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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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## Study As To Saving Faith

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We are not of them who draw unto perdition; but of them who believe to the saving of the soul." Hebrews 10:39.

Two opposite but equally fatal errors are widely held among professing Christians with regard to the means of obtaining salvation: first, that we are saved by works, or by a combination of faith and works; and, second, that we are saved by a mere intellectual and intellectual faith.

A very little spiritual understanding or knowledge of the Scriptures is needed to show us that our works can neither save nor help to save us. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us." Titus 3:5.

Therefore we conclude that man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Romans 3:28. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8. "And if by grace, then is it no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, it is no more grace: otherwise the work is no more work." Romans 11:6.

The second error mentioned above, that a mere historical and intellectual faith is sufficient, is more commonly entertained among Baptists. This is one of the errors of Campbellism, and naturally encourages, as a reaction, the opposite heresy of doing dead works to a dead heart which is thus despised and rejected—the grace of God. Let us always remember, therefore, that not with the head but with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Romans 10:10.

Our text above (Hebrews 10:10), with its context, suggests that there is a seeming form of faith that is really a drawing unto perdition. We find the same truth expressed in James 2:20: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

What does it mean, then, to believe to the saving of the soul? (Continued on page four)

## AMUSEMENT TESTS

By John Bunyan Smith

The Bible does not specifically name modern amusements. It does, however, have much to say about purity of heart and the danger of worldliness. The Word of God may be applied to all men at all times and in all places. The devices of Satan change with the times; the penalty of sin remains the same in all ages. The Gospel of Christ is intended to make a good heart, a clean character, and a conscience void of (Continued on page four)



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## Lessons From V. J. Day

(Sermon preached in the East Williamson Baptist Church Sunday morning, Aug. 19, 1945, by the pastor, Sherman Woods).

Text: Psalms 46:8-9, Isaiah 25:7-8.

Our president has set aside today as a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God for the victory He has given in the war.

The past four years have been a great bloody struggle, but on August 14th, our enemies laid down their weapons of warfare, and peace was officially declared by the president. This is the day we have been looking for and praying for. This is the day that we in this church have been so anxious to see, because it will mean the return of our boys and girls back to us.

### What Does V-J Day Mean?

It means only a partial peace, it cannot mean a complete, universal, lasting peace. I do not want to be a gloom spreader, but I do want to speak the truth, so I am saying that V-J Day only means a partial peace.

Militarily speaking, Germany and Japan are whipped, but they are not whipped in their hearts, and they will come back some day if given a chance.

We joined the League of Nations once before and in all good faith destroyed our warships and war implements. We thought then there would never be another war, at least some thought so, but for the past four years we have been in the greatest death struggle this world has ever known.

It is amazing how Germany and Japan slipped up on us as they did with ambassadors over there. So I am saying that V-J Day only means a partial peace, not universal, not complete, on promise that it will last. Something can and may happen, another war or something worse unless there is a turning to the great God of Heaven, who gave us the victory in this war.

We have been hearing a great deal about postwar plans, but those plans are not made. We have been hearing so much about how the returning service men are going to be treated. They were to be given the best, but I know of some now who are back and again in civilian (Continued on page two)

## IS THE MOURNERS' BENCH VERY OLD?

When in Western Kentucky recently a hand bill was given me advertising a revival meeting conducted by Rupert A. Utley.

In the invitation of this hand bill appeared the following words:

"Everyone invited. Come and hear a man of God preach God's Word. We are praying for an old-fashioned God-sent revival as they had in the days of long ago when sinners came to an altar of prayer, deeply convicted of their sins and were genuinely saved by repenting of their sins and trusting in Christ, through faith, as their Saviour."

I have a few questions I would like to ask Mr. Utley concerning this mourner's bench.

1. Doesn't he know that the (Continued on page four)

## PARADOXES

He who is the bread of life began His ministry hungering.

He who is the water of life ended His ministry thirsting.

He who was weary is our true rest.

He who paid tribute is the King of kings.

He prayed yet hears our prayers.

He wept but dries our tears.

He was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet redeemed the world.

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, but is the Good Shepherd.

He died and gave His life, and by dying destroyed death for all who believe. — Author Unknown

## Mused Uncle Mose

Ev'ry time 'Sist' Malindy speak out in meetin', she git somp'n stahsted dat ain't in de Scripchers.

## AMBASSADOR NOT NEEDED TO POPE

The following are among the many sound reasons why there is no longer any reason for keeping Myron C. Taylor or anyone else as U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican: (1) There is no need now to keep America out of the war, since the war in Europe has been won. (2) The Vatican is no longer needed by the State Department as a Continental "listening post," since all of Europe is now open to our diplomatic representatives. (3) Vatican City is really no longer a sovereign state, since it was the creation solely of Mussolini and his regime — both now dead. And (4) the Vatican is opposed to our basic principles of complete religious freedom and separation of Church and State.

The best reason of all is that (Continued on page four)

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "RED RUSSIA IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE"

(Read Ezekiel 38 and 39).

Thank God for victory! V-E Day and V-J Day have at last come to bring joy and thankfulness to the hearts of millions.

Within the last 345 years, beginning in 1600 A. D., there have been 212 wars in Europe in which three or more countries were involved. These were divided into 28 major wars. France has been involved in 15 of these conflicts, England in 14, Russia in 13, Germany in 12, and Spain in 11. Two of these wars have lasted 30

years each; one lasted 16 years, one 14, one 13, two 11, and one 10. However, the worst war of all — World War II has now officially come an to end.

Now that the war is over the conditions in Europe and throughout the world are more appalling. The recent defeat of Winston Churchill as prime minister of England, though he was elected to the House of Parliament, is an indication that England is politically divided. Germany is a mass of rubble and ruins. Italy hangs her head in

the shame of defeat. France is spiritually and morally completely demoralized and politically is in a state of madness. Even in the United States our nation is torn with insurgents and is far from political unanimity. In the midst of this national discord while the Pacifists are chanting "There never will be another war," Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire declared recently, "our foreign policy for sometime has been simply a tail of the Russian (Continued on page two)

## "HE THAT BELIEVETH"

By J. H. BROOKS

"A young minister was in the habit of visiting an aged Scotch woman in his congregation who was familiarly called 'Old Nanny.' She was bed-ridden and rapidly approaching the end of her 'long and weary pilgrimage,' but she rested with undisturbed composure and full assurance of faith upon the finished work of Christ. One day he said to her, 'Now, Nanny, what if, after all your confidence in the Savior and your (Continued on page four)



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a poem written by W. C. Gunn,  
Cannelton, Indiana. This is taken  
from a book of poems by this  
author and which was printed re-  
cently in our printing shop. This  
poem is a fair sample of the  
balance. It is obvious at once that  
the writer of this poem enjoys  
intense communion with our  
Lord. After reading each of  
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pressed by the spiritual fervor  
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ton, Indiana.



V. J. DAY

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clothes, that have been turned  
away from their line of employ-  
ment. So it seems no plans are  
made that will meet the need of  
the nation and the world, and  
that the peace that we hear so  
much about, and the world that  
men have been talking about  
building with their own hands is  
not after all a world of peace.

Man has not changed in heart.  
Human nature, sin, and death are  
the same, and we can not have  
peace in the nation and the  
world, and deny and defy the  
Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus  
Christ. The nation and the world  
is still filled with skepticism,  
modernism, and infidelity. So  
V-J Day does not mean complete  
and lasting peace. The job of  
preparing the nation for peace,  
is as big a job as preparing the  
nation for war. We are hearing  
now that there will be 7,000,000  
out of employment by December.  
They don't want you to call it  
unemployment, they want you to  
call it taking a vacation, but a  
vacation without pay after so  
long a time is not enjoyable.

The leaders of our nation don't  
have any faith in lasting peace.  
For if they did they would quit  
talking about giving the young  
boys a year's military training.  
Every Christian in this nation  
ought to go to God in earnest  
prayer, asking Him to keep these  
young boys out of the army  
camps!

V-J Day will mean only a par-  
tial reunion. I speak reverently  
and with deep emotion in my  
soul when I make this state-  
ment, that V-J Day can only  
mean a partial reunion. Because  
many who have gone from us  
will never return to be reunited

again on this earth. They have  
shed their blood, they have given  
their lives out there on the battle  
fields of this war-torn world.  
That is part of our thanksgiving  
to God today: we thank God for  
these brave men who will never  
come back to us. Blessings on  
their memory.

V-J Day means the dethrone-  
ment of Hirohito. He has been  
Japan's god, and has led them  
to defeat and destruction. He  
signed the orders for the attack  
at Pearl Harbor. He ought to be  
tried and punished along with  
the other war criminals.

**How Was V-J Day Celebrated?**

One sailor said, "I am going  
to get drunk, and when I sober  
up I am going to church to  
pray." I suppose that about 50  
per cent of the nation celebrated  
V-J Day that way. There were  
six deaths that I know of in this  
state, West Virginia. In San  
Francisco, Calif., there were 624  
deaths. Many hospitals were  
filled with people who were cut  
and bruised and drunk. The doc-  
tors, ambulances, undertakers  
were all busy taking care of the  
people who were injured and  
killed in the wild celebration.  
This was worse than heathenism,  
and was a dishonor to God and a  
civilized nation. Or, are we civil-  
ized?

I want to ask and answer  
three questions. Why didn't Ger-  
many and Russia stick together?  
Why didn't Japan follow up her  
sneak attack December 7, 1941,  
on Pearl Harbor? Why didn't  
Germany or Japan discover the  
atomic bomb? If they had they  
would have whipped this nation.  
The answer to these three ques-  
tions is: "God would not let  
them." God gave the victory, and  
He deserves all the glory, and  
if the people of this nation don't

give Him the glory that is due  
Him He will take it anyway.  
He is God, and He has never  
surrendered the ownership of  
this world to the devil nor to  
Hitler.

Let me speak to you today  
with the voice of a prophet. "We  
can save ourselves from the  
greatest famine and depression  
this world has ever known only  
by turning to God and giving  
Him all the glory and seeking  
His help in the planning of peace.  
"God is a jealous God." And a  
"present help in trouble."

The V in our subject stands  
for victory. The J stands for  
Japan. The Day stands for Au-  
gust 14, 1945, when President  
Truman officially announced vic-  
tory over Japan.

**There Is Another V-J Day Yet  
To Come. Matt. 12:20; 24:27**

The V stands for victory, com-  
plete, universal, and eternal. The  
J stands for Jesus, "Who gave  
Himself for us." Titus 2:14. The  
Day is the day of His coming.  
Acts 1:10-11. I Thess. 4:13-17.

**What Will This V-J Day Mean?**

It will mean a partial reunion.  
I say partial because many will  
not be ready when Jesus comes  
again in power and great glory  
for the saved. "For the Lord  
Himself shall descend from Hea-  
ven with a shout, and with the  
voice of the archangel, and with  
the trump of God: and the dead  
in Christ shall rise first: Then  
we which are alive and remain  
shall be caught up together with  
them in the clouds, to meet the  
Lord in the air: and so shall we  
ever be with the Lord." I Thess.  
4:16-17. These verses teach that  
the saved dead, and the living  
believers will be taken from this  
world to be with Jesus, but the  
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**My Heart Cry To God**

My Savior, I love Thee, my heart ever longs  
To be filled with Thy presence, my lips  
with Thy songs.

My highest ambition, to do Thy dear will,  
Through sunshine or shadow, to follow  
Thee still.

Closer to Thee, let me live every day,  
Go deeper, and higher, each step of the way.  
Keep Thou my spirit, body and soul,  
Constantly under Thy loving control.

Clearly for Thee, let my light ever shine,  
Witnessing to Thy cleansing divine;  
Bearing Thy message of truth and of love;  
Leading some wanderer to Mansions above.

Let my feet ever walk in Thy way,  
Doing some errand for Jesus each day;  
Keep my hands busy working for Thee;  
Eyes ever looking Thy glory to see.

Keep my mind filled with thoughts kind and  
pure,  
My faith anchored to Thy promises sure,  
My purposes free from all earthly alloy,  
My heart ever full of unspeakable joy.

Lead Thou me on from day unto day,  
I would not ask Thee to see all the way;  
Only as Thou dost appoint it to me,  
Hast Thou promised, Thy grace sufficient  
would be.

So trusting my all to Thy tender care,  
And taking the cross, Thou dost give me to  
bear,  
I'll serve Thee, till life, with its burden be o'er,  
Then go live with the Christ I here, love  
and adore.



The ONLY ground for divorce is fornication (and not adultery).  
Read Mt. 19: 9! In the light of this Scripture a man can get a  
divorce on one ground alone, while there is not even one Bib-  
lical ground for a woman.

**APPETITE**

Among the big fights Mr.  
Cochran promoted was the fam-  
ous meeting between the wrest-  
lers Hackenschmidt and Madrali,  
"The Terrible Turk."

Hackenschmidt was a very big  
eater. Knowing this, my wife  
prepared lots of food when he  
came to dine with us one night at  
our flat in Piccadilly. Dinner was  
ready. Hackenschmidt ate eight  
or nine eggs, a porter-house  
steak, and a whole Camembert  
cheese. My wife, having ex-  
hausted the supplies that were  
in the house, timidly asked Hack-  
enschmidt if she could get him  
anything else.

"No thanks," he said, "I have  
to dine with some friends, so I  
will not spoil my appetite."

Oh, for a spiritual appetite like  
that! — The Standard Bearer

**"RED RUSSIA IN THE LIGHT  
OF SCRIPTURE"**

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kite."

Seemingly, the only nation of  
the world that stands undivided,  
which offers a solid front to the  
world and which knows what  
its future program is, is Russia.  
Some months ago Winston Chur-  
chill said concerning Russia:  
"Russia's foreign policy is a mys-  
tery, wrapped within a riddle,  
buried within an enigma." While  
this may be true to the world,  
God's people with an open Bible  
who have an eye for prophecy  
know full well what God declares  
the future of Russia to be.

IT IS REMARKABLE HOW  
GOD HAS FULFILLED PROPHE-  
CIES THROUGHOUT THE  
PAST. As an example, just no-  
tice the prophecy given through  
Noah concerning his sons.

"And he said, Cursed be Can-  
naan; a servant of servants shall  
he be unto his brethren. And he

said, Blessed be the Lord God  
Shem; and Canaan shall be  
servant. God shall enlarge  
Japheth, and he shall dwell in  
tents of Shem; and Canaan shall  
be his servant." — Gen. 9:25-28  
In these verses a curse was  
placed upon the Negro race. God  
did not say that the Negro was  
to be a slave but rather that he  
was to be a servant and that the  
Jewish and Gentile brethren  
Everyone knows that this is still  
being fulfilled. The lowest tasks  
of life are done by Negro men  
and Negro women. Just as God  
promised that the Negro would  
thus be a servant, so he has  
been through the ages.

Then there is God's prophecy  
concerning the Jew:

"And among these nations  
thou shalt find no ease, neither  
shall the sole of thy foot have  
rest: but the Lord shall give thee  
there a trembling heart, and fail-  
ing of eyes, and sorrow of mind;  
And thy life shall hang in doubt  
before thee; and thou shalt feel  
day and night, and shall have  
none assurance of thy life." —  
Deut. 28:65,66.

Surely if ever a Scripture has  
been fulfilled it is this one. Three  
times the Jews have been driven  
out of England. Eight times they  
have been expelled from the  
country of France. There is no  
civilized nation in all the world  
but what has stained its statutes  
books with laws against the  
Jews — not one except the  
United States.

The treatment through which  
the Jews have passed, both in  
Russia and especially in Ger-  
many, is sufficient to lead us to  
know that this prophecy is being  
fulfilled today.

Then there is also the prophe-  
cy as to the birthplace of our  
Lord.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephra-  
tah, though thou be little among  
thousands of Judah, yet out of  
thee shall he come forth unto us,  
that is to be ruler in Israel."  
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## RUSSIA IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE.

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se goings forth have been of old, from everlasting." - Is. 5:2.

is remarkable that fully 700 years before Jesus came to Bethlehem that the very place of birth was thus named in Bible.

Another interesting prophecy refers about three of the Palestinian cities of Jesus' day.

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have been long ago in sackcloth and ashes. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down." — Mt. 23:21, 23.

Capernaum, Chorazin, and Bethsaida were three of the outstanding cities of Jesus' day. They were possessed with anxiety, wealth, and were situated in the fertile plains near to the Sea of Galilee. Nothing could have been farther from the truth than was Jesus' prophecy of destruction in the day when He came to pass. Capernaum and Chorazin are marked only by heaps of stones in the field. For Bethsaida, no living person even knows the exact site of its location.

These four prophecies that we have read could be multiplied any fold and in each instance could be seen that God's Word has been completely fulfilled and that in every instance prophecies have come to pass exactly as stated in God's Word. These few which we have studied along with many others, give us assurance that God will see to it that all the balance are likewise fulfilled.

II THE PROPHETIC VIEW AND REVIEW OF RUSSIA IS FOUND IN EZEKIEL 38 AND 39. Doubtless many Bible students have read this prophecy concerning "Gog" and "Magog," and have wondered as to the meaning of these terms. I do not mean to give an extended exposition of these two chapters, but may it suffice to say that outstanding Bible expositors consider this as a distinct and definite prophecy as to Russia. That this prophecy refers to northern powers is indicated by verse 15: "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts." There is not a commentator of any importance but what has considered Russia to be the subject of this prophecy, along with other northern European powers.

In this prophecy "Gomer" is mentioned (Ezek. 38:6). "Gomer" is a direct reference to Germany and would thereby indicate that Russia and Germany in this last great battle are to be aligned together.

This calls to my mind the famous quotation of Napoleon, who said: "The day is coming when Europe, from the Volga to the Atlantic, will be either Cossack or Republican." He meant by this that Germany and France would some day either be controlled by French civilization or Russia.

It is rather conspicuous that the statement of Napoleon finds an echo of the words of Germany's Marshall Goering, who in 1935 said to French Foreign Minister Laval, "If you Frenchmen and we Germans are ever so patriotic as to go to war with each other, the Russian Bolsheviks will come in and take all of us; and we

shall deserve it." That which was prophetically spoken by Napoleon and Goering was but an echo of God's prophecy given through Ezekiel long ago.

It is rather interesting though that Russia has been a second rate power through the years, and that now is fast becoming a most powerful nation. This plan of Russian expansion and dominion was devised by Peter the Great, their emperor who died a little over 200 years ago. He devised a grand scheme for this expansion. His first desire was to keep the other nations continually in a state of turmoil; his second was very much akin to it in that it was his aim to involve the other nations in wars among themselves, at the same time keeping Russia out unless she might emerge a victor. During the days of his kingship Peter the Great endeavored to expand his country southward with the ultimate objective, the control of Palestine. However, the farthest south he ever got was Petrograd. When he reached this town he proudly exclaimed: "I now have a tiny window, through which I can look down on Europe."

For years the leaders of Russia made no further progress. Then came Lenin and later Stalin. Following the aims of Peter the Great, Stalin has succeeded in keeping the other nations continually in a state of turmoil and has involved all other nations in war between themselves. Several months ago, doubtlessly thinking of these aims and realizing that it was his dream to control Europe, Asia, and the world, he said: "What is the meaning of the impossibility of complete and final victory of socialism in a single country without the victory of the revolution in other countries? It means the impossibility of having full guarantees against intervention, and hence against the restoration of the bourgeois order. . . . To deny this indisputable fact is to abandon Leninism. 'We are living,' Lenin writes, 'not merely in a state, but in a system of states; and it is inconceivable that the Soviet republic should continue to exist for a long period side by side with imperialist states. Ultimately one or the other must conquer.'"

While Russia has encouraged strikes through her Socialistic programs in other nations, labor unions were crushed and strikes were outlawed in Soviet Russia.

All the while Russia has been building a tremendous army so that by 1939 she had a formidable armed strength of over 27 million men. This tremendous Russian army was not being marshalled against the Nazis. Every May Day since 1928 the military strength of Russia was proudly paraded before Stalin in Moscow. There is no doubt in my mind but that Stalin had in mind a southern expedition which would give to Russia a southern outlet through Palestine. Such an army was surely not being prepared to fight a war in Europe but was being gotten ready for other purposes — namely Palestine, and Stalin has only been temporarily sidetracked in his ambition and goal for an outlet by way of southern waters.

Actually there is not a great deal of difference between the Nazism of Germany and the Socialism of Stalin. After being under the rule of Hitler for some twelve years Germany could more easily subscribe to the creed of Socialist Russia than to the tenets of the democracies.

Therefore, when we read in Ezekiel of Russia and Germany banded together it is not to be considered strange. In all probability Germany will merely become one of the satellites of Russia. Russia can well make use of the Germanic people. The Germans hate the Jews and so does Russia. They are similar in their political outlooks; each have a hatred against religion and the people of God. In the matter of ruthlessness and barbarity they are much akin. There is not a reason why Germany shall not become a junior partner of the firm of Russia and Germany.

Already since V-E Day, though zones have been established in Berlin as well as throughout Germany for both Britain and the United States as well as Russia, actually Russia has taken complete control of Berlin and headlines in many papers in America report British and American soldiers as asking, "Why are we here?" Seemingly there can be no reason for their maintenance in Germany in view of the fact that Russia is taking complete charge. I think that in all probability at a very early date the United States will have to turn her attention practically and entirely to the Orient and will leave Russia, rather reluctantly, to reign supremely over Germany and Europe. Then will come to pass the fulfillment of the prophecy of Marshall Goering; then will be fulfilled the prophecy of Napoleon; then will be fulfilled the prophecy of Ezekiel. And the marriage of Russia and Germany will thus be complete.

## III

THIS SCRIPTURE ALSO REVEALS THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF RUSSIA. If you will read carefully Ezekiel's two chapters by way of prophecy as to Russia you will find that at least five-sixths of this northern horde which invades Palestine will never live to escape therefrom. God has already spoken in this respect. Listen:

"And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land." — Ezek. 39:2, 4, 12.

Every great dictator has eventually been defeated. Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire was brought to an end by the Medes and the Persians. Alexander the Great, though a world-wide conqueror, died in a drunken brawl. Each of the Caesars lived for a little while and passed silently on. Napoleon had his Waterloo, Hitler had his Stalingrad, and though he was willing to sacrifice a million men for the city, and though he did actually sacrifice nearly that number, the city remained intact and Hitler failed ingloriously.

As these despots of the past have failed, so must Stalin, or his successor, when the time comes for him to march to Palestine. Palestine will be to Russia what Waterloo was to Napoleon and Stalingrad was to Hitler. Success for this northern army cannot be attained since God has already spoken and decreed Russia's doom.

## IV

THOUGH THESE THINGS

MUST COME, ANOTHER EVENT MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL THE BALANCE IS PROPHESED. That event is the return of Jesus. He must come again. Just previous to His going away, He said:

"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 14:3.

On the day that He ascended the angels spoke of His return to the disciples, when they said: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." — Acts 1:11.

Every time we observe the Memorial Supper we thereby have a prophecy of His coming, for Paul said,

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." — I Cor. 11:26.

Even the closing words of the Bible are but a prophecy of His soon coming and a reminder that He shall return. Hear them:

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." — Rev. 22:20.

Yes, Jesus is soon coming. What a blessing for the child of God! Though we know not when He will return, we have His admonition!

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." — Mt. 25:13.

What a wonderful day then is in store for the child of God! In view of this, may you receive Him as your Saviour and be ready for His return.

## How Rome Has Developed

The Romish Church claims to be the true Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and that she started on the day of Pentecost. Not so. She is the product of many centuries, twenty-five per cent of it is Christian and the other seventy-five is pagan. She is still in the making. New inventions are added from time to time. We give a list of dates during which the different inventions and blasphemies introduced.

Prayers for the dead commenced about (some think as early as A. D. 200) A. D. . . . . .	310
Wax candles introduced into the churches, about . . . . .	320
Worship of the saints and angels, about . . . . .	375
Mass first adopted, about . . . . .	394
Worship of Mary began to develop . . . . .	431
Priests began to dress differently from the laity . . . . .	500
The doctrine of Purgatory taught . . . . .	593
Worship in an unknown tongue . . . . .	600
The pretensions of the Pope to supremacy; Boniface III gets the title of "universal Bishop," and thus becomes the first Pope . . . . .	606
Feasts in honor of the Virgin Mary began about . . . . .	650
Kissing the Pope's foot . . . . .	709
Worship of images and relics authorized . . . . .	783
Holy water invented (a mixture of salt and water blessed by a priest), about . . . . .	850
Worship of St. Joseph began about . . . . .	890
Baptism of bells . . . . .	965
Canonization of saints . . . . .	993
Feasts for the dead instituted, about . . . . .	1003
Celibacy of the priesthood decreed . . . . .	1074
The doctrine of the infallibility of the Church . . . . .	1076
Prayer beads invented . . . . .	1090
The doctrine that there are seven sacraments taught . . . . .	1140
The origin of the Inquisition . . . . .	1184
The sale of indulgences . . . . .	1190
The wafer substituted for bread in the Lord's Supper . . . . .	1200
Transubstantiation adopted . . . . .	1215
Confession instituted . . . . .	1215
The Inquisition introduced into France . . . . .	1216
Adoration of the wafer (Host) . . . . .	1220
Hand bell used during Mass . . . . .	1227
Cardinals ordered to wear red hats . . . . .	1245
Feast of Corpus Christi instituted . . . . .	1264
The scapular invented, about . . . . .	1287
The Ave Maria . . . . .	1316
The procession of the Holy Sacrament . . . . .	1336
Communion in one kind; cup taken from the laity . . . . .	1415
Purgatory decreed . . . . .	1439
The doctrine that there are seven sacraments confirmed . . . . .	1439
The Inquisition introduced into Spain . . . . .	1478
Roman tradition placed on the same level as Scripture . . . . .	1546
The apocryphal books received into the sacred canon . . . . .	1546
The doctrine that there are seven sacraments declared an article of faith by Council of Trent . . . . .	1547
The immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary . . . . .	1854
The doctrine of the temporal power of the Pope proclaimed . . . . .	1864
Proclamation by Pius IX's "Syllabus," condemning all the great modern liberties . . . . .	1864
Pius IX's Syllabus ratified by the Vatican Council . . . . .	1870
The infallibility of the Pope decreed . . . . .	1870
Pius X's Encyclical against the "Modernists," condemning all intellectual research and thought not pleasing to the Pope . . . . .	1907
Pius X's Encyclical on mixed marriages, condemning as null and void all marriages between two Catholics, or a Catholic and a Protestant, if not celebrated by a priest . . . . .	1908
The personal Corporeal Presence of the Virgin Mary in Heaven. A new dogma—proclamation under consideration . . . . .	1925

—A. C. Gaebelein



### THE MOURNERS' BENCH

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mourner's bench is only about 100 years of age and that history never records its use any place until about 100 years ago?

2. Since the mourner's bench is not over 100 years of age, then why call it old-fashioned?

3. Where will Mr. Utley find one single Scripture in support of the mourner's bench?

4. If the mourner's bench is not to be found in the Bible (and it isn't), then wouldn't it be far better for Mr. Utley to preach the Bible and leave off that which the Bible neither teaches or commands?

5. And finally wouldn't it be much better if Mr. Utley would just hold up Jesus to lost sinners and instead of putting a bench between the sinner and God, just put Jesus since He said:

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.



### NO VATICAN AMBASSADOR NEEDED

(Continued from page one) everything possible should be done to keep religion out of American politics, and to stop all secret communications between the Vatican and the White House. —The Converted Catholic Magazine.



### TESTS FOR MY AMUSEMENTS

(Continued from page one) God, any Christian can determine what is right and what is wrong in the world of amusements. Every question should be settled by the Word of God, which gives us adequate and specific tests for our amusements.

Test your amusements by the following:

1. Does the amusement in which you engage tend to enslave you? "All things are lawful . . . but all things are not expedient . . . I will not be brought under the power of any." (I Cor. 6:12).

2. Does the amusement help in building up your body, your mind, and your spirit? "All things are lawful, but all things edify not." (I Cor. 1:23).

3. Does the amusement cause others to stumble over you? "But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." (I Cor. 8:12-13).

4. Does the amusement glorify God? "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31). — Watchman-Examiner.



### FAITH THAT SAVES

(Continued from page one) offense. By reading the Word of If we will search the Scriptures, we will find that saving faith includes belief about Christ, belief of Christ, and belief on or in Christ. Any one of these expressions, in the true sense, necessarily involves the others.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." I John 5:1. "Christ" or "Anointed" is the official title of Jesus, signifying His three-fold office of Prophet, Priest, and King. "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all

things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3:22,23. "Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having us." Hebrews 9:11,12. "He hath on his vesture and on his thigh obtained eternal redemption for a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords." Revelation 19:16.

Now, if you believe that Jesus is the Christ thus revealed in the Bible, it is not written that you will be born of God, but that already you are born of God. In fact, a literal translation of John 5:1 is: "Everyone that believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten of God." However, the believing referred to is not a mere surface assent with inward reservations and denials, but what we might describe as a heartfelt conviction of the soul, or, as Philip said to the Ethiopian eunuch, "If thou believest with all thine heart." — Acts 8:37.

If we truly believe that Jesus is God's great Prophet Whom all must hear or be destroyed, we will heed His words. Millions of people call themselves Christians who willfully deny the plain teachings of Christ, and to them He says: "The Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not." — John 5:37,38. And in John 3:36 we read: "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Above all, we must say that to believe to the saving of the soul is to believe "on" or "in" Jesus. So we read "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" and "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." — John 3:15,36.

To believe in Jesus means simply to receive Him as our Saviour, to trust Him to save us, and therefore humbly to give up, surrender, or deny ourselves that we may live with Him.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." — John 1:12.

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." — II Timothy 1:12.

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." — Mark 8:34, 35. And again: "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." — Luke 14:26, 27.

My dear reader, are you among them who draw back unto perdition, or of them that believe to the saving of the soul? It is written of certain others that they could not enter in because of unbelief. "Let us therefore

## "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"



"My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!"

fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." — Hebrews 4:1,2.

May the Spirit of God enable you now to believe in Jesus to the saving of your soul. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."



### V-J DAY

(Continued from page one) unsaved dead and the unsaved that are living will not be disturbed, they will be left behind. What a tragedy! "Too late! Too late! to enter that beautiful gate."

It will mean another defeat for the devil. He has been the god of the world. He is leading them to defeat and destruction. 2 Cor. 4:4-5.

### How Will This V-J Day Be Celebrated?

Some will be glad, for they have been living, watching, and praying for this great event. They have been praying the prayer of the Apostle John, "Even so come Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

Some will be ashamed. They are saved and church members, but they have been unfaithful, they have robbed God of the tithes and offerings and time that was due Him. They will be as Lot, "saved so as by fire." If you don't want to be ashamed when Jesus comes, then go to work for Him now!

This will be complete and final. It will mean eternal happiness for the saved, and eternal punishment for the lost.

On May 8, 1945, President Truman officially announced V-E

Day. That was victory in Europe. On August 14, 1945, President Truman officially announced V-J Day. That was victory over Japan. One day God will officially announce the coming of Jesus, that will be the greatest V-J Day of them all. God speed the day when it will come. Many of you have been happy in the victory in this war and in the thought of the return of your loved ones. Will you be happy when Jesus comes again? You can be because, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

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### "HE THAT BELIEVETH IS NOT CONDEMNED"

(Continued from page one) watching and waiting, God should suffer your soul to be lost. Raising herself on her elbow, and turning to him with a look of grief and pain, she laid her hand on the open Bible before her, and quietly replied, "Ah, dearie me, is that the length you hae goe yet, mon? God," she continued earnestly, "would hae the greatest loss. Poor Nannie would lose her soul, and that would be a great loss indeed; but God would lose His honor and His character. Haven't I hung my soul upon His 'exceeding great and precious promise?' and if He would break His word He would make Himself a liar, and a' the universe would rush into confusion." This anecdote reveals the true ground of the believer's safety. It is as high as the honor of God; it is as trustworthy as His character; it is as immutable as His promises; it is as broad as the infinite merit of His Son's atoning blood."

## Chastening

(Heb. 12:11)

I know not why His hand is laid  
In chastening on my life,  
Nor why it is my little world  
Is filled so full of strife.

I know not why, when faith looks up  
And seeks for rest from pain,  
That o'er my sky fresh clouds arise  
And drench my path with rain.

I know not why my prayer so long  
By Him has been denied:  
Nor why, while others' ships sail on,  
Mine should in port abide.

But I do know that God is love,  
That He my burden shares,  
And though I may not understand,  
I know for me He cares.

I know the heights for which I long  
Are often reached through pain,  
I know the sheaves must needs be  
threshed

To yield the golden grain.

I know that, though He may remove  
The friends on whom I lean,  
'Tis that I thus may learn to love  
And trust the One unseen.

And, when at last I see His face  
And know as I am known,  
I will not care how rough the road  
That led me to my home.

—By Grace E. Troy  
"Gleams of Glory"