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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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### Frank Norris Admits Ignorance As To Election

In The Fundamentalist of March 22, J. Frank Norris published a lecture that he delivered to the Bible Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on "Elect of God," which subject he introduced as follows:

"I want to discuss something that I think will be of practical value to you. First, the doctrine of election, which I don't know a thing in the world about and don't know anybody else that does know." He says further: "Whenever any man comes around and pretends to know something about the doctrine of election, get up and walk out—you're just losing your time."

Thus Mr. Norris seeks to propagate his ignorance and to keep the students under him in ignorance. His advice to them, if taken, would cause them to turn away from the inspired writers of God's word, for these writers demonstrate that they know something about election.

The ignorance which Mr. Norris professed is only feigned and does not indicate the modesty that he pretends to have. All who know him know that he is neither ignorant nor modest. He knows plenty about the things he wishes to be definite about, and he is not lacking in willingness and ability when it comes to boosting himself.

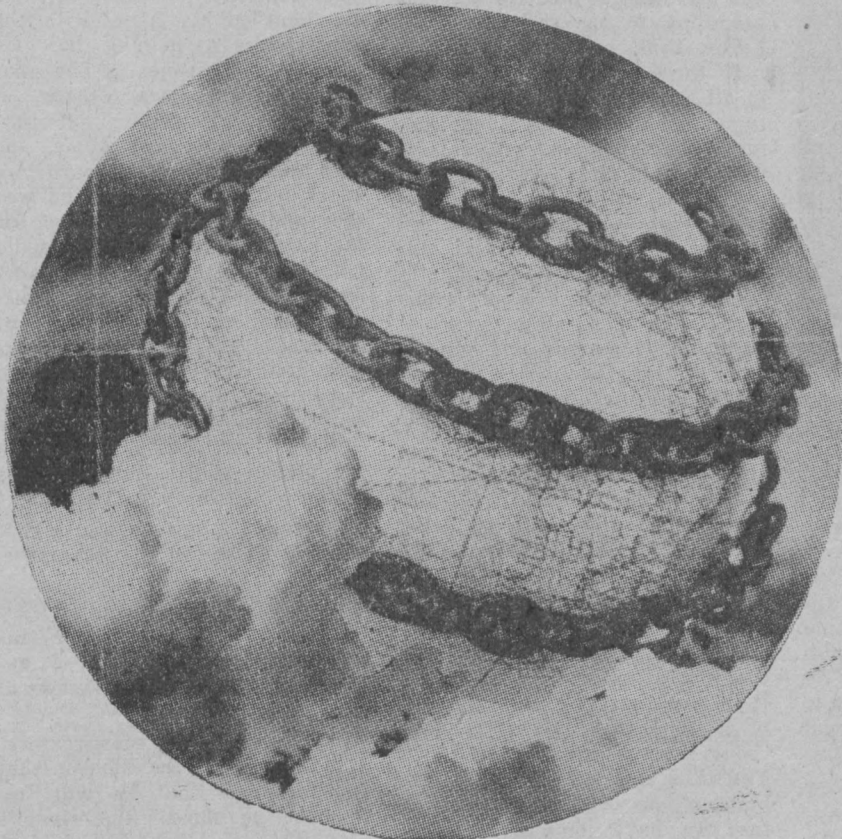
Why then the professed ignorance about election? The answer is easy. Mr. Norris, like many others, does not want to make the plain Bible teaching on this subject; neither does he want his students to take it.

I can not think that all of the students in the Bible Baptist Seminary will be content to remain in ignorance of this important subject. Therefore for the benefit of any of them that are interested in knowing the truth, I will list some scriptural facts about election.

1. Election is of God. 2 Thess. 2:13. The believer is counseled to make his election sure (2 Pet. 1:10), that is, to seek the evidence of it so as to have definite assurance of salvation; but man has absolutely nothing to do with electing himself. God does the choosing. It seems to me that certain brethren would get tired of using that old threadbare fable that God is voting for the sinner, and that the devil is voting against him, and that the sinner is to cast the deciding vote. This is silly and is an outright denial of election.

2. God did the electing before the foundation of the world. Eph. (Continued On Page Four)

### Bound With The Chains Of Sin



"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."—Romans 5:12.

"Go Ye Therefore Into All The World And Preach The Gospel To Every Creature."

Mk. 16:15.

### Is It Scriptural To Observe Mother's Day?

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This is a very easy question to answer; the answer is No, it is not Scriptural. The Bible knows no more about a Sunday devoted to mother and called "Mother's Day" than it knows about a place called "hog heaven." Indeed there is no more Scripture for the one than the other, and just as much Scripture for one as for the other.

Now on this question we run afoul of bitter prejudice the very first thing, for when one runs counter to sentiment — especially concerning mother — they will usually encounter unreasonable opposition. Let us make clear therefore, just here, that when we oppose "Mother's Day" we are opposing it as a religious observance.

#### What There Is No Harm In

There is no harm in holding mother in high regard, and it is a poor scrap of humanity that has little or no regard for mother. So — the issue is not love for mother. We all agree that mother (and father too) should command love and respect.

There is no harm in one writing to mother, or sending mother a box of candy or some gift or remembrance any time.

There is no harm in stressing what the Bible says about motherhood, and the duty of children to parents, etc.

#### Where The Harm Comes

There is real harm in "Mother's Day" observance as commonly carried on as a religious observance, and as absorbing one Sunday a year. What is the harm?

It is a deliberate theft. Does it honor one's mother to steal money and to use that money to buy her a present? No — such dishonors her. But when one Sunday is devoted to mother, it simply means that one Lord's Day a year is stolen and given to mother.

Sunday — or the Lord's Day is "Resurrection Day." It is a day that should always be commemorative of one thing and one thing only — the fact that Christ is risen. We have no right to take that day and give it to anybody — mother, daddy, grandpa, uncle John, or anybody else.

It misplaces emphasis. On "Mother's Day" the Lord Jesus is sidetracked, and mother is enthroned. Practically all of the preaching throughout the nation for that day centers around mother. But we are not called to (Continued on page four)

#### THE JEW'S FAULT

An Irishman, riding a bicycle, a Scotsman, driving a motor car and an Englishman on a motor bike were heading in the same direction. At a dangerous crossing all three collided and were instantly killed.

Who was to be blamed? The bereaved families said: "The Jews." — Zionist Record,

### ROMAN CATHOLIC INVENTIONS

Of the many institutions contrary to the Gospel, which are practiced by the Romish Church today, the earliest in their origin appear to be prayers for the dead, and making the sign of the cross; both of which came into existence about 300 years after the Savior and the apostles.

About 600 years after Christ and the apostles, Gregory I established the worship in an unknown tongue, or in Latin. The Gospel teaches us only the use of a known language in the Church.

According to the Gospel all our prayers should be addressed to God alone. Prayers never were offered to Mary and the saints by the apostles and the members of the early Christian Church. The worship of Mary and the saints commenced about 600 years after Christ and the apostles.

The worship of the cross, images, and relics was established about 788 years after Christ. It is impossible to find a single trace of this practice in the Gospel.

The baptism of bells does not come from Christ and the apostles; this baptism was invented 965 years after the beginning of the Christian Church, by Pope John XIV.

It was about 998 years after the apostles that Lent was imposed by the Roman Catholic Church. Lent and the obligatory fast on Friday are commandments of men, not teachings of the Gospel.

Roman Catholic Priests introduced the fabrication of holy water about 1000 years after the apostles. Thus this so-called holy water is merely a human novelty.

Gregory VII is the Pope who made the law against the marriage of the priest, 1079 years

after Christ. The Gospel teaches the marriage of the clergy.

Beads were invented by Peter the Hermit, 1090 years after the apostles. This machine is used for counting prayers, but the Gospel does not speak of it.

The sacrifice of the Mass is a novelty, and has been in existence only since the eleventh century. The Gospel teaches us that the sacrifice of Christ was offered once for all.

About 1190 years after Christ, the Roman Catholic Church began the sale of indulgences. The Christian religion, as it is taught in the Gospel, condemns such a traffic.

The Roman Catholic Church uses a wafer in the Lord's Supper, instead of bread. This change was made about the time the doctrine of transubstantiation was proclaimed an article of faith by Pope Innocent III, in 1215. In 1220 Pope Honorius III invented the adoration of this wafer, and (Continued on page four)

#### Mused Uncle Mose

Lot's uv peoples dat go to Eastah sunrise meetin's don' even b'lieve dat de Lawd rose frum de daid.

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "Christ, The Sinner's Hiding Place"

"Thou art my hiding place."—Psalm 32:7.

When we used to broadcast on Sunday evening, one of the hymns which we often sang and which was frequently requested by our audience was:

"Oh, safe to the Rock that is higher than I  
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly;  
So sinful, so weary, Thine would I be,  
Thou blest Rock of Ages I'm hiding in Thee.

In the calm of the noontide in sorrow's lone hour  
In times when temptation casts o'er me its power;  
In the tempests of life, on its wide heaving sea  
Thou blest Rock of Ages I'm hiding in Thee.

How oft in the conflict when pressed by the foe  
I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe;  
How oft when trials like sea billows roll

Have I hidden in Thee, Oh Thou Rock of my soul.  
Thou blest Rock of Ages I'm hiding in Thee  
Hiding in Thee, hiding in Thee  
Thou blest Rock of Ages, I'm hiding in Thee."

I know of no song which more completely illustrates the truth of our text than this. Furthermore, I know of no song nor text which mean more to me personally than do these.

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THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
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#### HOW GOD PROVIDES

Here is a story that is literally true, one that came within Dr. Howard Taylor's own observation. It is the story of a man in China, a poor Chinese man, an illiterate man until he was converted. It was a time of famine. The man's cousin, a Buddhist priest, used to come to see him and bring in his (Continued on page four)

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BOOK REVIEW

"WHERE HE LEADS"

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Those who fully consecrate their lives to Him, and who follow "Where He Leads," can be greatly used of Christ. Such was true of lovely Christine Chalmers, a young Christian girl, who volunteered for mission work in the

L. G. WHITEHORN  
Pine Bluff, Ark.



We have printed recently for Brother Whitehorn a booklet on "The Church That Jesus Built," which to our knowledge has never been surpassed, perhaps not equalled, for its size on the subject. It is clear, concise, cogent, and consistent. It is sound and scholarly both in exegesis and historical content. The author takes a firm stand for the perpetuity of Baptist churches. We should like for all our readers to have a copy of this excellent booklet. In fact, every saved per-

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hills of Arkansas.

Life there wasn't easy for Christine, but throughout all her trials she manifested such a faith in Christ that she was instrumental in leading many others to Him.

This is a very interesting Christian novel consisting of a murder, a kidnapping, and love. You will want to know the outcome when young educated Wayne Norris goes west in search of Christine and the remarkable influence they both had in the lives of these hill people.

"CHRIST, THE SINNER'S HIDING PLACE"

(Continued from page one)  
IS A HIDING PLACE FROM SIN. Many, many times throughout the Scriptures this truth is presented to us. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." — I Cor. 15:3.

If there were no other verse in all the Bible, this is sufficient to tell us that Christ is our hiding place from sin. Yet, this is not the only one.

The fact is, all of us are sinners — gross sinners. There are sins of omission as well as sins of commission. There are sins of presumption and sins of ignorance. Each of us stand guilty of multiplied hundreds and thousands of these sins. How wonderful it is to know that in spite of the magnitude of our sins that there is a hiding place from these sins in Jesus. Listen:

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." — Rom. 3:23, 24.

Here is presented to us both the fact of sin and of salvation. It is true that "all have sinned." It is true that all of us have "come short of the glory of God." Yet, it is also true that God has laid our sins on Jesus Christ and that we have complete forgiveness in Christ as our hiding place.

Another Scripture which presents this truth is:

"Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." — Rom. 4:7,8.

"Po' ole Mahtha, she git so busy cookin' fo' de Lawd dat she didn' have no time to fin' out who she cookin' fo'."

This text calls to mind the question: Is there such an individual to whom God will not impute sin? Since the word "impute" literally means "charge," can we ask if there be such an individual unto whom God will not charge sin? How we do rejoice that there is, and that each one who has believed upon Jesus Christ and has been saved thereby, has the assurance right now that God will not charge to him any more sin. How could God charge sin to the believer since He has already charged that individual's sin to Jesus Christ? Therefore, since our sins are charged to Jesus, they can no longer be charged to us, and accordingly Christ becomes our hiding place.

Here's another Scripture which presents to us this same truth:

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." — Hebrews 10:10, 14.

Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for us once. As a result of that sacrifice, all who have received Him, are made perfect. This does not mean that we are perfect in our bodies, for all know that the flesh is far from perfect. However, the spiritual nature of each believer is already perfect. It was made perfect in Jesus Christ the day the individual believed upon Him and received Him as Saviour. In fact, the spiritual nature of each saved person is just as perfect today as it will be after you have been in

eternity ten million years. Since our spiritual nature, which can never die, is already perfected in Christ, then surely we can say that Christ is a hiding place for the sinner from sin.

One of the great old preachers of Scotland was William Arnot who was pastor of a church in Glasgow. He heard one day that one of the widows of his church was desperately in financial need. He went to her home with the expectancy of helping her. He knocked three times at the door and then went away. Later, on seeing her, in telling her that he had been to her home, she told him that she had heard him knock but thinking that he was the landlord who had come for the rent, she had hidden and did not come to the door. Well, beloved, that woman represents every sinner, for every one of Adam's fallen descendants thinks that God is coming to demand something of him, whereas in reality, God comes to pay the sinner's sin debt. He comes in the person of His Son to be a hiding place for you from sin.

There are many Scriptures that present to us this great truth. Listen:

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." — Hebrews 8:12.

Here is one of the most remarkable texts in all the Bible in that God promises that He will "remember no more" the sinner's sins. Since God actually promises to forget our sins through the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, then each of us have the assurance that Christ is our hiding place from sin.

It is rather remarkable that the Bible tells us as to what God does with our sins. We are told that He blots them out.

"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins." — Isa. 44:22.

We are told that He casts them behind His back:

"For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back." — Isa. 38:17.

We are told that He puts them into the bottom of the ocean.

"And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." — Micah 7:19.

I'm glad that He didn't say that He puts them into a river, for sometimes a river dries up. We have the assurance here that they are safely disposed of when He tells us that He casts them into the sea, and thereby Christ becomes our hiding place from sin.

We are also told that He separates our sins far from us:

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." — Psalm 103:12.

I don't know how far the east is from the west, but we have the assurance that our sins are separated that far from us.

I heard sometime ago an astronomer say that if the telephone switchboard were located on the farthest star, and that if our telephone here were connected to it, that when you picked up the receiver here, it would take ninety-two million years for the "click" to be heard at the switchboard. I don't know how true this is, yet that was the astronomer's way of describing the distance from the east to the west. I don't know just how far it is, but I do know that God has removed our sins far from us and that in view of this, Christ is our hiding place from sin.

What a blessed truth it is to know that He is our hiding place from all of our sins — not just

J. S. THOMPSON



A short time ago the whose likeness appears above with the editor in a revivaling at Coal Grove and also Russell. We have never meetings that did the church more good.

Brother Thompson is one of very few preachers today who clear on all the doctrines of including election. Yet he tensely evangelistic. However, employs no high pressure, will not fill churches with who are over-persuaded to a profession without a position. His preaching strength the saved and leaves the church in good condition.

By the time this issue reaches its readers, Brother Thompson will be in a meeting with P. T. P. Simmons and the of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church near Chesapeake, Ohio.

The editor is very happy to commend this man of God all the brethren and churches siring a sound evangelist.

You can reach him by addressing him at Monterey,

a few — but all. Listen:

"And you, being dead in sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." — Col.

"Who gave himself for us, he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." — Titus 2:14.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son, cleanseth us from all unrighteousness." — I John 1:7.

These verses speak of all passes, all iniquities, and all Surely since these are blotted in His blood, we have the assurance then of a safe hiding in Him.

Several years ago a well-known Englishman was converted, and like every other born again son, he too wanted to see the saved. He went into a town to preach, and as a result of announcements a large crowd came. He wasn't really a poor speaker and since he was a poor orator, hardly anyone the next night to hear him. He announced by placard that he would pay anyone's debts if they came to the service. Only individuals came. He paid debts and preached Jesus to them. The next day when people of the town learned what had happened the night before everyone said, "What fools were not to believe his announcement." Well, beloved, Jesus Christ came to pay our sin debt. Listen:

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray." (Continued on page three)

What Will You Do?

Man! Mighty Man!  
Holding within your puny grasp  
The power of the atom!  
Afraid to hold it;  
Afraid to let it go;  
Boasting of mighty strength,  
Lifting your feeble belligerent voice,  
Stalking back and forth in your limited sphere

As a babe with a toy gun struts in his childish play!  
Shaking your feeble might in the face of Almighty God!

When God shakes the earth as you do your limited majesty—

What will you do?

Will you grasp with those hands of flesh the boulders and rocks and hold them?

Will you bid them be quiet and still that your homes might not crumble?

Will the waters stand in awe at your command—

Or the winds obey you?

And when the forked lightning of judgment runs with livid fingers through the heavens;

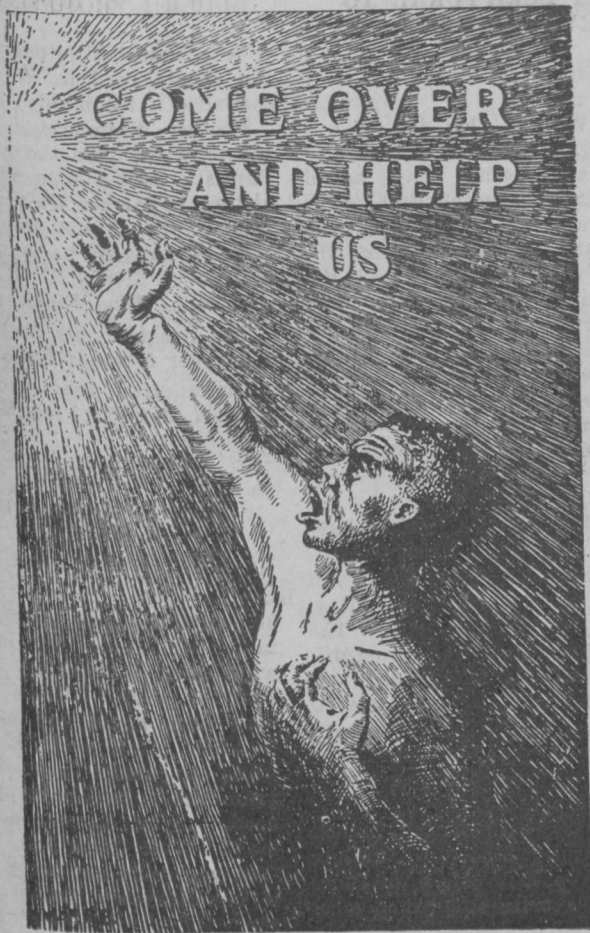
And when, as a scroll, these heavens roll back, and reveal to your startled gaze

The Judge of the earth—Appearing in Majesty, Glory, and Power

To judge the quick and the dead—

Man! Feeble Man!  
When your foolish boasting is done—

What will you do?  
—Donna M. Garn



but what have sometime in life felt that in his despondency, that he was without a single friend in all the world. Yet, may I insist, beloved, that this is not true. There is never a time when this is so. Jesus Christ is always a hiding place from sorrow. In the greatest sorrow that anyone ever feels, Jesus is still our hiding place.

David had a remarkable experience of sorrow and grief when he was compelled to flee from the presence of Saul. For a long period of time he hid from Saul in caves and in the wilderness. On one occasion he went into a cave while Saul and his army pursuing David, encamped at the mouth of it, not realizing that David was therein. It was then that David said:

"I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living." — Psa. 142:4,5.

Surely you have had similar experiences when you have looked on your right hand and maybe on your left and could not see any way out, yet you felt in Jesus a hiding place from your sorrow. Like David you could look up into the face of God and say with him, "Thou art my hiding place."

The old song speaks the truth of our experiences:

"In sorrow I wandered my spirit oppressed,  
But now I am happy securely I rest;  
From morning till evening glad carols I sing,  
And this is the reason I walk with the king."

Yes, this could be the experience of each believing child of God since Jesus is our hiding place.

In fact, we are exhorted to hide in Him from our sorrows. Listen: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." — Hebrews 4:15,16.

What a precious truth! Jesus can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He knew what it was to be spit upon. He knew what it was to be beaten and bruised and afflicted. He knew what it was to have His friends desert Him. He knew all the experiences which our flesh is subject to today. I'm glad that this is true. I'm glad that the thorns that pierce our feet, pierced His feet too, and that the stones we stumble over, He likewise stumbled over them. Because of this, He invites us to come boldly to Him for grace, help, and assistance in times of trial and sorrow. Surely each of us should thank God from the depths of our hearts that He is a hiding place to us from the sorrows of this life.

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**CHRIST IS A HIDING PLACE ALSO FROM DEATH.** Death is considered by most to be a grim monster — a monster to be feared and dreaded. Most people shrink from death and are unwilling to even think of it when in life. What a precious truth it is to know that this grim monster has been conquered by Jesus and that each individual who is saved, in Him has a hiding place from death itself.

This is that which was in the

mind of the Psalmist when he wrote:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23: 1,4.

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

Looking backward across my experiences today, it seems that about all I can see from childhood on is graves and graves and graves. Back there in the past there are graves of mothers, and graves of fathers, graves of brothers and sisters, graves of wives and loved ones, graves of gray-haired grand-sires and graves of babes. They are all filled and covered over. On the majority the grass is growing. Out is front of us, unless Jesus comes, about all we can see in the future is graves and graves and graves.

Of course, it is true that if Jesus comes for us and catches us away from this world, there will be no grave there for us. This is my confident hope and expectancy today. Yet if I am mistaken in his hope, and if death becomes my lot, then out there in the future is yours too. All these graves that are before us are open and waiting. Yet I thank God that when the hour comes for us to go down into that grave that we will not go there alone, for Jesus has promised that He will go with us all the way "even to the end of the age." Surely in view of this, He is our hiding place from death.

I like to journey with Paul and to think of his own experience. Once he figuratively stood beside his own casket and said, "Oh, death where is thy sting?" Then I think that he figuratively walked out to the cemetery and saw his own grave and said, "Oh, grave where is thy victory?" Then realizing that death and the grave were both defeated enemies in his life because of his faith in Jesus, — realizing this, with a shout of triumph, he said:

"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. 15:54-57.

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FINALLY, LET IT BE NOTED THAT CHRIST IS A HIDING PLACE FROM THE JUDGMENT. Not only do we need a hiding place from sin, from Satan, from sorrow, and from death, but we need to remember that there is a judgment coming and that the only hiding place which can give security and safety is Jesus Himself. Listen:

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." — Romans 8:1.

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

I have read often of the prairie fires, which, driven by fierce unchecked winds, reach and burn at a tremendous rate of speed. I have been told that even the fastest horse cannot outrun one of these fires and that if an individual were to attempt to do so, it would merely spell his doom. Do you know how that one escapes when he sees a prairie fire raging toward him? Well, he merely lights the grass about him, allows the fire to burn about him, and then takes his places in the center of the burned off area so that when the prairie fire comes where he is, the fire divides and goes about him for there is nothing there to be burned.

I used to read and rejoice as I read it in knowing that the only place on this earth where the fires of hell and the fires of God's wrath had spent their fury was Calvary, and that all the fire that you and I might ever feel burned fully, fiercely, and freely in the person of our Saviour. Since He suffered in our behalf — since He was judged in our behalf, then all we need as a place of security and safety from the judgment is to take our stand at Calvary with Jesus.

How wonderful it is to know that we thus have a hiding place from sin, from Satan, sorrow, death and the judgment in Jesus. I rejoice that this is my hiding place, and I am happy that I can present Him to you and urge upon you that He might become your hiding place too.

May I make this very personal, and boldly ask: Is He your hiding place today? If not, may you now be reconciled by His death and find in Him a perfect hiding place for life, death, and eternity.

Think It Over

God made the sun—it gives;  
God made the moon—it gives;  
God made the stars—they give;  
God made the air—it gives;  
God made the clouds—they give;  
God made the earth—it gives;  
God made the sea—it gives;  
God made the trees—they give;  
God made the grass—it gives;  
God made the flowers—they give;  
God made the bees—they give;  
God made the fowls—they give;  
God made the fish—they give;  
God made the beasts—they give;  
God made the plan—He gives;  
God made man—he . . .?—Selected

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." — Matthew 28:19-20.

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." — Acts 16:9.

**"CHRIST, THE SINNER'S HIDING PLACE"**

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stray; we have turned every one of his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." — Isa. 53:5,6.

I rejoice that in view of this fact that since He came for this purpose, we have a hiding place from sin in Him.

**CHRIST IS A HIDING PLACE ALSO FROM SATAN.**

There is a personal devil abroad in this world. He has many more followers than does the Lord Jesus. He appeals to the flesh of which he is the controlling agent. He exerts a tremendously strong influence in the life of each of us. Not one of us is a match in any wise at all for Satan. He has had at least six thousand years of experience before we came to this world. I rejoice though that the Lord Jesus is a match for Satan, — in fact, more than a match. Listen:

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." — I John 4:4.

"He that is in the world" is the Devil. "He that is in you" is the Lord Jesus. This then tells us that Jesus is greater than the Devil and that He is more than a match for Satan any day.

We have a rather interesting Scripture relative to the influence of Satan in our lives as given us in the words of Jesus.

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." — Matt. 12:43-45.

Here then is a text which tells us that the individual can put the devil out of his life. Many individuals do this very thing. In an emotional revival meeting, or in some time of deep emotional strain, the individual reforms, puts the devil out of his life, turns over a new leaf, and changes completely his old method of living. Many a person does this the first day of January only to fall shortly afterward. I say that the individual can put the devil out of his life, yet unless the Lord Jesus comes in, you can't keep the devil out, for pretty soon the devil comes back and takes a "peek" into the house, or our body, from whence we have driven him. He sees the old house is entirely swept and garnished. It is all cleaned. Certainly the individual has reformed, and since he has put the devil out yet has not put Jesus in, the house is "empty." Then it is that the devil comes back into that man as God's Word tells us, brings seven other spirits more wicked than himself so that the last state of that man is "worse than the first."

This, beloved, is the spiritual experience of every individual who reforms. Reformation always leads to a worse spiritual condition. What the individual needs is not reformation, but regeneration, since nothing but regeneration can put the devil out, and give the believer peace of mind and conscience.

While any one of us can not do this in ourselves, I rejoice that the Lord Jesus can and does save from sin and from Satan so that we not only have a hiding place in Christ from sin, but a hiding place in Him from Satan.

III

**CHRIST IS A HIDING PLACE FROM SORROW.** Everyone of us have our experiences of sorrow. No one is exempt. Each of us feel sometimes that we are all alone, helpless, hopeless and friendless. I'm satisfied that not one to whom these words come

