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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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A Personal Saviour

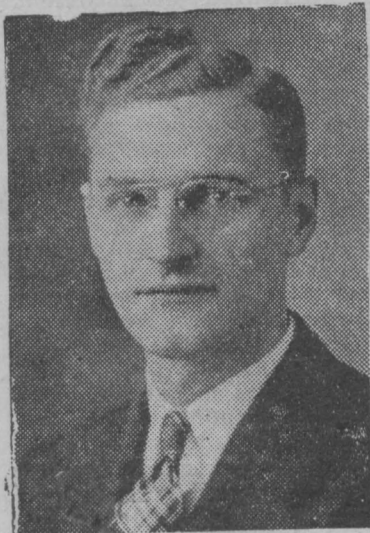
by KENNETH SMELSER

am convinced that the need of the hour is the conscious realization that the Lord Jesus Christ is a *Personal Saviour*. He cannot be a millionaire without a million dollars nor can he be a Christian without Christ. Without Christ you are in a dense haze. A man recently stated that his church did not seem to have any spirit in it and was more like a lifeless corpse. He hoped it was doing good in the community but couldn't be sure. Thus, for individuals and churches there is the tremendous need of knowing the personal presence of the Lord thru His Holy Spirit. We need this for power, power to hold his people together and to disperse us into a world that needs the testimony.

Let us look at this theme under three headings: He *Saves*, He *Stays*, and He *Shepherds*.

HE SAVES. (Luke 19:10). "The Son of man is come seek and to save that which was lost." Oh, the marvel that would, at His own choos-

ing, limit Himself to the form of a human baby and grow up in the likeness of sinful men, that He through death should conquer him who has the power of



death, the devil. A proof, if we need any proof, of the sinfulness of man and vileness in this world was the very proclamation of Herod after the birth of

Christ to kill all the male children up to the age of two years. Think of the precious little lives that were snuffed out at that decree. Innocent blood flowed red all over the land. Grisly men had to have hearts of stone to take up precious little pink blossoms of humanity and dash them to pieces amid the screams of the dearest people on earth, mothers. All the pain, warfare, vileness, hate and lust in the world today is but the outcropping of the human heart. I took a newspaper at random and marked with a red pencil every column that showed the results of sin on the front page and found that all but two had to be scored. Matt. 15:19, "For out of the heart proceedeth evil thoughts." Jer. 17:9, "For the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it." (Rom. 2:23, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:19, "Now we know that whatsoever the law saith it saith to them that are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become") (Continued on page three)

World Baptist Alliance Now Headed By A Modernistic Southern Baptist Preacher

C. Oscar Johnson, who was elected vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent meeting in St. Louis, has now been elected president of the World Baptist Alliance. The Chicago Times of August 3 reports as follows:

WORLD BAPTISTS ELECT AMERICAN

Copenhagen, Aug. 2 — Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis was elected president of the World Baptist Alliance at the concluding plenary session of the congress today.

By an overwhelming majority Dr. Johnson succeeded the late Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, who died in England last January during his tenure as world president of the Baptists.

Dr. Johnson told the United Press he would take up his duties with a threefold aim — to unite the Northern and Southern Baptists in the United States, to unite Baptists throughout the world, and to unite Baptists and other denominations." (Continued on page three)

Shortly after Brother Johnson was elected as vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder Noel Smith, pastor of the Blooming Grove Baptist Church of Clarksville, Tennessee, gave an address over Station WJZM of Clarksville of which the following is an extract:

"Oscar Johnson is a native Tennessean. He is a big fellow, and is always talking and smiling. His church is situated half way between the business section of St. Louis and the beginning of the residential section. It is on Grand Avenue, hard by the Missouri Theater. His church is composed of both Modernists and Fundamentalists. The Fundamentalists warm the Modernists and the Modernists cool the Fundamentalists. His church is also in the state which is known to history as the Compromise State. We have all heard of the Missouri Compromise. Dr. Johnson's church belongs to both the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. He has been" (Continued on page three)

SAVED THROUGH A HOLE IN THE WALL

There was the cotton weaver Cheng-hsien saved through preaching of Tao-hsing, saved through a hole in the wall and ridicule and laughter, but saved! He was just a orphan lad, the slave and the orphan of the family who had adopted him. Hearing unusual sounds of merriment one day in the adjoining house, he went to his work and went to a opening he knew of, where he had not had dropped out of a partition. The son of a neighboring family had just returned from the city and was telling his experiences. He was talking fun of some one he had heard talking to a crowd. It was a well known gambler, Tao-hsing, who had "eaten the" (Continued on page four)

Modernistic Seminary Professor Leaves Louisville

The following clipping taken from a Boston paper under date of July 21st, concerning Harold W. Tribble of the Louisville Seminary, should be of interest to all of our readers and to the Baptists in general:

"Dr. Harold W. Tribble of Louisville, Ky., today was named president of Andover Newton Theological School. Announcement was made by Dr. Isaac Higginbotham, general secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, acting chairman of a committee to choose a new president. The school combines Baptist and Congregational theological institutions.

The new head will assume his duties in the Fall. He succeeds

Dr. Everett C. Herrick, now retiring. He is head of the department of theology of the Southern Baptist Seminary where he has been professor for 17 years."

I insist, beloved, that this should be of interest to all of our readers. For a long time I have contended that Professor Tribble was a Modernist, in view of the fact that (1) he declared that the Bible is not fallible,

MUSED UNCLE MOSE

Dem lodge boys allus sayin' dey don' nevah ax nobody to jine de lodge, but seem lak dey allus manages to get de idee across: dey jis mumbles somp'in 'bout takin' yo' applection.

(2) he says that Baptists began about 1600, and (3) he refutes, denies, defies, decries, and rejects Mullin's position on theology, whose successor Professor Tribble is in the Seminary.

Well, Professor Tribble should not have much trouble adjusting himself as president of Andover-Newton, since it is a well known fact that Andover-Newton is a hotbed of modernism and heresy.

Sometime ago I called attention to the fact that Dr. Wilder, professor of New Testament at Andover Newton, in 1944 preached for the First Unitarian Church of Chicago.

I have also mentioned within these columns the still grosser heresy of Andover Newton in— (Continued on page four)

HELL INCORPORATED

One of the latest and boldest moves of the enemy in America has been the plan to build "Hell Incorporated." A \$40,000.00 lot has been purchased in Las Vegas, Nevada, where "Hell Incorporated" is to be built. It is to run day and night, twenty-four hours every day in the week, and it will contain every kind of amusement and vice that exists. One the front a large \$5,000 neon sign will advertise the place. It is in the form of a devil with an arrow for a pitchfork which constantly moves, pointing the way to "Hell." Also, along the road between Los Angeles and Las Vegas are large roadside signs which say, "You're on the road" (Continued on page four)

MODERN FABLE

Mrs. Doe passed all her time at bingo. Mr. Doe was addicted to bridge and the Doe children had a passion for dancing, all of which earned the Doe's a good reputation for fast and lively living. All that, however, changed. The Doe's are now the most solid, highly respected citizen of the community. Mrs. Doe still passes all her time at bingo. Mr. Doe is still addicted to bridge and the Doe's children still possess a passion for dancing, all of which has earned the Doe's a fine reputation for Christian living. The Doe's you see, joined a church and found, to their delight, that they'd always sought elsewhere. They're numbered among the most active members. — Church Bulletin, Augusta, Maine

Note: This modern fable is sadly true. The world is (Continued on page three)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BELIEVER"

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that calleth you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." — Gal. 1:6-9.

Several years ago there was a train wreck in the state of Texas — all because one engi-

neer neglected his orders. He, the fireman, and many others were killed as the result. In the providence of God the engineer on the other train was spared, and he went up and down the track amidst the wreckage of the trains saying, "Gentlemen, don't blame me. Here are my orders." As terrible as it was for an engineer to neglect his orders, it is even more terrible for a preacher to preach false doctrine. Every man ought to be exceedingly careful that he gives out only the pure Word of God. When the preacher comes to the end of his way, he ought to be able to face every individual to whom he has preached with an open Bible

and with full assurance that he has preached nothing but the Word of God.

It is with this attitude toward God's Word that I bring to you this message of salvation.

There are two steps to salvation — repentance and faith. In many Scriptures, both are mentioned.

"Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, REPENTANCE toward God, and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ." — Acts 20:21.

"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT YE, and BELIEVE the gospel." — Mark 1:15.

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CHURCH OR LODGE

The Plymouth Congregational Church of Brooklyn recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The celebration was observed with a Centennial Ball, and the dance was followed by bridge and refreshments. This is the church from which Henry Ward Beecher ministered in the latter part of the 19th century. Mr. Beecher was a fearless preacher of the Word of God.

You will note that the celebration was not marked by a great evangelistic meeting or worship service in which God was praised and souls brought closer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, a worldly dance and bridge party was held. This is a picture of the modern apostate church. There are hundreds and hundreds of them in the United States. We wonder if the New Testament church could have held this kind of a celebration? — Theodore Epp

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"THE BELIEVER"

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In this message I want to talk to you about faith and what it accomplishes in the experience of the believer.

AFTER REPENTANCE THE NEXT STEP IN SALVATION IS FAITH. Throughout the length and breadth of the Word of God we are shown conclusively that one must believe in order to be saved. Listen:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever BELIEVETH in him shall receive remission of sins." — Acts 10:43.

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

"But 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.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that BELIEVETH ON me hath everlasting life." — John 6:47.

"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live BY FAITH. For ye are all the children of God BY FAITH in Christ Jesus." — Gal. 3:11, 26.

"And they said, BELIEVE ON the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." — Acts 16:31.

"But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH ON him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." — Rom. 4:5.

While this may seem an unusual amount of Scriptures, in reality it is but a very small fraction of the number of passages which might have been cited, showing that one must believe to be saved.

I do not mean to say that one can be saved by a mere intellectual faith. The majority of people, even the majority of church members, have that kind of faith. That is the kind of faith the Devil has.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." — James 2:19.

A mere intellectual faith

which believes there is a God and that Christ exists — which is the kind of faith most church members have and the kind the Devil has — will never save anybody.

I believe that Washington, Lincoln, and William Jennings Bryan lived, though I never saw either of them. I believe it as a matter of history. I accept it as a sense knowledge which I have gained through study. Likewise, every intelligent, rational human being should believe that there is a God. He should believe that Christ is the Son of God. Likewise, he should believe that Christ died on the Cross. Even though a man may believe all this that is no indication that he is saved. I insist, beloved, that believing that there is a God or believing that Christ died on the Cross won't save anyone.

The faith that saves is not a head faith. It is not a sense knowledge faith, but a faith which we receive as a gift from God.

"Knowing that man is not justified by the works of the law, but by THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." — Gal. 2:16.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT OF GOD." — Eph. 2:8.

I heard a preacher sometime ago say that he had faith in a chair when he sat in it, faith in his wife's food when he ate it, and faith in his automobile when he drove it. He went on to say that that was all God asks of us when He saves us. Frankly, I doubt seriously if such a preacher is saved himself. I know that he is a false apostle and that his preaching is anti-Scriptural. Just believing that there is a God, or that Christ exists, or that Christ died on the Cross won't save anyone. This is merely head faith. The faith which saves is one which goes down into the heart and causes the individual to realize that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for him — that Christ took his place and suffered his Hell there — and that by thus accepting what Christ has done in his behalf he is saved.

A woman told Henry Moorhouse, the English evangelist, that she wanted to be saved. She told him this as he was boarding a train — when he did not have time to discuss God's Word with her. Hurriedly he told her to read Isaiah 53: 4-6. He told her to substitute "I" and "my" where "we" and "our" occurred. When she did this, this is what she read:

"Surely he hath borne MY griefs and carried MY sorrows: yet I did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for MY transgressions, he was bruised for MY iniquities; the chastisement of MY peace was upon him; and with his stripes I am healed. I like a sheep have gone astray; I have turned to MY own way; and the Lord hath laid on him MY iniquity."

Certainly, beloved, when an individual comes to read this portion of God's Word in this manner he sees himself as a sinner and sees Christ as his Saviour. It is only when any individual thus sees Christ and receives Him by faith that it can be said that that one has become a believer.

II
LET US NOTICE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE

BELIEVER. Though many of these appear within the Scripture, we will observe only a few.

THE BELIEVER HAS PARTAKEN OF DIVINE NATURE. There is no truth in all the Word of God more interesting to me than this. Listen:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." — II Pet. 1: 4.

I can think of nothing more wonderful than this fact — each believer partakes of the nature of God. Since this is true, then we can expect the believer to walk a little bit like God, to talk a little bit like God, to act a little bit like God, and to live a little bit like God. In fact, the world ought to be able to see something of God in the life of each believer.

Furthermore, EACH BELIEVER HAS A NEW LIFE WITHIN A MORTAL BODY.

"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." — II Cor. 4:10, 11.

Our bodies are but mortal. Paul speaks of ours as "mortal flesh." Before the individual is saved he is dead spiritually and that dead spiritual nature resides in a body that some day shall die. However, when a man is saved there is a tremendous change. He still has a mortal body and unless Jesus comes this mortal flesh will die. However, the believer has a new life within this mortal flesh. This is the eternal life Jesus spoke of so often. It is the same life that He spoke of when He said:

"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.

Also it is to be noted that THE BELIEVER IS INDWELT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. This is indeed a precious truth — the believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

"What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" — I Cor. 6:19.

Surely there is a tremendous change which comes to the believer. He not only partakes of divine nature — he not only has eternal life within his mortal flesh — he is also indwelt by the Holy Spirit. From this it is easily noticeable that the believer occupies an enviable position in Christ.

Yet this is not all, for THE BELIEVER IS COMPLETE IN CHRIST.

"And ye are COMPLETE IN HIM, which is the head of all principality and power." — Col. 2:10.

Whenever any individual comes to Christ and believes upon Him as a Saviour that individual is immediately complete in Jesus. He does not need Jesus and baptism for salvation — he does not need Jesus and church membership — he does not need Jesus and a good life — he does not need Jesus and to hold out faithful to the end. He has all he needs in Jesus. If the individual is willing to accept the Word of God as final, then the believer is complete in

Christ apart from anything and everything else.

THE BELIEVER IS ALSO SIN FREE. I do not mean that he is free from the presence of sin since that old fleshly nature of his is still capable of sin. However I do mean that the believer is free from the penalty of sin. That penalty has been laid on the Lord Jesus Christ with the result that He has borne it so that the individual is completely free from the penalty thereof. Listen:

"And their sins and iniquities WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE." — Heb. 10:17.

"Who gave himself for us, that 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, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — I John 1:7.

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you ALL TRESPASSES." — Col. 2:13.

This ought to put every believer on shouting ground. How wonderful it is to know that we carry our sins no longer, but rather that the Lord Jesus now carries them for us. Hence, beloved, though we may sin in the flesh we are free from the penalty thereof, since Jesus has

borne the penalty of these sins. As wonderful as all this is concerning the believer, it is even more wonderful to know that God now treats the believer as a child. Before one is saved, he is not a child of God. It is definitely wrong to teach unsaved people to pray, "Our Father, which are in Heaven," since God is not the father of the lost. Listen:

"YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." — John 8:44.

In contrast, now that one is saved he is a child of God.

"But 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.

This means that Heaven is now our home, God is our Father, the believer is his child, and Christ is our elder brother. What a marvelous family relationship. In view of this fact, since the believer is God's child, then God treats him as a child. Accordingly, He CHASTENS THE BELIEVER WHEN SINFUL.

"For whom the Lord loveth he CHASTENETH, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." — Heb. 12:6.

"His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his

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ABOUT

ALIEN BAPTISM AND THE BAPTISTS

SOME RECENT UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS:

"I want to say that I have read a number of books on scriptural baptism and the Baptist doctrines, but none has been so clear and easy to understand as your book. After having read this book, I recommended it to our pastor as a study course book which should be taught in every Baptist Church to every Baptist. Further, when our church wanted to assist the Negro preachers of this vicinity by giving them some valuable book, this was recommended and accepted. Thus my order for sixty-five copies, fifty for our Negro preachers, and fifteen for a study course in our own church."

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HIS PROMISES

He promises His presence every day,
To comfort and support me on my way.
His own dear self beside me,
Or joy, or ill betide me,
He promises His presence every day.
He promises His strength for ev'ry task,

Strength for all my days, more can I ask?
His grace and strength sustaining,
Mid weaknesses maintaining,
He promises His strength for every task.

He promises His Power o'er every foe,
His great and wondrous power I may know.
When pressed by fierce temptation
I have this consolation,
He promises His power o'er every foe.

His promises are there for me to claim,
To make them mine through Jesus precious name
His presence, strength and power
Are mine each passing hour,
His promises are there for me to claim.

—Nan Harper Port

The authoress is the daughter of John Harper, who lost his life when the Titanic sank while he was on his way to accept the pastorate of the Moody Church.

Lord Jesus Christ.

Isn't it wonderful as to the position which the believer occupies in Christ!

He has partaken of divine nature.

He has a new life within a mortal body.

He is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

He is complete in Christ.

He is sin-free.

He is treated by God as a child.

He is secure in Christ.

He has a glorious future before him.

In view of this, I ask you a simple question: Are you a believer? If not, may God help you to receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith. May He give you grace to believe that Christ died on the Cross for your sins — for all your sins — the past, present, and future sins — and thus trusting Him you can know now that you are a believer in Christ and that all these glorious privileges which I have mentioned here are yours now and henceforth. Amen!

BAPTIST ALLIANCE

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president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and at St. Louis we elected him first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Johnson hopes to be the first man in history to take the Northern Baptists by one of his warm hands and the Southern Baptists by his other and bring the two together around his quite substantial, smiling frame. That's his dream. And he is making considerable headway. After he has brought Ishmael and Isaac together, he then can lead them both to the outstretched arms of the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America. And then, of course, if a man does that, he will be the logical man to head up the World's Baptist Alliance.

Oscar Johnson is a likable fellow. He is a psychologist from A to izzard. He came to St. Louis from Tacoma, Washington. The night he and his family arrived there in the Union Station from the far west, you would have thought that Franklin D. Roosevelt had hit town. The mayor had a representative there. All the business organizations were represented. The newspaper reporter and photographers were there. William Jennings Bryan in his best days had nothing on Oscar Johnson. And I admire him for all of that. Oscar had come to St. Louis to preach, and what is the use of preaching to empty seats?

Oscar fits St. Louis and St. Louis fits him. He is the outstanding civic leader up there. Every time the business men get together in Mr. Statler's hotel, or down at the aristocratic Jefferson, Oscar is there. The reason is, Oscar Johnson is a wholesome fellow, and he can make you laugh. Nowadays, when business men are worn out with Henry Wallaces and strikes and lockouts, they will pay a man good money to make them laugh. Of course, they do not want a preacher around talking about some man running around with some other man's wife, or drinking liquor and gambling. That wouldn't be preaching; that would be meddling. Well, Oscar is not the kind of fellow to meddle in other people's business. His preaching is inspired by the joke department of the Reader's Digest about as much as it is inspired by the Bible.



For a long time I have predicted the alliance of the Northern Baptist Convention with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Federal Council of Churches. Talk about the lion and the lamb getting together — when this alliance takes place, it will be the Southern Baptist lamb inside the Northern Baptist lion.

Anyhow, Oscar Johnson has in mind such union. He is not by himself in this respect as there are many others within the denomination who are not only weak Baptists but, likewise, modernists in their Scriptural outlook. Of course, Oscar Johnson himself is a modernist. To be sure in the South he wishes to be known as a conservative, yet in the North he is a friend of the inclusive policy of the Northern Baptist Convention. This in itself marks him definitely as a modernist. Only recently he warmly endorsed the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, whose president is an outstanding modernist.

My, what strides Southern Baptists are making! With hypocritical modernistic leadership, the rank and file of Baptists who are actually ignorant of that which is going on within the convention, are being slowly but surely engulfed in the meshes of modernism. Why anyone would stay in the convention is beyond me. The only safe course now is one of separation. Surely our hope today can be nothing less than that of independent schools, independent papers, independent churches, and independent preachers.

Of course, if you want to go with Oscar Johnson and his modernism, then continue with the convention; yet if you want to walk with the Lord in sweet fellowship, hear His words when He says, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins." Rev. 18:4.

MODERN FABLE

(Continued from page one) mixed up with the church. Our churches are filled with Balaamites. So-called Christians who are mostly unsaved members are living like the world. Our Lord says, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." — I Cor. 10:31.

A PERSONAL SAVIOUR

(Continued from page one) guilty before God." We have

given enough Scripture to show that God says every one in the world needs a Saviour and without Him they are lost. Men must realize they are lost before they can be saved.

Only Jesus Christ can save this lost world that includes all men. Man has a blood disease and need a blood remedy. If there was any other way, then our Lord would not have needed to bear the reproach of many and become an ignominious substitute in our stead. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins and the Word further tells us that the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sins.

"What can wash away my sins, Nothing but the Blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again, Nothing but the Blood of Jesus. Oh, precious is the flow That makes me white as snow No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

This is the message of the cross. It was not His life but death that provides the remedy. I Peter 2:24, "Who His own self bear our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes we were healed." Salvation is not our "good works lest any man should boast," Titus 3:5. Just recently we were talking with a man and asked him, "Are you saved?" His answer was that he goes to church. We asked the same question the second time and he answered he was trying to do better. We repeated for the third time our question but still he was leaning on the arm of flesh and never was able to say, "Yes, I'm saved." What a glorious privilege to be able to say with assurance, "I'm saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Till men are saved apart from their own merits and by faith they are "condemned already because they believe not in the only begotten Son of God." Therefore, it is important to know you're saved and how to be saved, for Hell is eternal and men are lost forever without Christ.

We have shown all men are lost, cannot save themselves and that only the Lord Jesus Christ through His cross can redeem us. What then is the link between us and the cross? The answer is faith. As the Holy Spirit reveals these blessed truths and you believe them, can you receive a personal Saviour? Rom. 5:1, "Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God" (Continued on page four)

THE BELIEVER

Or listen to this statement from Paul:

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

Consider this exclamation on the part of Peter:

"Who are KEPT by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." — I Pet. 1:5.

Above all else remember the words of Jesus on security.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." — John 10:28, 29.

How wonderful it is that the Lord should ever save us. If He had not done so we would all go to Hell. He gives us the gift of faith whereby we become a believer and then, all praise to His name, He secures us day by day, so that we are not only saved but kept saved, safe, and secure in Christ.

As wonderful as all this may be, it is even more marvelous to remember THE GLORIOUS FUTURE WHICH THE BELIEVER HAS before him.

"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.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." — Phil. 1:21.

I know that I am a believer and that He has saved me. I don't know much about what is out before me in the future. It is too vast, deep, and wide for my limited comprehension. I shall never be able to fully understand it until God wipes the filmy mist of doubt and fear from my eyes. However, I do know that there is a glorious future in store for me and for all who are believers in the

(Continued from page one) children forsake my law, and break not in my judgments: If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I VISIT THEIR TRANSGRESSION WITH THE ROD, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." — Psalms 89:29-33. Every child of God knows the meaning of this in his own experience. Many times each believer has been chastened by the Lord for his sins. Even David declared that this was his experience and that the chastisement which came to him brought him closer to God. He said:

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." — Psalms 119:71.

In view of the fact that God treats the believer like a child, when He not only chastens him when sinful, He REWARDS THE BELIEVER for all the good that he does following the hour of conversion.

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own REWARD according to his own labor." — I Cor. 3:8.

How wonderful it is then to be a believer and thus a member of the household of faith — part of God's family. Just as a good father chastens his children when they do wrong and rewards them when they are good, so God chastens the sinner when he is sinful and at the same time rewards him for the good that he does in His life.

In studying the privileges and position of the believer, it is most interesting to notice that HE IS SECURE IN CHRIST. Many Scriptures tell us of the believer's security. Hear the words of David:

"For the Lord loveth judgment, and FORSAKETH NOT the saints; they are PRESERVED FOR EVER: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." — Psalms 37:28.

A PERSONAL SAVIOUR

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

Our heart is vexed so many times at reading and hearing the apostate phrase, "God is the Father of all man-kind and we are all the children of God." Christ is not the "Wayshower" of His children but the Personal Saviour to all who will "Receive Him."

II. HE STAYS. Our Personal Saviour is by our side continually from the time we are saved till we step from Jordan's depths of death to the glory shore of Heaven. Heb. 13:5b, "He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." It may be we will have a journey through the valley of testings and trials. Poverty, sickness and sorrows may engulf us now or are sure to come. Oh, blessed thought that the Person of our Lord is there! We can rest in His wonderful comfort and great grace. He is the great physician. He is the wealthy husbandman. He can meet and care for all our needs and wants us to be conscious of His abiding presence. I wonder why we, God's children, bear our burdens so long before we beseech His help. Why do we trust a doctor and his medicine first? How we must grieve Him, who is so close, by our distance and forgetfulness of whom He is and what He can do.

We must not only realize His presence in troubles but also in joys. He provides them for us and, I believe, wants to share

them with us. When the good times come and the blessings flood our souls, we must praise Him, and thank Him for the gifts and benefits. Perhaps we may flee to Him in need but we who are trusting the Spirit of God will use this mediation to quicken us in gratitude to Him from whom "All blessings flow."

John 10:28 shows us that He gives His sheep "eternal life and they shall never perish." Rom. 8:38, 39, says that, "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God." There are many other passages that support our Eternal Security. Yes, we do not hesitate to use that expression. I think of a humorous experience told me recently by a fellow minister that shows how ignorant we can be of such a great truth. This preacher was speaking on Holiness (Baptists ought to preach it) and at the close of the service a lady came to him and said, "I take it you don't believe in that damnable heresy of Eternal Security." He said, "Lady, I am safe just as long as Jesus is alive at the right hand of the Father." The lady shouted, "Glory to God, I believe just like you do!!!"

I was speaking with a lady the other night who has served for years in a church but when she left her home for another place to work she had ceased to attend and be interested in the things of the Lord. That is why I feel the importance of this message. She nor we must never forget that no matter where we go or what we do this Personal Saviour is always with us. A knowledge of this fact helps us walk more circum-

spectly. There won't be the let-down in our fellowship with Him.

"And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own
 The Joy we share as He tarries there none other has ever known."

Space will not permit a study of the 139th Psalm at this time. Let me just call attention to it. It is the Psalm of Personal Experience with a Personal God. How sweet the music of this song! Here we find He knows us with all our thoughts and ways. He meets us at every turn. In fact He goes with us to the turns. Let the darkness of the night encompass you and lo, amid its inky blackness there's a pleasant voice and the warmth of His divine presence. In the midst of the day, let the enemy gather about you as howling wolves seeking to draw all of life's blood and lo, He is there to defend and shield His precious lamb.

May God ever make us conscious that, whom He saves, with them He stays.

III. HE SHEPHERDS. Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Just as a shepherd stays with His sheep to care for and protect them so our Personal Saviour loves and cares for His own. He abides with the flock. It is always a thrill to me here in the hills to see a man leading a flock of sheep, for we have so many pictures of the Shepherding of sheep in the Word of God. The Hebrew name for God is Rohi and this word is found or illustrated throughout the Old Testament and seen in Jesus through the pages of the New Testament. David was the shepherd boy and later king. His writings reveal this truth. Psalm 100:3b, "We are the sheep of His pasture." Think of how intimately He knows us, His sheep. The word shepherd means kindness, intimacy, tenderness, faithfulness, loving kindness, care and guidance. Oh, the joy to know that Jesus is the "Good Shepherd!" The Good Shepherd has given His life for His sheep. Paul tells us that while we were aliens, enemies, without God and without hope, Christ died for us. How much more will He, who is alive from the dead, care for and keep us, who are now his very own.

I know not where the best place for me is. That is the shepherd's job and he will guide me to where he wants me. There will be the green pastures. I know not what is best for my bleeding wounds of life; the shepherd does, and He will apply the balm of Gilead or the ointment of gladness. Beloved, we must let the Shepherd of our lives take care of us for that is His pleasure. Unruly sheep are displeasing and will find themselves unduly suffering for their own waywardness. Many of God's dear children today have gotten into the briar thicket and have cried and winced because of their own folly. Perhaps, like sheep, they know not what to do and their suffering is great. Does not the shepherd hear the bleating of His sheep? Cry out to Him this day and the staff will soon comfort thee.

In this day of apostasy, we have some word of warning about false shepherds Acts 20:29, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, sparing not the flock" Jesus

said, "Beware of false prophets which comes to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." My heart is vexed to see so many preachers and churches following false councils and alliances. We have so many church-geers without the courage to denounce the false shepherds in their pulpits. Surely the results will be a catastrophe, if we awaken not. We want the true "Shepherd and Bishop of our souls" to ever be our guide. John 10:27, 28, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

May we learn, if not before, now, that God has provided His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to save us by a simple trusting faith in Him. Oh, what joy it would be to learn that many have found Him through our message! Further, may we rest in Him, who not only saves but stays with us always and will accompany us, "Unto the end of the age. By His Holy Spirit, He will shepherd us through the cares of this life and provide and protect us till "He presents us faultless before His presence with exceeding joy." May the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever." Amen.

MODERNIST SEMINARY PROFESSOR

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 viting a Jewish rabbi to lecture to the students.

"Appointment of Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, as a visiting professor at Andover Newton Theological School was announced in Boston, Massachusetts, by Dr. Everett C. Herrick, school president, at the banquet concluding the 90th anniversary observance of the Temple." — Baptist Leader, June 1944.

These two events of 1944 link Unitarians, Jews, Northern Baptists, and Andover Newton School together.

Let me quote also from Wesner Fallaw who is the teacher of Christian Education at Andover-Newton. He says:

"Jesus is not God, nor another god; nor yet the only revelation we have of God, the source and ground of existence. Our teaching becomes idolatry if it presents Jesus, the unique manifestation of God, as being Himself a God. To my mind, one of the major faults with orthodoxy has always been the practice of confusing God with Jesus. We still have much to do in deleting from the prayers, hymns and certain textbooks used with children, evidences of Christ worship. We shall continue to be aware of the biblical fallibility, never accepting the Bible as a piece of work of uniform value. We shall be alert to inconsistency, to primitive error, discerning myth from historic fact."

(This was taken from Dr. Fallaw's statement in the 1944 Convention of the International Council of Religious Education.)

Birds Of A Feather Flock Together

Well, beloved, there is the story — Modernist Tribble becomes president of a modernist

school. He surely won't have any difficulty in adjusting himself nor his creedal beliefs. This merely means that one modernist leaves Louisville Seminary and one more modernist becomes associated with Andover-Newton.

Now that Tribble is definitely aligned with the Modernists, I wonder what those who have defended him in Kentucky will say. There is no need in denying that he is a modernist any longer, and there is no need in denying that the Seminary is chuck full of modernism or else it wouldn't have tolerated him for seventeen years. Of course, the hierarchy will still have a lot to say about Gilpin, but after all is said they cannot change the facts that the Louisville Seminary is a hotbed for modernists and heretics. There is one way to put an end to their modernism — designate your mission funds.

One parting thought. Frankly, I don't think much of the Baptist who reads these facts and then continues to support the Cooperative Program. If I were you, I'd be a full-fledged Baptist and not support the modernism of the Seminary, God being my helper.

HELL INCORPORATED

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 to Hell," "This is the way to Hell," "Hell is fun!" and others

There was a time when the devil moved cautiously and intrigued and tricked people into sin. Now he feels that his position is strong enough that he can come out and make a bold-faced stand. It is a reflection of the spiritual condition of America.

What a challenge this should be to us who love the Lord. We should pray as we have never prayed before that God will stop such blasphemy. All the more reason we should hasten with the Word of God on the highways and hedges so we might warn the wicked of the judgment ahead. Rouse ye soldiers, rally around the banner; onward, forward, 'tis the Lord's command.—The Evangelist

HOLE IN THE WALL

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 foreign religion," and whose life had become so changed. He was telling the matchless story of the prodigal son, telling it out of a full heart. Traveled as it was in the reproduction, it still appealed to the dejected, lonely listener as nothing else that he had ever heard. Could it be that there was a God—a Father in Heaven — who loved like that? "Oh, go on, go on!" he cried, almost without knowing it when the recital ended. "Let us hear more of those good words!" Astonishment and laughter on the other side of the partition drove him from his vantage ground, but only to send him in search of his neighbor, from whom he learned where the wonderful teaching could be heard, and, once he had grasped the heavenly message, nothing would induce him to turn away from the Saviour, whom, not having seen, he loved.—From Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor's Hudson Taylor and the China Inland Mission

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