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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).

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel!"

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Did Judas Iscariot Fall From Grace?

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Some cite Judas as an example of a man who fell from grace. We think that he was saved before he committed suicide. We think that he was never saved and that he went on to perdition. What is the truth of the matter?

Did He Fall From Grace?

Some get that idea from Acts 1:25 which says that "Judas by transgression fell." But Judas did not fall from grace for the following reasons:

There is no such thing possible as falling from grace, in the sense of being saved and losing salvation. The expression "ye are fallen from grace" in the writings of Paul, has reference to leaving the principle of grace for that law-keeping, as the whole passage fully makes clear. Several considerations make falling from grace impossible.

Salvation is a gift. If by human failure, salvation is taken away then it can't be a gift, but a work.

Selection. Since people are chosen to salvation in eternity, to fall from grace would nullify God's choice.

On the term, eternal life, is not consistent with falling from grace. If one can lose it — it is not eternal.

Because Judas never had any

grace to fall from. Jesus called Judas a devil in John 6:70 long before the betrayal took place. The word here used is not "demon" but devil. Judas is the only one except Satan to have that term applied to him in all the Bible. Also Jesus calls Judas the "son of perdition" before the betrayal. (See John 17:12).

Because Judas was a thief all along. Remember the instance where he objected to Mary's breaking of the alabaster box, and what was said of him?

Judas was simply one of the thousands who have lived, who for a time identified themselves with the followers of Christ, but were never truly regenerated and born again from above.

Did Judas Die A Saved Man?

Some say so, because of Mt. 27:3 which says that "Judas repented himself." But that does not mean "repentance unto life." That doesn't mean evangelical repentance. The Bible tells us that "the sorrow of the world worketh death." That is the sorrow that men have when they ARE CAUGHT — or when a thing does not turn out as they expected. Lots of people repent in that sense.

How do we know that Judas was not saved? How do we know that his repentance was not unto salvation? By his subsequent (Continued on page four)

WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT TIME OF SAINTS' RAPTURE?

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Jesus is coming back for His own. The truth is taught throughout the Bible, in type, in prophecy and finally by the direct statement of the Lord Himself. In John 14:3 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." The Apostle Paul describes more in detail what will occur when Jesus comes for His own. "For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, 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 with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thess. 4:16-18).

This will be a momentous event. Millions of hearts will quicken and pulse with joy as the dead in Christ come forth from the graves, and the living righteous are transformed and swept up to join them in the meeting with the Lord in the air. This will eclipse all the great events that have occurred since Jesus came to earth. So the question logically arises, "How will it affect the peoples of the earth?"

There are just two classes of people in the world as God views them — the saved and the lost. So, disregarding race, color, social and financial standing we ask first:

What Will Happen to the Saved?

There are four words that describe what will happen to the saved when Jesus comes to call them to Himself. There will be two classes of saved people when the Lord comes again—"The dead in Christ," and those that are "alive and remain."

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Mused Uncle Mose

Dey'll have to be two riz'reckshuns; Eb'nezer Hank an' his wife ain' nevah been on time fo' de fust paht uf nuttin.

Was Your Grandfather An Ape?



"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth So God made man in his own image." Gen. 1:1, 27.

"For by Him were all things created all things were created by Him." Col. 1:16.

"God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son by whom also he made the worlds." Heb. 1:2.

A Soul-winning Church Is God's Ideal For Every True Church

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It is fascinating to study how popular expressions come and go. In this day of radio flying, all know what is meant by saying, "You are off the beam." Years ago that would have been meaningless, but we said to such persons, "Get wise to yourself." I am reviving that old forgotten expression tonight and making the plea that you "get wise to yourself."

It was Saul, first king of Israel, who, as his life neared its end, said: "Behold, I have played the fool." You surely do not

want to say that about yourself. Then the question comes: What is the wise thing to do with life? The world would answer with four things: get an education, learn a trade, get a home, and lay by something for a rainy day. If I were to put it to a vote of this audience, you would say that the one who did these four things was wise.

But when I turn to God for the answer, I find in Corinthians what He thinks of this world's wisdom. "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" But would God say that it is foolish to get an education, to learn a trade, to acquire a home, to lay by for a rainy day? Well, we are told the story of a man who did these four things, who

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When Christ Returns, Will You Be Among The Missing Ones?

William J. McNaughton

"Enoch was not found because he translated him." (Heb. 11:5). This is a picture of a "Missing One" who will be translated when our Lord returns. In Genesis 5 we find it twice repeated that Enoch walked with God. The folks who are "Caught up with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air (I Thes. 4:17) are those who are "in Christ" and those who "remain."

Enoch's walk with God began with the naming of Methuselah. The name means "when he dies shall be seen." Enoch means "instructed, or tuition." Jude tells us that Enoch understood the second coming of Christ. We have no doubt that he also understood the meaning of the coming of our Lord to die for our salvation might be seen.

The queer name he gave to his son when he started to walk with God points to a revelation of God's plan of salvation. We know that it is when it is revealed to us that salvation is alone in the death of Jesus, that we start to walk with God.

The writer of the book of Hebrews says that by faith Enoch was translated. He believed to see it; He lived in expectation of it. Hebrews 9:28 says, "Unto them that look for him shall He appear."

From all this let us draw lessons for those of us who would like to be "missing" one of these (Continued on page two)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"THE IMPOSSIBLE"

"It was impossible for God to lie."—Heb. 6:18.

By nature all men are liars. By your own experience and by observance as well as through the Scriptures, you know this to be true. It is as much a part of the nature of man to lie as it is for water to flow down hill. Just as an eagle devours, a wolf kills, a snake rattles and a bee

stings, so man lies.

Sometime ago I heard of an individual of whom it was said that when he was ill he was lying at death's door. Another man remarked concerning him that he knew he was a terrible liar but he was surprised that he was still lying when he was so close to death.

There is a remarkable text given in this connection by

David. Listen:

"I said in my haste, all men are liars."—Psa. 116:11.

Mr. Spurgeon used to quaintly remark concerning this verse that David could have taken his time to make this statement and that it would still have been true.

The Word of God very specifically declares that the nature of man is away from God and that his inclination is to lie. Listen:

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NOTHING BETWEEN

Many years ago, when Dr. James W. Alexander of New York City lay upon his dying bed, a friend visited him. In the course of conversation this friend quoted 2 Timothy 1:12, saying, "I know in Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against

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ABOUT FACE

A young Christian sailor went to a high ranking officer on board ship one day and abruptly asked the question, "Sir, how is it with your soul?" He was abruptly dismissed by the officer.

That night the ship was torpedoed. As the life boats were being pulled into one of the boats. (Continued on page two)

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your paper for August 18th. It
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great paper and you are doing a
good work thereby." — V. C. Mc-
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the last three Sundays, so THE
BAPTIST EXAMINER means
more than ever. I read every
word before putting it down." —
Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Huntington,
W. Va.

ALLIED GENERALS TESTIFY

General Sir Arthur Smith:
"Christ meets every need of sol-
dier and civilian."

Field Marshal Wavell: "What
the men want is a quiet place to
read their Bibles and turn their
thoughts to God."

Field Marshal Montgomery: "I
read my Bible every day, and I
recommend you do the same."

General Dobbie: "Christ has
saved and satisfied me for forty-
seven years."

A tiny four-year-old was spend-
ing a night away from home. At
bedtime she knelt at her hostess'
knee to say her prayers, expect-
ing the usual prompting. Finding
Mrs. B. unable to help her, she
concluded thus:

"Please, God, 'scuse me. I can't
remember my prayers and I'm
staying with a lady who doesn't
know any." — Publisher Un-
known.

HATS OFF TO OUR HELPERS

We are so happy over those
who remember THE BAPTIST
EXAMINER by way of sending
us new subscriptions. In one week
of recent date in one mail, we
received 30 new subscriptions
from Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bur-
ton of Cabin Creek, W. Va., 14
from Mr. F. B. Austin of Sa-
vannah, Ga., and 12 from Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Bailey of Kenova, W.
Va.

My conviction is that what
these can do, you can do likewise.
Please remember THE BAPTIST
EXAMINER from day to day in
your prayers, with your means,
and in sending us new subscrip-
tions.

THE MISSING ONE

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days. Let us see to it that we
are "instructed" in the things of
God. Let us not be ashamed to
be known as instructed; let us
bear the name. Let us declare
our faith, looking backward to
Calvary as Enoch looked for-
ward. Let us not be overwhelmed
by the increasing ungodliness but
boldly speak against it. Let us
warn folks of impending judgment
at the coming of the Lord. Jude
says that Enoch prophesied
against ungodliness. (Jude 14,
15). A person who is ashamed
to stand out against ungodliness
is in no condition to anticipate
the coming of the Lord. Trans-
lation was no surprise to Enoch,
but it surprised his friends.
They must have searched for him,
because it says, "he was not
found." Will others be search-
ing for you one of these days, or
will you be searching for others?

Oh joy! Oh delight! should we go
without dying,
No sickness, no sadness, no dread
and no crying,
Caught up through the clouds
with our Lord into glory,
When Jesus receives His own.
Oh, Lord Jesus, how long, how
long,
Ere we shout the glad song,

Stir Me

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord — I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world;
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray,
Stir, till the Blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no Cross is lifted high.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord till all my heart
Is filled with strong compassion for these souls,
Till Thy compelling "must" drives me to pray.
Till Thy constraining Love reach to the poles
Far North and South, in burning deep desire,
Till East and West are caught in Love's great fire.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord till prayer is pain,
Till prayer is joy—till prayer turns into praise;
Stir me till heart and will and mind, yea, all
Is wholly Thine to use through all the days;
Stir, till I learn to pray "exceedingly,"
Stir, till I learn to wait expectantly.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord! Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best beloved One,
E'en to the dreadful Cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee,
That Thou can'st give Thyself again thro' me.

Christ returneth! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Amen, Hallelujah!
Amen?

—H. L. TURNER.

A SOUL WINNING CHURCH

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then said to himself: "Soul, thou
hast much goods laid up for
many years; take thine ease."
But God said unto him, "Thou
fool." So the world's wisdom is
a delusion.

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ABOUT FACE

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The first person he saw was the
sailor boy who had asked him the
blunt question earlier in the day.

Recognizing him immediately,
he said, "My boy, you're just the
person I want to see. Tell me
what it is that you were going
to speak to me about this morn-
ing." — Reveille.

NOTHING BETWEEN

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that day." He quoted it, putting
into the text the little word "in"
instead of the true reading, "I
know Whom I have believed."
"Ah," said the dying saint, "read
it as it is in the Bible, 'I know
Whom I have believed.' Do not
put a preposition between my
Saviour and my soul."

Whether to saint or sinner,
longing for Him, He speaks di-
rectly and personally, and does
not permit the slightest barrier,
or the interval of a moment, to
intervene before He whispers
His word of acceptance and
blessing.

"THE IMPOSSIBLE"

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"The wicked are estranged
from the womb; they go astray
as soon as they be born, speak-
ing lies." — Psalms 58:3.

I heard of a man once who
desired to make a big impression
on one of his friends, and ac-
cordingly told him that he owned
a saddle horse. This story
served its purpose and he used it

again and again. Finally, as he
said, he owned a stable full of
horses and had a fine country
estate where they were kept.
Yet in reality he did not own ei-
ther. Finally, he told this story
so often that he came to believe
it himself and accordingly went
to a harness shop and bought a
saddle.

Well, that which is true of man
is not true of God. In fact, just
the opposite is true of the Al-
mighty. While man is charac-
terized by a proneness to lie, God
is characterized by truth. While
man is given over to lying, even
from birth, there is not even the
slightest hint of anything but
truth and righteousness to be
found with God.

SINCE GOD CANNOT LIE,
THEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR
MEN TO ENTER HEAVEN
WITHOUT BEING BORN
AGAIN. Throughout God's Word
we are distinctly warned of the
necessity of the new birth. This
is a necessity first of all because
all of us have been conceived
with a sinful disposition.

"Behold, I was shapen in in-
iquity; and in sin did my mother
conceive me." — Psalms 51:5.

Since this sinful disposition is
a reality with each of us, then
we must experience a new birth
in order to get to heaven. This
was the message of Jesus in the
days of His ministry.

"And said, Verily I say unto
you, Except ye be converted, and
become as little children, ye shall
not enter into the kingdom of
heaven." — Matt. 18:3.

This was also Jesus' message
when he dealt with Nicodemus.

"Jesus answered and said unto
him, Verily, I say unto
thee, Except a man be born
again, he cannot see the kingdom
of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him,
How can a man be born when
he is old? can he enter the sec-
ond time into his mother's womb,
and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily,
I say unto thee, Except a man be
born of water and of the Spirit,
he cannot enter into the kingdom
of God.

That which is born of the flesh
is flesh; and that which is born
of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto

thee, Ye must be born again."
John 3:3-7.

No language could be more
forceful nor more emphatic than
this, since Jesus declaratively
said, "Ye must."

We are living in a day when
there are many substitutes. No
only is this true of that which
we buy both as to food and cloth-
ing, but it is also true in the
spiritual realm. Instead of the
old gospel of grace which de-
mands a new birth on the part of
men, the social gospel is vainly
offered to cure the ills of the
world. While soap, soup, and
sunshine may be a blessing to the
body, yet they can never touch
the soul in any respect since
God's Word declares that "out of
the heart are the issues of life."
Education, culture and refinement
are surely not to be spurned, yet
these are not equivalent to salva-
tion. Psychology and sociology are
valuable as they may be to the
individual, can never take the
place of the new birth.

Even religion, including an ob-
servance of the ordinances, and
strict keeping of the law, and an
attempt to live up to the Golden
Rule—none of these can affect
our salvation. Wonderful as
these ordinances and teachings are,
God's Word are, they can never
take the place of the new birth.

I insist then, beloved, that since
God cannot lie, that it is im-
possible for one to be saved with-
out the new birth in view of the
fact that the God who cannot lie
has demanded it as a part of our
experience.

SINCE GOD CANNOT LIE,
THEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR
MAN TO BE SAVED WITHOUT
THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD.
In all the Bible God never has
but one plan of salvation. In the
Old Testament each believer
brought his sacrifice by way of
a bullock, lamb, turtle dove, or
pigeon, and offered it as a blood
offering on the altar. As he
looked upon this blood sacrifice
he looked away unto that day
when Jesus was to die on the
cross. His sacrifice was
merely a shadow or a type of
Him who was to die for us.
Hence it was that the individual
was saved by looking forward to
the death of Christ. And now
today, the believer comes to the
Lord's table and sees there the
broken bread and the poured
wine, which in turn speaks of the
broken body and the spilled blood
of our Lord, and as the believer
looks upon this, he therefore
looks backward to Calvary to
see the death of Jesus.

Thus the only difference as to
salvation in both the Old and the
New Testament is the direction
whereby one looks. In the Old
Testament the believer looked for-
ward to Christ, whereas today
we look backward. Yet, in both
cases Jesus is the object of the
believer's view.

As it required a blood sacrifice
in the Old Testament, so a blood
sacrifice is needed today.

Throughout the Word of God
we have many references to the
shedding of the blood of Jesus as
our means of salvation. Listen:

"And almost all things are by
the law purged with blood; and
without shedding of blood is no
remission." — Heb. 9:22.

"Forasmuch as ye know that
ye were not redeemed with cor-
ruptible things, as silver and
gold, from your vain conversation
received by tradition from your
fathers;

"But with the precious blood
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"THE IMPOSSIBLE"

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Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." — I
whether 1:18,19.

Unto him that loved us and
which shed us from our sins in his
own blood." — Rev. 1:5.
Now, don't forget that these
of these were written by God — by
the God who cannot lie. Accord-
ingly we have His own state-
ment whereby He declares that
if there is no salvation apart from
the shedding of His blood. When
we read of this we need to re-
member that this was spoken by
the God who cannot lie, and in
the light of this, it is impossible
for anyone to be saved apart
from the shedding of Jesus'
blood.

III

FURTHERMORE, SINCE
GOD CANNOT LIE, THEN IT
IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE TO
BE SAVED WITHOUT PER-
SONAL FAITH. The Word of
God makes it clear that nobody
can be saved apart from personal
faith.

"But without faith it is im-
possible to please him; for he
that cometh to God must be-
lieve that he is, and that he is a
rewarder of them that diligently
seek him." — Heb. 11:6.

This verse declares that one
cannot please God without faith.
Then surely every individual who
has failed to exercise personal
faith has thereby failed in pleas-
ing God, and in view of this fail-
ure, each individual stands un-
saved before God apart from
faith.

Possibly the greatest message
Jesus ever preached in the days
of His ministry is recorded in
Matthew 23. This message was
directed especially to the hypo-
critical leaders of Jesus day. He
castigated them with the most
stern rebuking terms of any
which He used during His min-
istry, calling them "blind guides,
who lead the blind and hypocrites." Finally, He
declared that they were unsaved.
He said:

"Ye serpents, ye generation of
vipers, how can ye escape the
damnation of hell?" — Mt. 23:33.

One thing that was wrong with
these individuals was that they
had omitted faith from their lives.

While it is true that they had
likewise omitted judgment and
mercy, it was also true that they
had omitted faith, for Jesus said:

"Woe unto you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay
tithes of mint and anise and cum-
min, and have omitted the weight-
ier matters of the law, judgment,
mercy, and faith: these ought ye
to have done, and not to leave the
other undone." — Matt. 23:23.

Thus we see from this verse
that one element that was lack-
ing in the lives of these indi-
viduals was faith, and the lack of
this element was the cause where-
by Jesus declared that they were
unsaved and on the road to hell.

After giving His commission to
the disciples to evangelize the
world, Jesus said:

"He that believeth and is bap-
tized shall be saved; but he that
believeth not shall be damned." —
Mark 16:16.

Here is a verse which plainly
declares that the lack of faith
damns. We are not told that the
lack of baptism damns, nor that
the lack of a good life damns. We
are not told that the lack of
church membership damns, nor
that the lack of reformation
damns. Yet we are told that a
lack of faith is a damning sin.

In the light of these three
verses then we are brought face
to face with the fact that since

BACK TO RELIGION



In the main the war has had a sobering effect on the na-
tion, and religious zeal at times has reached new peaks. For
example, in the Kentucky mountains, a woman was asked if
she noticed any difference in her Abner since he joined the
church. "Yes," she replied, "before when he went to do any
carpentering on Sunday, he'd carry his hammer and saw on
his shoulder — but now he carries them under his coat." —
Courier-Journal.

God cannot lie that it is impos-
sible for men to be saved without
personal faith. We need to re-
member that these words were
all spoken by a God who cannot
lie and since He can't lie, then
only one conclusion logically re-
mains: No one can be saved apart
from personal faith.

IV

SINCE GOD CANNOT LIE,
THEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR
MEN TO BELIEVE AND NOT
BE SAVED. The Word of God
specifically tells us that salva-
tion is the fruitage of faith.

"He that believeth on him is
not condemned; but he that be-
lieveth not is condemned already,
because he hath not believed in
the name of the only begotten
Son of God." — John 3:18.

"He that believeth on the Son
hath everlasting life: and he that
believeth not the Son shall not
see life; but the wrath of God
abideth on him." — John 3:36.

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

"All that the Father giveth me
shall come to me; and him that
cometh to me I will in no wise
cast out." — John 6:37.

"And many other signs truly
did Jesus in the presence of his
disciples, which are not written
in this book:

"But these are written, that ye
might believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God, and that
believing ye might have life
through his name." — John 20:
30, 31.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and thou shalt be saved." —
Acts 16:31.

Nothing could be plainer than
the inescapable conviction which
these verses bring to us that
faith logically results in salva-
tion. It would be as impossible for
any man to believe and not be
saved as it would be for any in-
dividual to lift himself with his
boot straps, or to over-turn a
house single handed. If one be-
lieves, he must be saved in view
of the fact that the God who can-
not lie has already declared this
to be a reality.

Quite often in dealing with in-
dividuals, I am told by a person
that he has believed but that he
is not saved. This I do not be-
lieve. In all probability, he has
never yet exercised saving faith
in the Lord Jesus, for if he had,

only one result could follow,
namely, he must be saved.

Here then is a good test: If
you believe God, then you know
that He gave His Son to die for
you, and in view of that death,
you know that you are saved
since you have His word to rely
upon.

It is true that men may join
the church and not be saved. Men
may subscribe to the ordinances
of the church and not be saved.
Men may turn over a new leaf
and not be saved. Men may strive
to keep the law and the Golden
Rule and yet not be saved. How-
ever, no man can genuinely be-
lieve on the Lord Jesus Christ as
his Saviour without salvation be-
ing the logical result.

V

SINCE GOD CANNOT LIE,
THEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR
ANYONE TO BE SAVED
AFTER THIS LIFE COMES TO
AN END. If only one verse in
all the Bible could be found to
prove this, we would need no
more. That one verse which
speaks so emphatically in this re-
spect is Luke 16:26. Listen:

"And beside all this, between
us and you there is a great gulf
fixed: so that they which would
pass from hence to you cannot;
neither can they pass to us, that
would come from thence."

Our Lord in this respect speaks
of a gulf separating the abode
of the righteous and of the wick-
ed. In this connection He declared
that it was impossible for any-
one to pass from hell to heaven
after death, or vice versa.

This completely annihilates the
teachings of the Russellites and
of the Catholics. The Russellites
declare that one may have a se-
cond opportunity after death and
thereby be saved. At the same
time, the Catholics teach that an
individual may be taken from
purgatory to heaven under cer-
tain conditions. This would make
purgatory a great and successful
reform school where the incor-
rigibles of earth who would not
be corrected in time may be saved
in eternity.

Yet this one verse spoken by
our Master and recorded by Luke
is enough to end forever all
thought of salvation after this
life.

However, this is not the only
verse which thus speaks. In the
book of Eccl., we are told:

"If the tree fall toward the
south, or toward the north, in
the place where the tree falleth,
there it shall be." — Eccl. 11:3.

In whatever direction a tree
falls, there it remains. If it falls
is toward the south or toward the
north it will remain thus. In like
measure, however a man faces
death so will he be through eter-
nity. If he dies trusting the Lord
Jesus as his Saviour, heaven will
be his home; while if he dies un-
saved, his doom will be an eternal
hell. There is absolutely no pos-
sibility of one being saved after
this life comes to an end.

God's Word declares that the
sinner's punishment is an eternal
punishment.

"Then shall he say also unto
them on the left hand, Depart
from me, ye cursed, into ever-
lasting fire, prepared for the
devil and his angels." — Matt.
25:41.

Here's a verse which declares
that punishment is eternal, which
means literally that it is never-
ending. The fires of hell blaze
with the words "forever." On
every chain of hell is stamped the
word "forever." The thought
which haunts and plagues most
of all is the fact that their pun-
ishment is forever. All that are in
hell abandon all hope of ever be-
ing released therefrom.

Another verse which shows
mainly that there is no salvation
after death is Heb. 9:27. Listen:

"And as it is appointed unto
men once to die, but after this
the judgment."

This text declares the coming
of two events — death and the
judgment. It does not say that
there is anything else which in-
tervenes between death and judg-
ment. It does not put an oppor-
tunity of salvation between these
two grim events. Instead, we are
led to believe that when comes
death, then comes the judgment,
and that judgment is the next
event following death.

In view of these and many
other scriptures, it is only ap-
parent that we must believe that
since God cannot lie, it is impos-
sible for man to be saved after
this life has come to an end. Re-
member: It is the God who can-
not lie who wrote the Bible, and
it is on account of His written
word that I declare that one can-
not be saved after this life has
come to an end.

VI

FINALLY, BELOVED, SINCE
GOD CANNOT LIE, THEN IT
IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ONE TO
BE LOST AFTER HAVING
BEEN SAVED. Two distinct
schools of religious thought di-
rectly contrary each to the other,
exist in this respect. There are
those of us who believe that when
God saves a person, that he is
saved eternally and that he can-
not be lost by sins that he may
thereafter commit. In contrast,
there are others who believe that
one may be saved and then lost
each time that he consciously sins
thereafter and that he may be
saved and lost interchangeably
again and again. In this respect,
let it be remembered that if one
could be lost after being saved,
that individual could never be
saved again, for God's Word de-
clares:

"For it is impossible for those
who were once enlightened, and
have tasted of the heavenly gift,
and were made partakers of the
Holy Spirit,

"And have tasted the good
word of God, and the powers of
the world to come, if they shall
fall away, to renew them again
unto repentance; seeing they cru-
cify to themselves the Son of
God afresh, and put him to an
open shame." — Heb. 6:4-6.

However, I want to show you
that while it is true that one
could never be saved if he were to

lose his salvation — I want to
show you that that individual
who is definitely saved, can never
lose his salvation.

When a person is once saved,
he can never lose his salvation,
because he is kept by the power
of God. Listen:

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

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

Twenty centuries ago Paul
asked, "Who shall separate us
from the love of Christ?" (Ro.
8:35). Shall Satan? "But he that
is begotten of God keepeth himself
and that wicked one toucheth
him not." (I John 5:18). Shall
temptation? "There hath no
temptation taken you but such
as is common to man; but God
is faithful, who will not suffer
you to be tempted above that ye
are able; but will with the temp-
tation also make a way to escape,
that ye may be able to bear it."
(I Cor. 10:13). Shall sin? "For
sin shall not have dominion over
you." (Rom. 6:14).

Shall the law? "For ye are not
under the law, but under grace."
(Rom. 6:14). Shall the world?
"For whatsoever is born of God
overcometh the world; and this
is the victory that overcometh
the world, even our faith." (I
John 5:4). Shall the believer?
"They shall not depart from me."
(Jer. 32:40). As it was impossible
for Noah to leave the ark after
God had shut him in, so it is
impossible for the believer to
leave Christ. Someone asks, "Can-
not a believer crawl off the Rock
of Ages?" Beloved, where is the
child of God who wants to crawl
off the Rock of Ages? But listen,
Paul mentions ~~ten~~ agencies and
agents, including the powers of
Heaven, earth and Hell, which he
declares are unable to separate
the believer from God. Listen:

"Who shall separate us from
the love of Christ? Shall tribula-
tion, distress, persecution, fam-
ine, nakedness, peril, or sword?
As it is written, For thy sake we
are killed all the day long; we
are accounted as sheep for the
slaughter. Nay, in all these things
we are more than conquerors
through him that loved us. For
I am persuaded that neither
death, nor life, nor angels, nor
principalities, nor powers, nor
things present, nor things to
come, nor height, nor depth, nor
any other creature, shall be able
to separate us from the love of
God, which is in Christ Jesus
our Lord." — Rom. 8:35-39.

Thus, beloved, since the God
who cannot lie is the same God
who wrote the Bible from which
we have read concerning the be-
liever's security in Him, we must
conclude that when an individual
is definitely saved, he can never
lose his salvation.

May I remind you in closing
that my desire above everything
else is your salvation. It is im-
possible for me to save you. It is
impossible for the church to save
you. It is impossible for you to
save yourself. However, that
which is impossible for you, the
church, and me to do, is definitely
possible with God. Only God can
save, and that only through the
death of His Son. Listen:

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

May God in His grace open
your heart and help you to re-
ceive His Son as your Saviour in
my prayer.

A SOUL WINNING CHURCH

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Does God tell us anything about being wise? In Proverbs 11: 30 we find these words — "He that winneth souls is wise." Now I have heard this text used to stir up people in soul-winning. Get out and walk the streets, talk to everybody you meet about religion. The wise thing to do is to win all the souls you can. But God didn't say that. Our common version has an unfortunate translation. The Revised Version gives it: "He that is wise winneth souls." I hope you get the difference. God did not say that it is wise to win souls, but He did say that the wise is a winner of souls. A man wins souls because he has wisdom.

But what is wisdom, and where can I get it? If you make a close study of Scripture, you will find that the eternal wisdom of Proverbs is the same as the eternal word of John's gospel. I turn again to Corinthians where God has said that He has made foolish the wisdom of this world, and I find Him saying, "Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." "Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom." Again we come to the truth that the Lord Jesus Christ is everything in the Christian life.

With all my heart I want mine to be a soul-winning church. The world's way — and our churches are using the world's way entirely too much today — would be for me to organize you, pep you up, send you out with a list of names, get you to talking to folks — and most of you would talk to them about joining the church — and if we just got enough response it would be called a great soul-winning campaign. But that isn't God's way.

God's way is not through organization, or pep, or activity. Certainly most of you ought to know the Bible way of salvation better than you do, most of you ought to love and pray for people more than you do, most of you ought to talk to people more than you do. But it will all be useless if you do not start right. Get Christ, by faith let Christ live in you and speak through you, be filled with Christ, each thought and each motive beneath His control. Live Christ, and Christ, the wisdom of God in you, will win men to Him. If Christ fills our hearts and lives, men will know it without our telling them; men will take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. But if men do not see Christ in us, all of our efforts will not win them to Him. Give me a pastor and a church membership that lives Christ seven days in the week, and the preaching of the Gospel here will bring men to Christ, even though

the Holy Spirit never moves a one of us to speak to a sinner.

What a wonderful, all-sufficient Savior the Lord Jesus Christ is. Lost sinner, do you want redemption? "Christ is made unto us redemption." Weary heart, do you want peace? "Christ is our peace." Burdened conscience, do you want righteousness? "Christ is made unto us righteousness." Christian, do you want a holy life? "Christ is made unto us sanctification." Soul burdened for the host of lost ones around us, do you want to see sinners saved? "Christ is made unto us wisdom" and it is the wisdom of God that seems so foolish to the world that wins souls. All else that you accumulate, you'll leave behind. Win one soul and you have treasure laid up in heaven. Let Christ fill your heart and life, and then, by love, by knowledge of the Word, by the power of the Holy Spirit, by your daily life, by your prayers, by your faith, by your witnessing you will win souls to the Saviour you love.



WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE RAPTURE?

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The first of these four words that we use to describe what will happen to the saved when Jesus comes again is the word **resurrection**. Then will be a resurrection of the righteous dead. They will hear His call and come out of the graves glorified, to rise and meet the Lord in the air. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

The second word we use will apply to the second class of Christians, those who are yet alive. It is the word **restitution**. The living righteous will be brought into a state of perfection. The last vestige of the marks of sin will be removed and they will be made like Him. Hear the words of Paul: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all 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" (I Cor. 15:51,52). The Apostle John put it in these words: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2). How marvelous to realize our fondest hope, to be like Him.

The third word is the word **reward**. Both those who have died

in the Lord and those who yet remain will be rewarded when Jesus comes. "And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12). When He comes to receive us unto Himself, then will be the marriage supper of the Lamb; then we will come to our inheritance and what belongs to the Bridegroom will belong to the Bride.

The final word relative to what will happen to the saved when Jesus comes is the word **reunion**. We will be united with those whom we have loved and lost. Especially is this a comforting thought to those mothers whose Christian sons have been lost in action on some foreign battlefield. I call attention to two verses that teach the reunion, one in the Old Testament and one in the New. Both of these verses use the wonderful word **together**. How sweet that word can be! and how tragic is the word **separated**. First a verse from the Old Testament: "Thy dead men shall live, **together** with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast" (Is. 26:19,20). Then in the New Testament a Scripture already cited has the same thought and uses the same word. "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. 4:17). It is little wonder that Paul said that we were to comfort one another with these words. Oh joy and consolation; we shall be **together**!

What Will Happen to the Lost?

It is well that we think of the lost, what will happen to them. It should challenge us to greater zeal in winning them while the day of opportunity lasts. Further, a knowledge of what will happen to the lost presents a challenging appeal to the man out of Christ when it is pressed home upon his consciousness. There are three words that are used to describe the things that will come upon the lost and sinning when Jesus comes for His own. In direct contrast with the word **reunion** for the saved, we have the word **separation** for the lost. "I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left" (Lu. 17:34-36). How sad, one taken and another left. That one thought has convicted many and brought them to Christ in revivals I have held. They have come and said, "Oh, preacher, we do not wish to be left behind. We do not want to be separated from those we love. We choose Jesus. We want to be in the reunion."

A second word that describes what will happen to the lost is the word **tribulation**. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the Book" (Dan. 12:1). Note

Is Christ Living In You?

"Has someone seen Christ in you today? Christian, look to your heart, I pray; The little things that you've done or said— Did they accord with the way you prayed? Have your thoughts been pure, your words been kind?

Have you sought to have the Savior's mind? The world, with a criticizing view, Has watched, but did it see Jesus in you?

"Has someone seen Christ in you today? Christian, look to your path, I pray: Has it led you nearer the Father's throne, Farther away from the tempting one? Have your feet on errands of love been bent— Or on selfish deeds your strength been spent? Has a wandering soul, with hope born new, Found Christ through following after you?

"Has someone seen Christ in you today? Christian, look to your life, I pray: There are aching hearts and blighted souls Being lost on Sin's destructive shoals, And perhaps of Christ their only view May be what of Him they see in you. Will they see enough to bring hope and cheer? Look to your light, does it shine out clear?

"Has someone seen Christ in you today? O Christian, be careful, watch and pray: Look up to Jesus in faith, and then Lift up unto Him your fellow men, Upon our own strength you cannot rely; There's a fount of strength and grace on high; Go to that fount; your strength renew; And the life of Christ will shine through you."

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carefully that those who are found written in the Book are delivered from Great Tribulation — everyone that is found written in the Book. This clearly teaches the Rapture of the saved as well as a terrible tribulation upon the lost. The woes of Revelation are nothing more than a detailed description of the sorrows that shall come upon the earth when her cup of iniquity is full and the indignation of a justly angry God is poured out. In those days death is to be preferred to life. "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (Rev. 9:6).

Another word that is very similar is the word **indignation** as used in Isaiah 26:20 as already cited above. Here the people of God are to be hidden away safely until the indignation be overpast. The only apparent difference, in these words, is that tribulation deals primarily with the troubles that come upon the earth; while indignation represents the anger of a God who has been mocked at, and blasphemed, and rejected of men — until at last His patience has reached an end and judgment begins and the indignation of God is expressed in violent terms of hail, and blood, and war, and fire, and destruction. In those days the sun and moon shall hide their faces for shame and the stars will tumble from their orbits.

What glory for the Christian, the long awaited Coming of the Lord, our going to be with Him! What tragic sorrow for the sinner, the beginning of the end! The reaping of the seed they have sown! Again what grace, what matchless love, what a privilege that yet the day of salvation has not come to its night, that still the invitation is open. "And the Spirit and Bride say,

Come, And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Come!



DID JUDAS ISCARIOT FALL FROM GRACE?

(Continued from page one) act. Matt. 27:5 tells us that he went out and hanged himself. Genuine repentance is not "unto suicide" but "unto salvation." There is a lot of difference between suicide and salvation.

Then What About Judas?

He was a false professor. While morally responsible for his deed, he fit into and fulfilled the prophetic word of God. (See Acts 1:16 and John 17:12).

He acted the scoundrel all along in stealing from the treasury.

He loved money better than anything else, probably got mad when Jesus rebuked him for criticizing Mary for breaking the box of precious ointment, and decided there to take the bribe offered.

He "fell" but he fell from his "ministry and apostleship" (Acts 1:25) rather than from grace.

He proved by his self destruction that he was a lost man. Peter turned from his sin of denial, and "wept bitterly." Judas committed suicide — that was the difference.

Judas "went to his own place" (Acts 1:25). We can well believe that to have been a hot place.

Is There Discrepancy In Accounts Of Judas' Death?

Some have so charged, but read Matt. 27:3-10 with Acts 1:18-20, and the matter will clear up easily.

