places" of Scripture. This is reflected in the fact that almost every lofty rock about Rome has an oratory or altar or crucifix upon it. It also explains the wrath of the Vatican that heretic Methodists should have built a church on the Monte Mario, overlooking the Vatican.

The account which Apuleius gives of a religious procession in classic Rome might well pass for that of a papal procession — priests in surplices with wax candles in their hands, carrying a Thensa, or image of a god, followed by youths in white linen

Dusty Bibles!

When the pastor called he found little Mary crying, and inquired as to the cause. "Mamma got my apron all dirty," she sobbed. "How did she do that?" asked the minister. The lass answered, "When she saw you coming, she used it to wipe the dust off the Bible."

surplices, singing hymns in honor of the God whose festival they were celebrating. Middleton saw a Lenten procession of flagellantes and recalled the fanatical priests of Bellona and of Isis, who slashed and cut themselves in order to please the goddess by the sacrifice of their own blood.

Rome in Middleton's day abounded in images that spoke, or shed tears, or bled. Here is an image of the Virgin which reprimanded Pope Gregory for passing by her too carelessly; here a crucifix which spoke to St. Bridget; here a madonna statute which praised the piety of one of her votaries. "And did not the image of Fortune do the same in pagan Rome when it spoke twice in praise of those matrons who had dedicated the temple to her? A church to St. Mary the Weeper and an image of the Saviour which wept recall the statue of Apollo which, as Livy records, on the approach of some public calamity, wept for three days and nights successively. They have another church built in honor of an image which bled very plentifully from a blow given it by a blasphemer. So in the temple of Juno, according to Livy, "all the images were seen to sweat in blood."

The homely cradle of the Saviour is shown on Christmas days for adoration on the high altar of St. Mary the Great. It is held in the same veneration as the cottage of Romulus on the Capitoline Hill. "Rome," said Cardinal Baronius, "is now in possession of that noble monument of Christ's nativity, made out of wood without ornament of silver or gold, and it is made more happily illustrious by it than it was of old by the cottage of Romulus which, though built only of mud and straw, our ancestors preserved with great care for many ages." Of the liquidation of the blood of St. Januarius, Middleton says: "It is plainly a copy of an old cheat of the same kind, transacted near the same place, with which Horace makes himself merry, telling us how, at a town called Gnatia, the priests attempted to persuade him and his friends that the frankincense in the temple used to melt miraculously of itself without the help of fire."

The old temples of paganism were a refuge for criminals; the privilege of sanctuary was directly transferred to Catholic churches. The chief priest of old Rome was the Pontifex Maximus, and his title was appropriately retained by his papal successors. Old Rome swarmed with religious orders, fraternities of augurs, pontifices, salii, fratres, arvales, as papal Rome with Jesuits, Dominicans, Capuchins, and the rest. The Vestal Virgin was the precedent for the Catholic nun. Apuleius describes the mendicant priests of pagan Rome, sack on back, going about collecting money, bread, wine, and the like, "the very picture of the begging friars, always about the streets

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literally the word for "life." Therefore, Jesus did not warn them lest they lose their soul in Hell (as will be the experience of each of the unsaved) but He did warn these believers of the danger of wasting their lives in a wrecking their testimony. Hence He declared that though one might gain the whole world and yet waste his life, he was living in vain.

Though this be the actual meaning of the text, I want to use it to show that spiritual virtues are worth more than material value.

TRULY WE ARE LIVING IN AN AGE WHICH HAS TURNED ITS BACK TOWARD GOD AND ITS FACE TOWARD GOLD. The whole world is now in sin. God's holy day is now turned into an holiday. Men have turned their backs toward God and the Bible and His churches, and now are bowing down to a god of gold.

Some—in fact, many — speak of God with four letters — G-O-L-D — and they worship at his altars until their souls are so shriveled that they rattle like a mustard seed.

As you are well aware, we live in an industrial area where many work on the Lord's day. In fact, God's day is considered on the same plane as any other. There are numbers of the members of our church who rejoice at the prospect of Sunday work since it means extra pay.

I am satisfied that there are people within this town and within this church who worship the almighty dollar just as if they were to hang it up in their bedroom and bow down before every night and morning.

I am sure you remember the experience of the Israelites when they were coming out of Egypt and when they encamped at Sinai. It was then when Moses went up to the Mount to receive the law that Aaron made a golden calf for the people to worship. When Moses returned from 40 days communion with God he found the people worshipping in this golden calf. Surely there are plenty today who still worship gold. It may not be in the shape of a calf but there are many God's people who worship just as these Jews did of old.

Do you remember the story of Midas as it appeared in the McGuffey Readers? Surely the older members of our congregation will recall Midas' desire that everything which he touched might turn to gold. He sat at a table to eat his breakfast and immediately the chair, the plate and the table became solid gold. All this pleased him greatly, yet he screamed with pain a moment later when a warm poached egg was served.

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in the same habit and on the same errand." — The Sunday School Times.

The Lord Has Need Of It

Peter lent a boat
To save Him from the press;
Martha lent her home,
With busy kindness.

One man lent a colt,
Another lent a room;
Some threw down their garments,
And Joseph lent a tomb.

Simon lent his strength,
The cruel cross to bear;
Mary brought her spices,
His body to prepare.

What have I to lend?
No boat, no house, no lands;
Dwell, Lord, within my heart,
I put it in Thy hands.

—Christ Life

Is One Church As Good As Another?

WHEN WE HEAR a man say, "Well, one church is as good as another," we think of the fellow who replied to an inquiry about his health by saying, "I'm about the same, if any difference." And we rank their intelligence about the same.

— Selected.

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warmed into hot molten gold with his mouth. When his little daughter — the idol of his heart — came into the room and kissed the father she too became a gold statue. Well, beloved, that is the spirit is abroad within the world today.

certainly you must remember a young farmer of whom spoke whose barns were too small to contain all of his goods but let Jesus tell the story in his own words:

And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, I will do; I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and I will bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; so eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" — Luke 12:16-20.

Many a farmer, many a business man, and many a day-laborer has the same outlook on life as this man who thought only in terms of "I, My, and Mine." Then there is the rich young man who came to Jesus declaring his moral purity in that he had lived up to all the commandments. However, Jesus probed him still further to determine whether he had gotten his money or whether gold had gotten him. He told him to sell all that he had and come follow Him. Refusing by his attitude, he loved gold more than he did God. He thought more of currency than he did of Christ. His gold, which might have become a golden key to open Heaven in his behalf, became a golden bar which fastened the gates of God against him.

Actually in the light of the picture in which the average citizen is living today it is no wonder that we have strikes, discord, and troubles and shortages of food. It is only logical that it would be thus. God chastens both the individual and the nation that is entirely materialistically minded. He chastises all who think only of themselves and who live for the world and not for God. Listen to the story as to how He rebuked Israel when they, thinking more of material wealth than spiritual riches, forgot Him!

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, We have not robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove

me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Malachi 3:8-10.

THERE ARE SOME THINGS WHICH WEALTH CANNOT BUY. First of all, it cannot buy a lease on life. God's Word very carefully warns us of this fact. Listen:

"Go to now, ye that say, To-day or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." — James 4:13-15.

"For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other, yea they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity." — Eccl. 3:19.

One of the great books of several decades ago gave a legend by Trotsky. It was a story of a man who was promised all he could walk about in one day's time. As he would compass a beautiful lake he would say, "It is mine." As he would go around tracts of virgin timber, gushing oil fields and fertile pastures, he would say of each of these, "It is mine." He had no time that day for meals — he would eat tomorrow. His friends urged him to continue walking and as the sun sank heralding the fact that his day was done he fell across the line from whence he started fabulously rich and yet dead from exhaustion — just another reminder that money cannot buy a lease on life.

When Queen Elizabeth of England came near to the end, she remarked that she would give millions of money if she only might buy an inch of time. What a decided contrast: millions versus one inch, yet all the millions that she might possess could not buy even the slightest fraction of an inch of time.

When E. H. Harriman was at the height of his financial career he owned 55,000 miles of railroads and had ships plying the seven seas. One day his doctor said: "You are the same as a dead man." He went to California for rest and later crossed the waters and went to Austria. When his doctor told him he had only a few days to live he returned home and within forty-eight hours was dead. Surely money cannot buy a lease on life. Here was a man to whom money was no object yet his money could not stay the hand of death nor provide a single minute whereby to lengthen his life.

Furthermore, money cannot buy happiness. There is a common philosophy which is believed almost universally that if one has

money he will be happy. This is absolutely untrue. In fact, just the opposite is true for money is the universal provider of everything but happiness.

America is the richest nation the sun shines on. It is undoubtedly the wealthiest nation of the world, — reputedly worth 300 billion dollars, which is a lot more money than you or I know anything about. In spite of this wealth, America is the most unhappy nation in all the world. There are more divorces in America than in any other nation. There are more strikes and labor difficulties than in any other nation. There is more discontent, dissension, and grumbling resulting in more suicides than in any other nation in the world. I insist, beloved, that money cannot buy happiness.

Over at Richmond, Virginia, some years ago I visited Maymont Park. It is one of the most beautiful places that I have ever seen. There were acres and acres of spacious grounds beautifully landscaped with all types of gardens. There is a marvelous house furnished with still more marvelous furniture. The bed in one of the bedrooms is made like a swan's back so that when you sleep it appears that you are lying on a swan's back. It is undoubtedly the most lavish display of wealth that I have ever seen. While it is now a public park, once upon a time it was the home of a wealthy business man in Richmond. Yet money couldn't buy happiness and his home was broken up with a separation. When I walked about the wonderful place I was impressed with the fact that happiness cannot be bought with earthly goods.

This isn't all: money can't buy Heaven either. While it is true that money cannot buy a lease on life, nor can it buy happiness, it is even more definitely true that it cannot buy Heaven. Ezekiel realized this and therefore said:

"They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity." — Ezk. 7:19.

Possibly no one passage in the Bible teaches this truth more forcibly than the statement that comes from the pen of Apostle Peter. He says:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." — I Peter 1:18,19.

Money which is valuable in ransoming a captive can never redeem a captive sinner. While silver and gold may effect most any type of release it can never release a sinner from his sins.

Money can buy big mansions here in this life. In the last several years of my ministry, I have been entertained most royally and lavishly in some unusually wealthy homes. I know it is true by my own experience that money can buy big mansions here. However, the combined money of all the millionaires of the world couldn't buy an inch of ground on a back alley in Heaven.

A man is considered wealthy if in this life he has \$50,000, or suppose he might have \$100,000 or make the supposition still greater suppose that one man may own the entire 300 billion dollars of America's wealth. Add to this the wealth of the diamond mines of Africa, then add in the wealth of Russia's oil and timber, then add to this the wealth of the Rockies, Andes and the Alps. Finally, add to this the wealth of the stars and the heavens. Surely such a one, if he owned all these, would be immensely wealthy. Yet even with all this wealth no man would be able to purchase as much as standing room in Heaven.

Let's take a business course. Get out your adding machine; now add up to six figures and then eight and nine and so on; add up quadrillions; add up sextillions and finally when you have added as far as you can, stand at the Judgment Bar of God. When the roll is called, tell the recording angel how you own all the oil of the world; tell him of your vast estates and how that the cattle of a thousand hills roaming over those estates are yours; tell the recording angel of the vast holdings of silver and gold, timber, railroads, skyscrapers and banks, yet when you have finished the recording angel can only remind you that these things do not count in Heaven. You may have your name on a thousand deeds here on earth but if it is not inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life, then you are lost — lost eternally and irrevocably.

Yes, it is true that the gold for which men are forgetting God — that gold can't buy a lease on life nor happiness on earth nor Heaven at the end of life.

III

THERE IS REAL WEALTH WHICH IS YOURS IF YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD. In contrast with that which is fleeting and material there are riches which are eternal and spiritual.

What a marvelous wealth is ours just to know that, if saved, God is our Father, Christ is our brother, and we are already children of God. Yet even greater than that, what a blessing it is to know that there is a resurrection body awaiting us when we come to the end of life's little day. Listen to Paul as he says:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on corruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 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. 15:51-57.

Yes, what wealth is this that is in store for us as God's children! A future home with Him where we may dwell eternally. Listen to God's Word as it speaks of that home:

"Let not your heart be troubled: 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.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." — Rev. 21:1-4.

Surely there are no riches which can compare with the true riches which are thus ours in Him and best of all these riches can be ours as a gift. Listen:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." — Romans 6:23.

In the light of this message may you take your eyes off of material things and if God perchance gives to you the gift of repentance and faith, then may you depend upon Him for complete salvation — salvation for both time and eternity in Christ. May the Lord bless you!

He Leads!

He leads us on by paths we did not know;
Upward He leads us, though our steps be slow,
Though oft we faint and falter on the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;
Yet when the clouds are gone,
We know He leads us on.

He leads us on through all the unquiet years;
Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears,
He guides our steps, through all the tangled maze
Of losses, sorrows, and o'er-clouded days;
We know His will is done;
And still He leads us on.

—N. L. Zinzendorf

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GROW BE SURE YOU PASS THIS BY

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born again ones are my "brethren". A boy said: "I am kin to my father but I'm kin to my mother by bornation."

This relationship of brotherhood in Christ is unique in human relationships. There is none other like it among men. It is true that many groups and orders have borrowed the term and made great use of it. Lodges, fraternities, labor unions and numerous societies refer to their fellow-members as brethren. But these are based upon rather mechanical relationships, such as oaths and secret vows, financial and business advancements, and the regular payment of dues. All these are superficial and uncertain compared with the spiritual relationship of believers in Christ. These are temporal while ours is eternal; these are external, while ours is internal; these are rooted in humanity while ours is rooted in God.

Our brotherhood is the expression of a divine family experience. God has purposed a large family of children. "That he (Jesus) might be the first-born among many brethren"—Rom. 8:29. He has no unexpected children born into His family. He has anticipated and planned for every one that comes into His family. A little girl said: "Mamma, where were you born?" "O, I was born in California", was her reply. "Where was daddy born?" the little girl continued. "He was born in Virginia", said the mother. "Well, where was I born?" "You were born in Kentucky". "Well, well, isn't it strange how we all ever got together?" sighed the little girl in wonderment. To the little girl it was all a strange thing but to the father and mother it was plain.

How that our Heavenly Father has brought men from all nations, from all races, from all walks of life, from every color, the high and the low, the great and the small, old and young into His family and calls them "little children" is no mystery to Him for He has foreordained and chosen every one of them from before the foundation of the world. They are all full brothers; no step-children, no in-laws, no unwanted or unloved child among them.

THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD

What holds them together? It is not common color for we have brothers of all colors; not common business interest for they are employed in all kinds of business; not social compatibility for they were from every stratum of society; not financial standing for many are poor as Sozarus while others are paupers; not secret oaths for many do not take such oaths. Here it is from the lips of Jesus: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you

LOVE ONE ANOTHER." The bond of this blessed brotherhood is brotherly love.

Jesus was going away from them and He said: "Where I go ye can not come." They had left all to follow Him, now He is to be crucified and leave them in a cold and friendless world. He had no rich kinsfolk to which He could commit them. He had no fabulous wealth to leave them. They were His "little children"; what was He to do with them?

When He died his garments were committed to the soldiers, His body to Joseph and Nicodemus, His mother to John and His spirit to God the Father. But what did He do with His disciples? He committed them to each other. "Love one another". You dear children stick together, do not forsake each other, do not forget one another. You are brethren, you need each other in this world. Help one another, comfort one another, stand by each other. You are not of the world; the world will hate you and persecute you. Don't look to the world for your help and comfort. Separate yourselves from the world and live as a family of brethren.

That is why Jesus constituted churches. The disciples needed a church, "an assembly of the called out". It is the common meeting of the brethren for mutual support, comfort, encouragement. God made us that way. We seek the fellowship of our "brethren". The church is designed to meet that need. God made cattle to go in droves, geese to fly in flocks, bees to work in colonies, fishes to run in schools, ants to move in armies and the saints to "gather in churches". The church is the organized expression of the brotherhood of the saints. Occasionally a fellow is heard to say: "I can be just as good a Christian out of the church as in the church". Then, brother, will you tell me why Jesus Christ constituted His disciples into a body called a church? It is through and in the church that we give expression to "love one for the other".

There may be some brethren who are not so lovely or lovable. You may think it difficult to love some of them. There were some of this sort in this group which Jesus had. We love them because they are our brethren, not because they are always lovable. I was one of a family of nine brothers, seven older than I. Five are dead, but I remember when we were all alive. We all bore the family marks in many respects but there were no two alike. Some were high tempered, another headstrong, another very industrious and another rather lazy (you may guess), another very gentle and kind. We had our contentions and differences and quarrels but we were brothers and we loved each other. We would fight for each other to the last ditch, we would help each other when in need. We were not always lovable but

there ran a cable of brotherly love through our hearts which bound us together. So in our Christian brotherhood there may be disagreements and different opinions and sometimes quarrels but we are still brethren. We should defend one another against all comers; we should help each other. O, how much we do need each other's love and friendship. The greatest thing in this world is to have brothers upon whom you can lean when your strength is gone. It is no trouble for me to love my dear brethren in the Lord for they have been so good to me along my life's journey.

THE BADGE OF BROTHERHOOD

The badge of our brotherhood is not an arm band, nor a lapel button, nor a banner, nor an insignia to be displayed. All orders, societies and organizations have these visible badges by which they are identified. They have hand grips and passwords and countersigns to establish their connection with their group. Our Lord said to His disciples: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love for another". It is not your long prayers nor your long face nor your long coat but your love for one another which marks you as a Christian. It is not your official position in the church nor your financial contributions to the cause which convinces the world that you are a disciple of the Lord but it is your heart life expressed toward your brethren. I have always had my doubts about professed disciples who show more fellowship with Godless or worldly people than they do with the devout brethren. I have reason to suspect the discipleship of anyone who finds more joy in the fellowship of the Lions and Rotary Clubs than he does in the fellowship of his church, or the layman who will go a thousand miles to a Kiwanis Convention and who never attends his district association or mid-week prayer meeting.

If you hate and devour one another, if you criticize and slander one another and you chisel and cheat one another the world will say: "Poor specimen of Christian brotherhood, that!" "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren". This badge of brotherhood not only convinces the world of our discipleship but it also gives us personal assurance that we are saved. A hard-boiled, hard-headed, hard-hearted man will have difficulty proving to any one, even to himself, that he has Christ in his heart. A hard-hearted Christian is as paradoxical as a sanctified devil. There just "ain't no such animal". God knows it, you know it, and everybody else knows it.

THE BUSINESS OF BROTHERHOOD

1. To witness for Christ in the world.
2. To glorify the Father in the world.
3. To occupy, to keep house for the Lord till He comes.

The business of the Christian brotherhood is intimidated by the fact that Jesus did not take them with Him out of the world when He went back to the Father. If just to "love one another" is the business of brethren they could do that much better in Heaven than on earth. If their business is just merely to enjoy mutual fellowship, that too could be better enjoyed in the undisturbed surroundings of Heaven. Brother, as a saved man you have

THE LIVING CHRIST

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your thoughts upon Jesus,
Think deep of His comforting love,
And the thoughts of sin and of self and strife
Will be lost in that rapture above.

Give your heart unto Jesus,
Cast each heavy burden aside,
And the joy and peace of His presence near,
Will enter and ever abide.

—Author Unknown

business in this world. That business is to be a witness for Christ—"Ye shall be witness unto me." You are left here to live for Him, to bear witness for Him, to serve and honor Him—"Occupy till I come" was His Word in the parable. His children are to keep house, His house, for Him until He returns. As His children we are bearers of His name and His honor in this wicked world. To no other group of people has he committed His name, His message and His house. What a business! What a responsibility is upon us! Your business is to "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

DON'TS FOR PREACHERS

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DON'T belittle the majesty of God. Always give the Lord Jesus Christ His proper title.

DON'T praise man; give the Lord Jesus honour and glory.
—Selected.

HOW DO YOU GIVE?

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those church people think? There I've just bought a new car for \$1500. and paid my down town club dues and here I have a bill of \$150.00 that I owe to my golf club, and that little trip cost us nearly \$200.00 and I have here a cigar bill that has just come for \$67.50. Say, suppose we are members of that church, and suppose our children do go there to Sunday School, do those people think we are made of money?

—Watchman Examiner
Editorial note: Nuff sed!

REVIVE US AGAIN

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could be farther from the truth. The gospel is not, and never has been popular with carnal human nature. The principles of the gospel are revolutionary. They demand a complete change of life, a complete surrender to divine authority. The gospel is essentially radical; that is, it strikes at the very root of all evil, and demands and proposes a new creation. The Bible and the gospel it contains, are most uncomfortable companions of people who are determined to go on still in their iniquity. Nor can any human genius discover a way whereby the full gospel faithfully proclaimed can be made acceptable to natural men by any so-called "psychological approach." We believe with all our hearts that the gospel of Christ crucified is the only panacea for human ills, individual, social, national, or international. But it must be the gospel preached "in demonstra-

tion of the Spirit and of power." Apart from the creative energy of the Holy Ghost, the gospel, the mere letter of it, is powerless to change men's minds.

But God never intended that the gospel should be promulgated by human genius. The most powerful electric light bulb will not shine as dark as night if there is no dynamo behind it. A dip candle, or a mere smoking flax, would give more light. The gospel is designed to illuminate the individual heart and conscience. It is intended to be the harbinger of the Light of the World; but its effectiveness is predicated upon the accompanying power of God, the Holy Ghost.

Israel was in need of revival in Ahab's day; and Elijah restored the altar that was broken down, and put the sacrifice upon it. But all this was without avail until God answered by fire. That fire was the last thing that Israel desired. The whole earth was withered with the fierce rays of the sun. Every brook, and river, and was dried. What they needed was rain, no fire. But they had no fire until the divine presence was manifested in the fire that Elijah was able to destroy Baalism in the name of the Lord. And it was when the prophets of Baal had been slain that there was soon heard the sound of abundance of rain. Paul declared himself to be unashamed of the gospel for the reason that it was the power, or dynamite, God unto salvation.

What do we need for revival? The restoration of the whole Bible to the pulpit? Yes; but not alone. There must also be the surrender of preacher and people to the sovereign Lordship of the Holy Ghost. There is no individual, no church that does not need heaven's purging fire. And that will come when we restore the altar, and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service. Then the fire will come. Then necessary reforms will become possible. Then we shall hear the sound of abundance of rain. It is useless to appoint committees, inquiry, to organize enlistment campaigns, and to get a lot of people shouting and singing and call that a revival. The problem is as simple as anything can be. It is just this: We must put God first as He is revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that that implies: "Let the people praise thee, O God, let all people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and even our own God, shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

—T. T. Shiel

BIBLE READING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

According to information just received by the American Bible Society, the status of Bible Reading in the Public Schools of America is as follows:

Required in				11 States
Alabama	Idaho	Massachusetts	Tennessee	
Arkansas	Kentucky	Maine	Pennsylvania	
Delaware	Georgia	New Jersey		
Prohibited in				3 States
Wisconsin	Illinois	Louisiana		
Permitted but not required in				34 States