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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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## GOSPELS, TRUE AND FALSE

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### FALSE IDEAS OF THE GOSPEL

Many and various are the notions that are abroad concerning the gospel. It is therefore in order to do a little thinking along the line of the gospel. Let us first take up some erroneous

knocks such a "gospel" out. That it is a mixture of faith and water. Those who believe and then be immersed before they are saved, hold such a view. When one quotes, "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation," they argue, "The ordinance of baptism is a part of the gospel." But this is refuted by I Cor. 1:17. And as to the whole mixture of faith and works and waterworks—the entire scramble of law and grace—Paul has something to say in Galatians 1:6, 9.

That it is just anything that has a lot of religious phrases jumbled together. Many people talk about men preaching the gospel, when they have no right conception of the gospel. Any preacher who can talk piously and with fluency is credited with preaching the gospel.

That it is a set of teachings governing working and living conditions, etc. This is the so-called "Social Gospel" of the Modernists of this day. These spend their time dealing with groups—group movements—group legislation, etc. Often such ministers work in labor

unions, strikes, lobby on political matters, work in civic clubs, etc. Their idea is that the gospel is a matter of getting society properly adjusted so living and working conditions will be what they should be. Such persons rarely have much of an outlook on the future—they are earthlings whose thoughts run on the things of earth. They are anti-supernaturalists.

Then there is the false idea that a preacher should never preach anything but the gospel. This is a wrong notion, even when a correct idea of the gospel is held. A man should preach the gospel, but ALSO "the whole council of God." He is to teach to observe ALL THINGS commanded by Christ. (See Matt. 28:19-20).

### TRUE IDEAS CONCERNING THE GOSPEL

It is the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for our sins and according to the Scriptures. (Read I Cor. 15:1-4).

The word gospel means "good news." Good news that One has

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### NO TIME FOR GOD

No time for God, yet we've time for ourselves,  
Time to eat foods that He puts on our shelves,  
Time to breathe air that He made for our lungs,  
Time to waste talk, yet He fashioned our tongues,  
Time to go places, and time to do things  
That little or nothing or recompense brings,  
Time for the cumbersome duties of life,  
Time for amusement and even for strife.  
Time for all things, yet the day may soon dawn  
When we'll wish we from selfish ambitions were drawn  
To do the Lord's work, and more thankful to be  
That we live in God's world, in the land of the free!

The judgment will prove that the wiling of time  
Away from ourselves is an ungrateful crime.  
If God took no time for His creatures, they'd die,  
Else none of them laugh, and most of them cry.  
Our God gave His Son as a sign of concern,  
Showing that love in His great heart did burn,  
That He had the time for His great mind to think  
Of men in the gutters, that deeper would sink.  
If lieu of this purpose of love we'd do well  
To save time on earth that would linger in hell.  
Heaven won't hold any roguish old grime  
Who lived for himself, and for God had no time.

## Let Jesus Reign And Your House Will Become Home Immediately And Forever

When the Lord Jesus abides in a house, it becomes home, sweet home.

While we are concerned about the housing shortage that plagues our national life and welfare, it is well to remind ourselves that America faces a plague of deeper import—a home shortage! For while we have those who, though having no proper houses to dwell in, yet, through faith in Christ Jesus, have made out of present straitened conditions a home wherein love doth sweetly reign and where the grace of the Lord Jesus is fully accepted and acknowledged, there are, alas, far too many, who, though dwelling in sumptuous halls, are verily homeless. They are

without Christ in the heart and life, and their dwellings are scenes of continual strife and bitterness. Houses without homes are tragic, accounting for much crime and delinquency.

The world is continually confusing the house with the home and thinking that the one will prove sufficient for the other. "A roof over the head" and "a fire on the hearth" are not the end of the matter, for the heart that dwells in the house may be guilty and sinful, standing "condemned cold" before the presence of God's holiness and righteousness. Many a domestic strife, fraught with perilous

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### HIROSHIMA ARISES AGAIN

The people of Hiroshima who survived the atom bomb are building again the city where 100,000 persons were hurled into eternity in a split second. But for a beginning only one story houses are springing up after nearly two years of desolation and danger. Only here and there stand the remains of

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### Mused Uncle Mose

Dey 'us a big gango' mens and wimmens argufyin' down at de stoah de odder day 'bout ef de Bible say "Wunst a man an' twicet a chile". Merchant Sam, he tryin' to wait on he trade, an' he git aggravated an' say, "Well, ef hit ain't in dar hit ort to be."

## Here Is An Unusual Message On The Theme, "They Knew Him Not"

Some two years ago I was reading my Bible, when I first noticed the phrase, "They knew Him not." I jotted down the places and the ways in which it was used, and I want today to joint out a few things to you. First of all, I want you to notice the chance, the wonderful opportunity, the people of the first century had to know Christ. God had revealed to His Prophets (and they had their writings hundreds of years before Christ appeared) that He was to come—Jesus was to come. For in Micah 5:2 it says, and I quote, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands

of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler of Israel." God had told them through Zechariah that Jesus was to make His triumphal entry, quoting Zechariah 9:9, "Thy King cometh unto thee: . . . lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Then I read in Zachariah 11:12,13, "So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them." And this, my friend, is the exact price that was paid for Jesus to Judas, and they used the money to buy the potter's field. They knew all this before Jesus ever appeared, but they didn't know

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### "ETERNAL LIFE"

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

There is a little poem which keeps running through my mind:

"They tell me of a city far up in the sky—  
I want to go there, I do;  
It is built in the land of the sweet bye and bye,  
I want to go there, don't you?"

As I say, this little poem keeps running through my mind. My message from this simple text

is to tell you how that you might go there.

I WITHOUT CHRIST EVERY MAN POSSESSES ETERNAL DEATH. While it is my purpose in this message to discuss eternal life with you, ere I say aught about it, I want to talk to you about eternal death, which every man possesses ere he comes to Jesus. There are three remarkable illustrations which show us that the sinner possesses eternal death.

In the book of I Samuel we find the children of Israel engaged in battle with the Philistines. When the battle was going contrary to them, they sent to Shiloh and brought the ark

of the covenant into battle. On seeing this, they rallied momentarily, and a great shout went up from Israel. This caused consternation in the hearts of the Philistines. However, their pandemonium lasted but a short time, for one said unto them, "Quit yourselves like men, and fight." The final result of the battle was that Israel was completely defeated. Thirty thousand of Israel's footmen were slain. Hophni and Phinehas, the sons of Eli, the high priest, were slain. Even the ark itself was captured. A messenger ran home from the battle and carried the sad news to Eli, who, when he heard the tragic events

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### HOW TO WASTE YOUTH

Attorney General Tom C. Clark declares that over half of all criminals in the U. S. (51 per cent) are twenty-one years of age and under. "It is up to the American people to correct, teach and stop these youngsters from following in the footsteps of other criminals," he says. "Unless the 'three respects'—the respect of God, and of home and of law—are learned and carried out, our country as a great democracy will fail. Apparently we have lost touch with religion!"

Out of each thousand marching in the endless crime parade, 521 have marched before to a prior arrest!

Of each thousand burglars, 510 are under 21 years of age!

Of each thousand car thieves, 630 are under 21 years of age!

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### CLEANSING THE INSIDE

While walking down the street one day, I passed a store where a man on the pavement was washing the large plate glass shop window. There was one soiled spot which defied all efforts to remove it. After rubbing hard at it, he found out the trouble. "It is on the inside," he called out to someone on the inside of the store.

Many are striving to cleanse the soul of its stains. They wash it with tears of sorrow; they scrub it with soap of good resolves; they rub it with the thamois of morality; but still the consciousness of it is not removed.

The trouble is, "It is on the inside." Nothing but the Blood of Jesus, applied by the mighty hand of the Holy Spirit, can

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HOUSES WITHOUT HOMES

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consequences, has come out of stately mansions proudly set atop green rolling hills; and spiritual defection, moral decay and eternal condemnation are not prevented by luxurious living. On the other hand, some of the "saintliest of saints" have come from environments which have been tagged by social workers as crime-breeding centers.

The world is always wrong in this matter; this is proven by the manner in which it is continually chattering about education and environment. Some of the lowest renegades have come from the highest houses, and some of the highest citizens have come from the lowliest of surroundings. Those who know of the truest and best will never speak of environment and education, but of Jesus Christ and the regeneration of heart and life that is accomplished by acceptance of His offering of crucified blood atop Calvary's agonizing brow. Here, as in every other phase of living, the Lord Jesus Christ must be the central and determining factor. Old-fashioned or not, popular or not, it must be declared that He is the absolute and final answer. All issues of life revolve about the acceptance or rejection of His Person and work.

Houses without homes, in the final analysis, but testify to a neglected and rejected Saviour. Houses transformed into homes, in the final analysis, but testify to an accepted Saviour, who has been welcomed and crowned as the Center of the household, the honored Guest, not merely the subject for a wall motto, but a continual precious, abiding reality!

There is a very striking word in the fifth chapter of Mark, in connection with the story of the maniac of Gadara, who, groveling in twisted rage amongst the gloomy tombs, crying in despair and cutting himself to ribbons with stones in the fury of his tormented mind, had his terrifying abode in the lonely hills. You know the story of the "dark pattern" and the "light that broke through." This wretched creature met Jesus, who healed him, restored him, won him back to His own precious

Person. And what was the first word that Jesus said to that delivered soul? "Jesus... saith unto him, Go home" (vs. 19). "Go home"! What a word to say to him who had no home, whose home was lost in far reaches of vanished memory. And what a word to many in this day, who have no true homes, though they may possess impressive mansions! It is only Jesus who could thus speak, for it is only Jesus who can truly make a home. Satan cannot, and will never, use that expression, for he is in the business of breaking down homes into houses. Man of himself can never say it, for he has not the power for the required transformation. Only our blessed Jesus, who can send a man, a woman, a boy or a girl back to a home, who can dispel the coldness and the bitterness of a house, transforming it unto "Calvary warmth" of a home in which He is the Center.

It is tragic that our nation is continually failing to see this truth, even in the face of mounting crime bills and increased social legislation. We are trying to "set the house in order," but it is a pitiful patchwork, for the splendor of the outside but emphasizes the corruption of the inner chambers. A home shortage: that is the core of the problem; and only Christ can remedy that.

Once upon a bright autumn afternoon I rode with a friend through the countryside of one of the richest residential counties of the Eastern seaboard. Wealth and splendor were everywhere. As we rounded a graceful sweeping curve, we came directly opposite the grilled entrance to one of the most beautiful estates that either of us had ever seen. The burnished colors of the slanting autumnal sun seemed to add to the loveliness of the well-cared-for, sloping grounds, and to gild with autumn gold the spacious dwelling which rested in serene majesty upon a rising knoll.

My companion drew a long breath of genuine appreciation. "Isn't that a magnificent home!"

he exclaimed.

"You are wrong, Burt; it's not a home at all. I know it is one of the most beautiful estates in the county. But for all of that, there is only a house on the top of that hill. Nothing more."

He was quite puzzled, so I explained. "Burt, if you were to go into the east-wing bedroom of that house, you would find a deep stain on the polished floor, a stain that cannot be washed away. That stain marks the spot where the wife of the millionaire who owns the place fell when he shot her dead in a fit of jealous rage, after he had come home in a maddened, drunken stupor."

It was only a house, then, was it not?

Upon another occasion I went with a friend to the lower East Side of the large Eastern metropolitan cities. We walked along crowded, dirty streets, glutted with poverty, depression and bitterness. We turned abruptly into a narrow alleyway, tripped over ash cans, and ascended a flight of outside stairs which long ago should have been condemned by an alert fire department. At the top we plunged into a murky, odorous hallway and found ourselves before an old cracked door. At our knock it opened, and we found ourselves in a vestibule of heaven!

Yes, the room was small and seared with poverty, but one did not notice that. It was the face of the person who answered our knock that engaged our attention. It was a kindly face, radiant with the peace that comes only from long seasons of communion with a Lord more real than life itself. It was a face that had looked by faith into His face and had found there rest and peace and glory. As we sat around an old table, we saw the Bible, "torn by long wearings of love and washed with the tears of holy rejoicing," lifted up and opened. The squalor of the surroundings and the jarring noise from the street below were forgotten. Here was a home.

We face a housing shortage, but more than that, we have a home shortage. This text keeps returning: "Jesus... saith unto him, Go home." Here is the blueprint of the work required for such a situation; here is our message: to speak of Jesus, of Jesus and His Cross, of Jesus who by His Cross transforms houses into homes. Those who live only in houses go out into eternity, condemned and lost; but those who live in homes where Christ is accepted and honored and adored and served go out from those homes, however drab their outward appearance, into the blessedness of the heavenly home — the Father's many mansions. — King's Business



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of the day, fell over backward and broke his neck. Eventually, all of these tragic details came to the wife of Phinehas who was pregnant, and near to be delivered. The grief of the day's events caused her to give premature birth to her child, with the result, though the child lived, she died. In her dying hours she named the child Ichabod, which means "the glory has departed."

This should be the spiritual name of everyone of Adam's fallen descendants. Adam himself was made in the likeness of God, yet each of us as his descendants are surely far removed from that likeness. There is no similarity between us as his fallen descendants and Adam in his unfallen estate. Of us it can truthfully be said, "the glory has departed." Surely our spiritual name should be Ichabod.

There is a second Bible illustration which shows that every man is the possessor of eternal death. God leads his preachers in strange ways and in strange places often that He might give them His message. Once he led

Ezekiel out into the cemetery and as he stood there, the wind blew and uncovered the graves, revealing a vast valley filled with dead, dry bones. As Ezekiel looked, God moved upon those bones so that they came together each bone in its place and thus stood before Ezekiel—a whole army of fleshless skeletons within the valley. Then, likewise, by the power of God, flesh came upon them and they were made alive. It is obvious that those bones only came together and flesh only grew upon them and life only came into them through the operation of the power of God's Holy Spirit.

To be sure, God told Ezekiel that this valley of dead, dry bones represented the whole house of Israel, which some day is to be gathered and made alive. However it is conspicuously true that these also represent each unsaved person in his spiritual condition. Every unsaved man is as dead spiritually as a corpse is physically.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus he reminded them that before they were saved they were spiritually dead. He said:

"And you hath he quickened, who were DEAD IN TRESPASSES and sins."

That which is true of the flesh at Ephesus is true of you today. All possess eternal death.

My third illustration showing this truth, grows out of the experience of Lazarus. At Bethany lived Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Lazarus sickened and died. When he had been buried four days Jesus stood before his tomb; and Martha, not wanting Jesus to disturb the decomposing body of her brother, sought to dissuade him in his plans by reminding him that her brother had been dead long enough that the flesh had begun to putrefy and rot. However, Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth," and Lazarus walked out alive in the presence of them all. Though we see in this that Lazarus was made alive by the power of Jesus, we also see that before

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## “ETERNAL LIFE”

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He came from his grave that he was actually dead.

Surely this pictures the spiritual condition of every sinner—dead that he can only be made alive by, and through, the power of God.

I would thus remind you, beloved, that these three illustrations of Ichabod, the valley of the dead, dry bones, and Lazarus—these three illustrate and picture the spiritual condition of the sinner. We thereby see that instead of possessing eternal life, the sinner in contrast possesses eternal death.

II  
**WHAT IS THE ETERNAL LIFE WHICH CHRIST OFFERS?** It seems wonderfully marvelous that the Lord Jesus in our text did offer eternal life to those who now possess eternal death. The marvel of it though becomes all the greater when we understand what this eternal life is.

I remember several years ago, when I was in the local round-house to conduct a noon-day service for the colored employees, after the service ended I paused beside a man at his work—a man with whom I had talked many times. He told me that he now believed eternal life just like I did. I was most happy to hear him say this, as I knew the last time I talked with him that he believed differently. When I inquired as to what he believed, he said, “Why I believe that we have eternal life just as soon as we get out into eternity.” Believing, this certainly isn’t what I believe. It surely isn’t that of which our Lord spoke. Jesus himself gives us His own definition of eternal life.

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”—John 17:3.

Now what is eternal life in the light of this verse? It is to

know God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus declared that the man who does so, possesses eternal life. He doesn’t have to wait until he dies, nor does he have to wait until he gets into eternity; rather he possesses that eternal life right now.

This then would tell us that if one possesses eternal life that he knows it and that he fully realizes that he is saved. How I do rejoice for this blessed truth that one can know right now that he is a child of God. Each saved person—each one who possesses eternal life—is like the man who was born blind. Each saved person can say with him, “One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.”—John 9:25.

This then would tell us as to when it is a sinner receives eternal life. He does not receive it at death nor when he gets into eternity. Salvation is not a long drawn-out process extending over a long period of time; rather it is the act of an instant. The very moment that the sinner receives Christ as his Saviour he possesses eternal life. Listen to the words of Jesus:

“He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life.”—John 3:36.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH everlasting life.”—John 6:47.

Notice in each of these verses the little word “hath.” What a blessing it then brings to each of us to know that we have eternal life right now to enjoy.

III  
**A QUESTION LOGICALLY FOLLOWS: CAN THIS ETERNAL LIFE EVER BE LOST?** Beloved, if it could be lost, it would not be eternal. It would only be temporal. Yet our Lord declares that what he gives us, is eternal life. Not only do we find this in our text, but in manifold other Scriptures this truth appears.

“And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall never perish, neither shall any

man 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.

It is true that one can lose the joy of his salvation. David did so. We even hear him praying that the joy might be restored.

“Restore unto me the JOY OF THY SALVATION; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.”—Ps. 51:32.

Simon Peter lost the joy of his salvation when he denied his Lord.

“And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.”—Luke 22:62.

Paul knew what it was to be unhappy because of his fleshly nature. He knew what it was to be without the joy of the Lord. Hear him as he says, “O wretched man that I am.”—Romans 7:24.

While it is true that we can and do lose the joy of our salvation, we can never lose the salvation itself. It is true that God will chasten us when we do wrong, yet He will not take away from us our salvation. In fact, it is just as sure as the sun and the moon. The Word of God declares that as long as the sun shines by day and the moon by night that our salvation is secure.

“His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk 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. My covenant will I not break, nor after the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the SUN before me. It shall be ESTABLISHED

FOREVER AS THE MOON, AND AS A FAITHFUL WITNESS IN HEAVEN. Selah.”—Ps. 89:29-37.

Of course, our eternal life could never be lost, in view of the fact that Christ’s blood cleanses us from all sin.

“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.

“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.

“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.

These are marvelous expressions: “all sin,” “all iniquity,” and “all trespasses.” If all of our sins, all of our iniquity, and all of our trespasses are blotted out by the blood of Christ, then naturally and logically our eternal life could never be lost.

It is rather interesting to me to notice the meaning of the word “everlasting.” In Matthew 25:46 it describes the punishment of the wicked. “And these shall go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: but the righteous into life eternal.”

In Romans 16:26 it describes God’s existence. “But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the EVERLASTING GOD, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.”

In II Timothy 2:10 the word “everlasting” is used to describe Christ’s duration in glory. which is in Christ Jesus with “Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with ETERNAL GLORY.”

In II Peter 1:11 the word “everlasting” describes the duration of Christ’s kingdom. “For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the EVERLASTING KINGDOM of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

These verses present a marvelous truth. If the punishment of the wicked could have an end, if God’s existence could end, if Christ’s duration in glory could end, and if the duration of Christ’s kingdom should cease, then might we expect that our eternal life might be lost. I say this in view of the fact that the same word which is translated “everlasting” describes our everlasting life just as it describes these Scriptural facts. Let me insist that when the punishment of the wicked ceases, when God’s existence ends, when Christ’s glory no longer remains, and when Christ’s kingdom has perished—then and then only will our eternal life, which we receive as a gift from God, be in dan-

ger. Until then, I rejoice that it is for time and eternity and that it can never be lost.

We have a great illustration of this in the Old Testament. When the ark was built, Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their three wives entered into it and was shut in by the Lord. For over a year they remained in it, drifting about without chart, rudder, or compass, as the Lord might direct. God’s Word declares, “And God remembered Noah.”—Gen. 8:1.

It is most interesting to notice that after over a year of drifting about, when the ark was opened, everyone came forth alive from it. None perished with the flood and none died a natural death.

You and I who are in Christ Jesus are thereby possessors of eternal life and are thus in the ark of safety. How I do rejoice that we are both sure and secure in Him. As God remembered Noah so will He remember us, and ultimately everyone of us shall safely arrive to our desired haven—even Heaven itself.

## IV

**HOW CAN ONE RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE?** Surely our text makes it plain.

“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.

Yet, if you would see this truth in another Scripture, listen to the word of Paul.

“And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, BELIEVE ON the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”—Acts 16:30, 31.

This was Paul’s experience with the Philippian jailer. Here was a man who was desperate. He was just about to commit suicide. A little more and he would have plunged a sword through his own body. Under these circumstances we know that Paul spoke truly. Even if he might have jested on other occasions, we know that surely under circumstances like these that he spoke seriously and presented God’s truth to this distressed, perplexed jailer. All he asked of this individual was faith in, and acceptance of, Christ as Saviour. If this were all the jailer needed to know to save his soul, it is all that you and I need today.

May God help you to see and receive this truth. May He help you to appreciate it and enjoy it. As the days come and go, may those of you who have thus received Christ and everlasting life—may you rejoice more and more because of this wonderful blessing He has given us.

If it pleases God, may some lost sinner see the truth, that while he has eternal death now, he can have eternal life in Christ Jesus. May the Lord bless you!

## LAMPS

Lamps do not talk, they shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, it beats no gong; and yet far over the waters its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions reveal your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by all your conduct. — Charles Spurgeon



## DEDICATION

"... Prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2).

"Laid on Thine altar, O my Lord divine,  
Accept this gift today for Jesus' sake;  
I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,  
No far-famed sacrifice to make.  
But here within my trembling hand I bring  
This will of mine—a thing that seemeth small,  
But Thou alone, O Lord canst understand  
How when I yield Thee this, I yield mine all.

"Hidden within, Thy searching gaze can see  
Struggles of passion, visions of delight,  
All that I have or am or fain would be—  
Deep loves, fond hopes, and longings infinite.  
It has been wet with tears and hushed with sighs,  
Crushed in my grasp till beauty it hath none;  
Now from Thy footstool where it vanquished lies,  
Thy prayer ascendeth, 'May Thy will be done.'

"Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail,  
And merge it so in Thine own will, that e'en  
If in some desperate hour my cries prevail  
And Thou give back my gift, it may have been  
So changed, so purified, so fair have grown,  
So with Thee, so filled with grace divine,  
I may not feel or know it as my own,  
But gaining back my will, may find it Thine."

—Anonymous

## HOW TO WASTE YOUTH

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More persons 17 years of age are arrested than in any other group!

"Tramp, tramp, tramp the youths are marching" to prison, to death, to a lost eternity!

But why waste your youth when it may be invested in such a manner as to pay the greatest dividends here and hereafter?

The wise man, Solomon, said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw night, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1).



## GOSPELS TRUE AND FALSE

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paid our sins debt; good news that there is eternal life through Christ; good news that Christ lives and saves. Why then should ministers dress in black, or churches suggest a mausoleum in appearance?

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. (Romans 1:16). Not jokes, death-bed stories, altars, mourner's benches, etc. Where the good news of Christ's sacrificial death, burial, and triumphant resurrection is left out, how can there be any genuine conversions?

The gospel is the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24). That means that it is the good news of God's undeserved favor and goodness in Christ.

## SEVERAL FACTS CONCERNING THE GOSPEL

The devil blinds sinners to the true meaning of it. (See II Cor. 4:4).

(Galatians 3:8) The gospel was preached in substance in the Old Testament era, and people were saved back there by believing on the Christ to come.

Men are called of God to be preachers of the gospel (Rom. 1:1).

These therefore are not called

to be entertainers, or organizers, or leaders in civic clubs and affairs, or men to pat and pet people, but proclaimers that there is life eternal through the atoning death of Christ, Who arose from his grave, and is coming again.



## THEY KNEW HIM NOT

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Him, and they didn't know Him when He arrived.

Then I notice in Isaiah 53, that the Prophet told how Jesus was to be "despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows," how He was to be taken from prison, and from judgment, and how He would not open His mouth, and how He was to make His grave with the wicked, and the rich in His death. And all this was fulfilled to nth degree, and yet they know Him not. And I wonder if our judgment is not going to be just as great or even greater? Here you are in the land of religious liberty, and you know all these things about Christ, and what I ask you today is, "Do you know HIM?" It says "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." But why didn't they know Him? You say, "Well, I'd know Him if I were living then; I'd know Him if I'd only been there." Well, I wonder if you would? Would you recognize Him? Would you give Him the proper place in your life? I wonder if you would? I think one of the main reasons why they didn't know Him was they had too much religion. You remember Jesus said to Nicodemus, and he was religious, "Except a man be born again (or born from above) he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Nicodemus said, "How can these things be?" And Jesus with all His irony said, "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? You know them not" He was religious, and yet he didn't know Him. You may be an ultra-religionist, and know your catechism forwards and backwards, and a lot of nice

religious sayings, and worship God regularly, and yet not know Him.

Another reason, in my opinion, that they didn't know Him, was due to the fact that they were too busy about other things. There were things social; there were businesses to do, and a lot of things to be done, and then there was doubt. Doubt keeps people from knowing Christ. Philip said, "Shew us the Father and it sufficeth us." And Jesus said, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me?" What a rebuke! Yet Philip deserved it. Scores of you have had the same chance. Your son or your daughter is a Christian. Your wife believes in Christ, and your wife knows Him, and yet "thou hast not known Him." My friend, your condemnation will be great. Why don't you know Him right now?

Then there is a question of sin. What fellowship can light have with darkness? None whatever. If He means anything to you, He drives out darkness. He is righteousness, and when righteousness comes in, sin goes out.

When I was working my way through school in Los Angeles, there came through the building one night a man with a ladder, who began to clean the lights. I asked him what he was doing, and he said, "Why, I'm wiping the dust off, so the light can shine through." Every person is like this, covered with dust of sin. Only in the light of the Lord Jesus does it appear black. "How then," you ask, "can I know Him?" "How can you know Him?" I would answer, "The best way I would suggest is to ask Him, the resurrected Saviour, to come into your life. He waits for an invitation."

After the crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus' two disciples were walking down the road to Emmaus, when a Stranger joined them and walked with them. He asked, "Why are ye so sad?" And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering, said unto Him, "Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And He said unto them, What things? And they said unto Him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have crucified Him. But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel: Then He said unto them O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further. But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him" — did you notice — "And they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight." Notice they said, "Abide

with us; and their eyes were opened, and they knew Him." This, my friend, can happen to you today right there by your radio right this very moment, if you are willing to realize that there is nothing in all these other isms and cults and there is not hope in all the world outside of the resurrected Saviour which we have to offer you.—Percy Crawford



## HIROSHIMA ARISES AGAIN

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tall brick buildings, empty shells, the interior's burned away. Not all the debris from the blast has been removed, and dead trees still witness the terrible disaster.

A report that sounds fantastic is that the shadows of objects, persons or animals that were cast at the time of the blast, were indelibly imprinted and remain though the substance which cast the shadow has disappeared. This phenomenon has caused the superstitious Japs to conclude that the bomb turned the living into shadows. In the cemetery, the grave stones, according to the report, look substantial until one touches them, whereupon they crumble in one's fingers.

Such was the disintegrating power of man's deadliest invention that we are forcefully reminded of Peter's warning and exhortation:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fer-

vent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"—II Peter 3:10-12.—The Midnight Cry



## CLEANSING THE INSIDE

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cleanse the inside, for there God's Spirit alone can reach.—Unknown



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