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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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God's Mysteries

By Walter M. Wilson

An unbeliever once said, "I will believe only what I can understand; none of that 'mystery stuff' for me." He was asked to explain this problem: How is it possible for a black cow to eat green grass which makes white milk and turns yellow butter? Can you explain this mystery of God? Note some other mysteries of His creation. Consider the remarkable transformation that takes place when a caterpillar (an upholstered worm) encases itself in its home-made casket and is changed into a beautiful butterfly. Its hair is changed to scales — a million to the square inch; the many legs of the caterpillar become the six legs of the butterfly; the yellow be-

comes a beautiful red; the crawling instinct becomes a flying instinct.

Thus will God take the life of a sinner and transform it until it glows with the beauty of the Lord and is fragrant with the graces of heaven.

A handful of sand is deposited by the Lord in the heart of the earth. Great heat is applied from beneath and ponderous weight from above until, when it is found by man, it has been miraculously changed into a beautiful, fiery opal.

God takes a handful of clay, deposits it deep in the earth, applies great heat beneath it, and when it is found by man it has become a beautiful amethyst, prized highly.

God takes a handful of black carbon, plants it deep in the bowels of the earth, treats it

with heat below, presses it with rocks of the mountains above, and transforms it into a glorious diamond fit for a king's crown.

As God performs these wonderful miracles in nature, He also can transform the souls of men and renew their hearts if they only trust fully in Christ Jesus, the Lord of life.

Note the marvelous accuracy of God in His operations in the three kingdoms of the earth — the animal, the vegetable and the mineral kingdoms. This is apparent in the hatching of eggs for example:

The eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days; those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; those of ducks and geese in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; those of the parrot and the ostrich in 42 days.

God knows how to regulate nature. Only the One who made you can successfully direct you. Only the One who made your brain and your heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

God's wisdom is seen in the structure of the elephant. The four legs of this great beast bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal should have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it could rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

The cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangements of sections and segments as well as in the number of grains.

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

The waves of the sea roll in on the shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirtyfold, sixtyfold and an hundredfold — all even numbers.

God has caused all flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linneus, the great botanist, once

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When One Text Burned Its Way into A Man's Soul For His Salvation

When Mr. Moody built his tabernacle in Chicago, he was so anxious that every one that came there should learn one truth, namely, that "God is love," and so fearful that some day some preacher might stand in the pulpit and forget to tell the people that God is love, that he had these three words put into gas jets over the pulpit. So every night when the tabernacle was lighted, there it blazed away over the preacher's head, "God is love." Whether the preacher told it to the people or not, they could see it for themselves in letters of fire. One night the tabernacle was lighted, but the people had not yet gathered for the evening service. A poor drunkard coming up the street saw the door a little ajar and saw the light, and then stumbled up the steps hoping to find warmth and cheer within. As he pushed the door a little wider, his attention was directed to the sentence in the letters of fire above the pulpit: "God is love." He turned away, pulled the door so, went down the steps and went up the street muttering, "It is not so. That is not true. God is not love. If God were love, He would love me, and God does not love a miserable wretch like me. It is not true." But all the time, the words were burning down into his soul, "God is love. God is love." After a while he turned about and retraced his steps, entered the church again, and took a seat

behind the stove over in the corner. Mr. Moody's quick eye caught sight of him, and at the close of the service he hurried to him and sat down beside him. "What are you crying about, my friend?" he said gently. "What was it in the sermon that touched you?" The man replied, "There was nothing in the sermon that touched me. I did not hear a word of your sermon." "Well, what was it then that touched you?" asked Mr. Moody. "That sentence," pointing to the words in fire, "that sentence, 'God is love.'" Mr. Moody opened his Bible and showed the man from the Bible how God loved him, and how Jesus was an all-sufficient Saviour for all who take Him. The man listened and accepted Christ, and went away that night a saved man.—R. A. Torrey, *Revival Addresses*

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE

A generation ago Charles Bradlaugh, an atheist, challenged Hugh Price Hughes, a godly minister, to debate with him the truth of the Christian faith. The challenge was immediately accepted in these words: "The courts, as a rule, in rendering their verdicts, do not rely solely upon the arguments of the lawyers on either side. They carefully scrutinize the evidence offered by those who have first-hand knowledge of the facts. I will bring with me to the debate one hundred men and women who have been saved from lives of sin by the Gospel of Christ. They will give their evidence and you will be allowed to cross-examine them. I will ask that you bring with you one hundred men and women who have been similarly helped by the gospel of infidelity which you preach." The debate was abandoned. The agnostic had no evidence. — H. T. Kerr, in the *Elim Evangel*

If You Feel Weak In His Service, Read What One Swede Did For Christ

Several years ago I heard Mr. Nathan, at that time a missionary in Morocco, preach a sermon in St. Louis on "The Hidden Minister." In illustrating his subject he told of a young Swede who was converted in one of Mr. Moody's meetings in Chicago. After his conversion the Swede came to Mr. Moody wanting to know what he could do for Jesus. Mr. Moody looked the young man over; for he was awkward and illiterate. Finally Mr. Moody said:

"How would you like to be a sandwich?"

"Anything, anything for Jesus," said the young man, not knowing what it meant. It was arranged that he should report the next day for duty.

The young man came at the appointed hour, and they placed two boards, strapped together, on his shoulders. On one board

was printed John 3:16 in full; on the other was printed a notice of the meeting then being held.

"Now," said Mr. Moody, "you must walk up and down these streets for Jesus and advertise the meeting;" and the Swede went off smiling, happy that he could do something for One who saved him.

As he walked down Clark Street — the boys throwing stones and mud at the board — a traveling man saw him and stopped to read the sign and watch the happy Swede. The result was the traveling man attended the meeting that night and was converted.

This traveling man had a splendid voice, and after his conversion he made it a rule to sing in the missions of the cities which he visited in his travels. One night he was in the Bowery Mission in New York singing the Gospel. Presently he saw a young Jew come in and take a seat in the audience. Attracted by the singing he entered the hall, not knowing the character of the meeting. When he heard them singing about Jesus, the Jew became restless, for he had been taught to hate that Name. The traveling man was watching him, and when finally the Jew started toward the door he was there to meet him. He led him into an adjoining room, and spoke to him personally about Jesus as his Messiah and Saviour. The result was that the

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"WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION"

"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.

Two weeks ago this evening I preached to you on the subject, "What the Bible Teaches About Sin." I trust, by God's grace, that I made it plain that sin is undoubtedly the ugliest word in the English language. Sin is like a fire, for it burns and destroys. It is like rust for it corrodes. It is like dope for it stupifies. It is like poison for it kills. Certainly in view of the fact that it burns, destroys, corrodes, stupifies and kills — certainly in view of these facts,

we are justified in saying that it is the ugliest word in the English language.

Beloved, since that is true and since all are affected by it, we certainly need a remedy for it. Listen:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God."—Romans 3:23.

"But the scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Galatians 3:22.

Here are two verses that tell us that every individual is affected with this malady of sin. In view of this fact, surely we ought to seek to see if there is a remedy from this terrible malady of sin.

I thank God, beloved, that there is a remedy and that remedy is to be found within the Word of God. That's why it is that I preach a companion message to the one of two weeks ago tonight. That's why it is this evening I talk to you on the subject, "What the Bible Teaches About Salvation."

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LET ME SAY AT THE VERY OUTSET THAT MAN IS UNABLE TO SAVE HIMSELF. Mark it down and don't let it slip your mind, man is unable to save himself. Adam and Eve tried this to their utter failure and disappointment. When sin entered the human family, immediately that first pair made

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FARMER AND INFIDEL

An infidel, conversing with a farmer, began to ridicule the Bible and the existence of God. The farmer at last said, in substance: "I understand what kind of a man you are. My Bible says, 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God,' but you are worse than a fool, you just blab it right out."

IN CALLING DISTANCE

A story is told of two men, the elder of whom was urging upon the younger the claim of Christian work and encouraging him to follow the call of the Lord. The younger answered with an excuse that had a familiar ring, "But I have never felt any compelling call to give

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THE NEW BIRTH

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"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."—John 3:7.

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

There is no verse in God's Word perhaps that so many human beings are familiar with as with this passage. And if you were to go before a million men today and ask them if they believe Jesus Christ taught the doctrine of the New Birth, most of them would say, "Why, certainly, I believe He did."

Listen carefully: "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." If we take any part of God's Word as true, we must take this verse as one of the most solemn in all His book. We cannot afford to be deceived about this one great question of being "born again." Christ made this point very, very plain, for He also said, that "Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God." Cannot SEE the kingdom—much less inherit it. Therefore, this doctrine of the New Birth in Christ-Jesus is the fountain of our hope in the world to come.

If a man is unsound on this fundamental doctrine, he is pretty sure to be unsound on every other doctrine in the Bible. A careful study and understanding of this great fundamental foundation of God's kingdom will help a man over many of the hundreds of difficulties and seeming contradictions of God's Holy Word. Things that otherwise would be a tangle and unintelligible will unfold before your vision and become plain teaching from God. If you are "born again," all the false doctrines of creation will have no effect on your belief and undying faith in God.

To be "born again" is the greatest blessing that can possibly come to any man in this world. That great man of God, Paul, was "born again," and Nicodemus, one of the foremost and influential men of his day, one of the most learned men in all the land, went to Jesus and asked Him about this great doctrine. He was teaching, and Jesus answered and said: "Ye

must be born again," meaning "born from above," "born of the spirit." Jesus says in Luke 13:3—"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." And in Matt. 18:3—"Except ye be converted, ye shall all likewise perish." And in Matt. 18:3—"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." And in Matt. 18:3, He said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

There are many passages in God's book telling us that we must be "born again," or words to that effect, before we can hope to have fellowship with Jesus Christ. Man by nature is of sin, he is born in sin and of sin, and by nature is guilty and lost, and we also know by experience that we will soon fall if we try to live without God's help and God's love.

What is God's Love? God's love is the greatest blessing God can possibly give to men. It is Himself, for God is love, and "God loves men."

If men could only understand the meaning of these six words: "God is love," and "God loves men," then the laws of man on earth could be changed and many of our jails could be abolished, for men would think of heaven and its beauties, instead of crime and the filth of the world and its prince, the Devil.

The trouble with many sinners is that they do not understand God's love for sinners. In Eph. 3:18 we are told of the breadth, and the length, and the depth and the height of God's love, and in the nineteenth verse we read, "To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge."

If you doubt God's love for lost men turn your thoughts to Calvary and look, if you can, upon the saddest scene that mortal man will ever behold. Can any one look upon the blessed Son of God as He hung upon the Cross, and doubt God's love? Turn to John 3:16, and read these words, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that

whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Ezek 18:32, "For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves and live ye." Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Can any man read these words, with his eyes on the Cross and his thoughts on the dying Christ, and then doubt that God loves men? Surely not.

God's Love is Unchangeable. Your friends may forsake you and turn away. Your brother may forsake you and turn away. Your sister may forsake you and turn away. Your mother may forsake you and turn away. Your wife or your husband may forsake you and turn away, but God the Father will love His own with an undying love and will never forsake them.

NOTE: God's redemptive love is bestowed, not upon all men, but upon His own, that is upon His elect. See Rom. 9:11-13.

Results of Not Accepting Christ: Let us note what happens to those who do not accept and follow Christ. 2 Thess. 1:7-9, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." And again in John 8:34, Jesus says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." Gal. 3:10 reads: "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Rom. 6:23, "The wages of sin is death." John 8:24, "Ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:21, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins, whither I go ye cannot come." Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,

and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." Psalm 9:11, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalm 11:6, "Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup."

How can a man who is living away from God go on in his sins when he knows he will go to HELL and burn forever? There is some excuse for anyone who has never had a chance to learn of God, but in this enlightened country, where there are more Bibles than any other book, there is no excuse for anyone to say, "I didn't know it was in the Bible." It won't make any difference with God when you go before Him whether you knew it was there or not. You ought to know it, for there is nothing to keep you from finding it out in His Book of books.

Reasons for Not Accepting Christ: There are many so-called reasons that men advance for not accepting and acknowledging Jesus Christ. We will here name only a few.

One man says he cannot accept Jesus now because his business won't allow him. What kind of business is it that won't allow you to live a Christian life? If it is as questionable as this, there must be something very wrong with this particular business you are in, and the sooner you leave it the better off you will be. Because Jesus says in Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Another man says, "There are some things I cannot give up." Why, bless your life, if you will surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ, and let Him cleanse your life, you won't want the things you care for now, if they are sinful.

Still another will say, "I cannot accept Christ, because if I were to do so my friends would all make fun of me." God pity the poor moron who makes fun of a child of God. The only power today that keeps God from sending every sinner to HELL is the power of His great love and long-suffering toward sinful men, and the power of the prayers of God's children. Which will mean the most to you, a life of sin with sinners all about you, or a life for God even though a few so-called friends laugh at you and turn their unprofitable backs to you?

You had better have them laugh at your religion here than live in sin and go to an unending hell when you die. For

after all it is not the true Christian, but the hypocritic pretender, who is often the object of scorn and ridicule by the world. I Peter 4:14 reads: "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, HAPPY are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified." Mark 8:38 reads: "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the Holy angels." Matt. 5:11-12, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

Finally one says, "There are some professing Christians I don't like and I cannot love them." And they are right, for one cannot love his fellow man as he ought so long as he is living an unregenerated life. But when you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord, He gives you a new life, with power to overcome sin and selfishness.

Trying To Be a Christian: Some people will say, "I am trying to be a Christian." Let's see what they mean by saying they TRY? They usually mean they have tried to quit some of the sins they have been practicing, and maybe they have gone farther and joined some church, and lined up with the society of their church. But reforming does not make you a Christian. Therefore your trying is in vain.

Only repentance from all sin, and faith in the saving power of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and complete surrender of your all to Him as your Redeemer and Master can make you a Christian. It is not trying; it is surrendering; surrendering to Jesus.

Some people are trying to buy their way into heaven by giving the church large sums of money, and little sums of money and asking God to bless their souls for being so generous and so charitable. And lots of times this same money is earned from deals with the Devil as a partner. God pity such people. Then there are some, how after courting the Devil all week, go to church on Sunday, with a long sanctimonious face, and expect God to smile on their

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Thanksgiving

For the days when nothing happens,
For the cares that leave no trace,
For the love of little children,
For each sunny dwelling-place,
For the altars of our fathers,
And the closets where we pray,
Take, O gracious God and Father,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

For our harvests safe ingathered,
For our golden store of wheat,
For the bowers and the vinelands,
For the flowers up-springing sweet,
For our coasts from want protected,
For each inlet, river, bay,
By thy bounty full and flowing,
Take our praise this joyful day.

For the hours when Heaven is nearest
And the earth-mood does not cling,
For the very gloom oft broken
By our looking for the King,
By our thought that He is coming,
For our courage on the way,
Take, O Friend, unseen, eternal,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

—MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

The Word of Power for a Power Age



Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord.

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MISSION SHEETS

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Account of a Missionary Journey



This is a picture of Missionary and Mrs. R. P. Hallum in the "El Bautista," see the name on side of boat, which means "The Baptist." Note the supplies packed in and the outboard motor near Missionary Hallum. Also note the pole framework for a cover to protect them from the hot sun and also the rain. This boat proved to be too large for the motor and they now have a smaller one. This boat is used to make journeys on the various



Dona Maria is a widow Indian woman of the village of Ungurahui Vieja. She understands some Spanish and let the Missionary use her house to preach in.

streams to carry the gospel to those who have never heard it. They can only be reached by the streams.



This group of Indians live in the village Ungurahui Vieja and came the next morning after the service the night before to have their picture taken. Most of the men and boys had gone away to work. Look at the many children that should be taught the word of God that they may repent and believe the gospel and be saved. Notice the house belongs to Dona Maria, a widow, who let Missionary Hallum use it to preach in.



An Indian family on the Nanay river in Peru. Daughter and son-in-law and family of the widow Dona Maria. The man and woman understand and speak Spanish fairly well.



This group of seven children standing in a row are from the Indian village Ungurahui Nueva on the Nanay river in Peru. These children cannot read and write but learned some choruses and heard the story of creation, sin and of Jesus Christ. Who knows, but that one or more of these bright faced boys may some day be a Baptist preacher. The five pictures in a row tell the story of one missionary journey by the Hallums.

OUR COMMISSION

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

BAPTIST LAYMAN SUPPORTS NATIVE

In the last issue of the MISSION SHEETS we showed a picture of Don Thomas, a native Columbian Baptist preacher doing mission work in Columbia under the direction of Missionary R. P. Hallum. The Lord has led a Baptist layman to support this native missionary. He writes: "We are pleased to undertake the support of Brother Don Thomas and we feel that we shall be glad to continue as long as the Lord sees fit to lead us so and gives us the ability to provide. Pray for us. Yours in Jesus' Name — P. S. We prefer our name not to be published."

SECOND LETTER FROM BRO. HALLUM

IQUITOS, Peru,
November 5, 1947.

Dear Brother in Christ Jesus:
Greetings in His name.

I hope that you have had a real revival at the Second Church in Marion, Ky. This leaves us all well. We had planned a journey up the Nanay river today but the rain hindered us and we have postponed the trip for a few days. I sold the first boat after buying a smaller one that was better shaped and which runs much nicer. It is three feet shorter and narrower and the bottom is flat. We received the transformers at last and in good shape. We had special wire put

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Missionary Brandon Writes Of His Work In Indoctrinating The Churches

CRUZEIRO DO SUL, ACRE.
October 1, 1944.

It hardly seems possible that this is October. The time passes, the day of the Lord is upon us, can we say that we are ready to turn our work over to Him and receive the recompense for being well or badly done? I will welcome His coming, for I am beginning to see that one will never have his work up in shape to turn over to the Lord. We have arranged for the pastor to go up the Jurua in my place. The Lord willing he will be off tomorrow. The brethren are waiting with anxiety for his arrival. You can well imagine these poor believers scattered along this river for 250 miles with none of the comforts of life, but having heard enough of the gospel to entertain a hope in their hearts for the coming of the Lord, when they will enter into rest with Him who loved them and gave Himself for them.

Church Meets for Prayer

Everything is now ready for the departure. Tonight the church will meet to pray for him and the journey, then tomorrow with the light of day he intends to be off. May the Lord be served in thus doing. Everything at the present is at peace with us and our services are well attended by the believers, but few sinners go now. I am laboring with them that they all be established in the faith that

was once for all delivered unto the saints, so that if some unforeseen calamity should develop and they be deprived of certain liberties, their faith will remain firm. Perhaps you will be interested to know that these brethren appreciate such doctrines as election and predestination and salvation by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, eternal security of the believer and the anticipation of the rapture of the faithful believers in the Lord Jesus, of the

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N. T. MISSION WORK

The letters and pictures from Missionaries J. F. Brandon and R. P. Hallum tell and show what real New Testament Baptist Faith Mission work is. Journeys are made, the gospel preached and souls are saved. Everyone can know just what the missionaries that are supporting are accomplishing. The people reached have to be taught from the beginning. Many cannot read or write and new villages are visited where a different language or dialect is spoken. It takes time for them to understand that they may believe.

Many are not reached and die and go to an eternal hell and yet we call ourselves missionary. Yet the Lord commissioned his churches to go into all the world and makes disciples and then

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BRAZIL MISSIONS

Missionary Brandon is now in his twenty-fifth year in Brazil. For the past several years he has labored in the Acre Territory which is up the Amazon and Jurua rivers about 3500 miles by river boat. Here in this field he has organized five churches. The town of Cruzeiro do Sul is his headquarters. The first church organized is here and the native pastor is Miguel Ibernon (see picture in this issue). Thirty miles up the Moa river is the church at Japyni. This church does not have a pastor at present. Zasharias Abriu, a talented member, preaches to them on Sundays and Wednesday nights. The church at Parana is carried on by two laymen, Alvio Moreiro and Louiz Lopps who are rubber cutters. The church at Morapirango is

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to leave the boat at a port on the lake and thus avoid the 18-mile trip down the Amazon river and up the Nana river each time. We can get to the lake by car in 10 to 15 minutes.

Buys Smaller Boat

After using the boat we found that it was too large for the motor and we bought a smaller one and will sell the large one. The new one is about three feet shorter and smaller in proportion. It is new and has inherited the name of the first one—"El Bautista"—which means "The Baptist." Father has gone today to take it around the lake. When we make a journey to the Indian villages we have to stay overnight as the men are usually working in the day time and the services have to be held at night. This means we have to take along our own bedding and food and everything else we need, including the folding organ, lanterns, cots, mosquito nets, etc.

Villages Near Streams

The Indians do not make their villages directly on the river bank but choose a place inland near a creek or lake which empties into the river. This is true of Ungurahui Vieja which we visited first. However during the dry season when the river is low, the village cannot be reached by water all the way, so our things had to be carried overland quite some distance. When we arrived we went to the house of Dona Maria as we did formerly as it was the largest house in the village and could better accommodate the people for a service. We

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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

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REAL NEW TESTAMENT

(Continued from preceding page) baptize them and then to indoctrinate them Brazil needs a host of missionaries. Peru needs the same. Columbia needs the same as well as other South American countries. Missionary Brandon's field is suffering because of lack of help. Brother Brandon's health is very bad and there is no one there to take his place. Recently we read in a Baptist paper of so many missionaries ready to go but that they could not send them out because of lack of funds, etc. Yet there are funds to support other things not missionary. Here is a need and opportunity for those called of God that perhaps has no equal in many respects. The field is open. The work is established and five churches are organized and many preaching points available and the cry is come over in Brazil and help us. May the Lord call a man and give him faith to go and stay and carry on this work till Jesus comes again.

THE MISSION FIELD

(Continued from preceding page) supplied by a farmer layman, Sidro Lima. The Church at Amonho is supplied by Cicero Bicipo. One of the native missionaries, Eufrazo Soraes, labors at Campo de Santano, a place up the Jurua river where we hope to hear of a church being organized soon. Maio Dutro does mission work at the Parana dos Mouros. Orleno Wanderly works with Cicero in mission work up the river from Amonho. Francisco Machado works with Brother Brandon in Cruzeiro do Sul and on journeys. Brother Brandon wanted to send Francisco Rodrigues to do mission work up the Teja river but we do not know just where he is laboring at this writing. This gives you some idea of the vastness of this field and its need. Since returning to Brazil Missionary Brandon has been in very poor health and has not been able to make any journeys except the ones up the Moa river to Japyni and surrounding territory and near Cruzeiro do Sul. The long journey up the Jurua to Amoho and regions beyond that he has planned for so long, he has not been able to make. This field needs his attention badly, but he is too ill to go. The pastor, Miguel Ibernnon, of the Cruzeiro do Sul church, has gone on this journey in place of Missionary Brandon and as soon as he returns he will send a report which will be sent out in this paper. Where is the man that is called to do foreign mission work who will say "Here am I, Lord, send me to Brazil to help Missionary Brandon?" Where is the man who will go on faith trusting the Lord to supply his every need? The Lord said when He was here upon earth that the laborers are few and that is still true today. May the Lord lead someone to make it known that they are called and ready to go.

HALLUMS TELL

(Continued from preceding page) were made welcome and in the afternoon went to advise the people of our presence and to invite them to the meeting that night. We had made trips there before so most of the people remembered to us. About 40 were present at the meeting and more would have come if it had not rained late in the afternoon.

Interest Shown

Some indicated their desire to know more about the gospel. We could tell quite a difference in the number who could speak and understand Spanish than when we made the trip before going to the States in 1945. A lot of the children understand and most of the women understand some. When we were there before only the men and boys who came in contact with the Peruvians in their work could understand Spanish. We asked all who could to come back the next morning for a group picture, and the one enclosed is the result. Most of the men had gone fishing or to work in their chacra so the picture is mostly of women and children. That was a surprise, too, for a few years ago when we tried to get a group picture none of the women would be in it and only a few of the children. This time though after taking the group picture, most of the women wanted their children's picture made separate, so we obliged. None of these people can read or write, so it is only through the spoken word that they have the gospel.

A Second Village

Our next trip was to Ungurahui Nueva. The houses there are grouped closer together, so in the afternoon when mother started to play the organ quite a few children gathered in. I asked them if they would like to learn to sing a chorus and some said "yes," so we had them all sit together while we taught them "Cristo me Ama"—Jesus Loves Me. We promised to take their picture if they learned to sing it well. We decided that we had better see if they knew anything about what they were singing, so we questioned them about who Jesus is, and what the Bible is, etc., and found that we had to explain the chorus word for word before it meant anything to them. In the meantime those who had hurried out when we suggested their learning a song had gathered around the door and the outside wall peeping through the cracks. However they did not venture to join in the singing.

No Religious Teaching

They did not know about creation, not even the name of Adam or Eve or anything regarding it, and they did not seem to have had any other religious training of any kind. How they do need someone to go there and live and teach them daily. They have no school of any kind. I took the picture of those who learned the chorus and you will note that their faces are bright and eager. We invited all to come back that night for the meeting, and told the one who learned the chorus to come and sing it and we would teach them another one.

They came in a body and after going over the one that they had learned we taught them another one. About 35 came out to preaching service that night in spite of the fact it was raining. We wish that we had more time to give to this needy river work, but we cannot be everywhere at the same time. If those who hear the call would answer "Here am I Lord,



MIGUEL IBERNON

CORRECTION: This is a picture of Miguel Ibernnon, the pastor of the Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul. This is the picture that should have been in the last issue instead of the one shown. The engraver made a cut of the wrong picture and sent it to the printer. The picture in the November MISSION SHEETS was of Ebenezer Guimarees whose picture was shown in this paper last February. We are sorry for this mistake. The cut was sent by the engraver direct to the printer and we had no way of checking it. We are happy to show the picture of Miguel Ibernnon above that goes with the copy in the last issue.

MISSIONARY BRANDON

(Continued on next page) future development of life in its fulness in the unknown realms of eternity under the leadership of the mighty Prince of peace, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Church Truth

Some of the things that have happened here develop our brethren in the faith and encourage them to stand on the truth taught them in the doctrine of the church. We believe that she was organized by the Lord Jesus and that true churches of the Lord are on the earth today and that they are direct descendants of the one he organized in the days of His flesh. We believe that she is sovereign in all her deliberations, at liberty to take counsel with other brethren of the same faith but to not receive orders or commands from any. Her liberty is to be exercised within the limits of the written word, her recognized guide is to be the Holy Spirit, while her head is, in all things, to be consulted and submitted to, even Jesus our Saviour.

Women In Order

The undershepherd is to direct her in an orderly and Scriptural way, not as an overlord but as an humble servant of the Lord Jesus, feeding the flock that was purchased with His own precious blood. Recently a Freewill Baptist said to me, "I would give anything if I lived where I could be a member of the church at Cruzeiro do Sul." He continued, "I never saw any disorder there among the women, while among the Freewills they take the lead and things are always in confusion!" We believe and have taught the women to be silent in the churches. We believe the ordi-

send me," there would soon be enough workers for every place.

Yours in Him,
THE HALLUMS.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Florida.....	\$ 55.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Kentucky.....	12.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church (W. M. U.), Paducah, Ky.....	8.40
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.....	25.16
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, B. Y. P. U.	5.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky.....	50.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky.....	95.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio.....	54.75
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan.....	15.91
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Kentucky.....	42.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Kentucky.....	33.35
Bible Baptist Church, De Quincy, La.....	21.36
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky.....	24.18
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Kentucky.....	56.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Kentucky.....	17.87
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Kentucky.....	15.20
North Side Baptist Church, L. B. C., Mayfield Kentucky..	5.00
Olivet Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida.....	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.....	75.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Kentucky.....	35.00
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Kentucky.....	61.05
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Florida.....	45.00
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Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida.....	70.45
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Kentucky.....	9.50
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Michigan.....	73.86
First Baptist Church Russell Kentucky.....	244.56
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Kentucky....	44.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Michigan.....	19.25
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Michigan.....	7.47
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Michigan.....	18.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Trilby, Ohio.....	6.00
Pilot Oak Baptist Church, Wingo, Kentucky.....	50.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Florida.....	5.00
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A Friend, Marion, Kentucky.....	50.00
Elizabeth Givhan, Pontotoc, Miss.....	19.00
Dr. D. J. Dunn, Worthington, Minn.....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Shanks, Worthington, Minn.....	5.00
E. H. Craft, Widen, W. Va.....	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Kentucky.....	13.00
Roger Maslin, Wheaton, Illinois.....	10.00
R. E. Murphy, Castor, La.....	1.00
Mrs. Vorice K. Ward, Kermit, W. Va.....	10.00
William D. Pettitt, Wheaton, Illinois.....	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$1513.12

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for this mission work to the treasurer of the mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:
Elder Z. E. Clark
5216 Concord Avenue
Detroit 11, Michigan

SECOND LETTER

Continued from preceding page in for the electrical apparatus and have finally plugged in the refrigerator and washer and they seem to be OK. We are feeling good about it.

Man Saved On Journey

In regard to the journeys on the rivers, we went to one of the places a few days ago and had good services. One man professed publicly that he was trusting the Lord as his Saviour. We plan to go further up the river on the next journey. May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

R. P. HALLUM.

nances of the churches are but two and that these are to be administered by the ordained servant of the Lord by the order of the church herself, and that they have no value for salvation but are celebrated in memory and in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus, the Head of the Church.

Church Discipline

We believe and exercise church discipline. When brethren associate with heretics they become weak in the faith and unable to defend the doctrine, thus it becomes easy for them to step aside and return to the walks of sin. Such should be exhorted with patience, but if they fail to respond to the appeal of the brethren they should be turned out. We believe that it is just as essential to discipline members as to receive them. Recently we have cast out some demons who had infested our congregation, posing as brethren but proving untrue to the trust. We believe that the local church is responsible

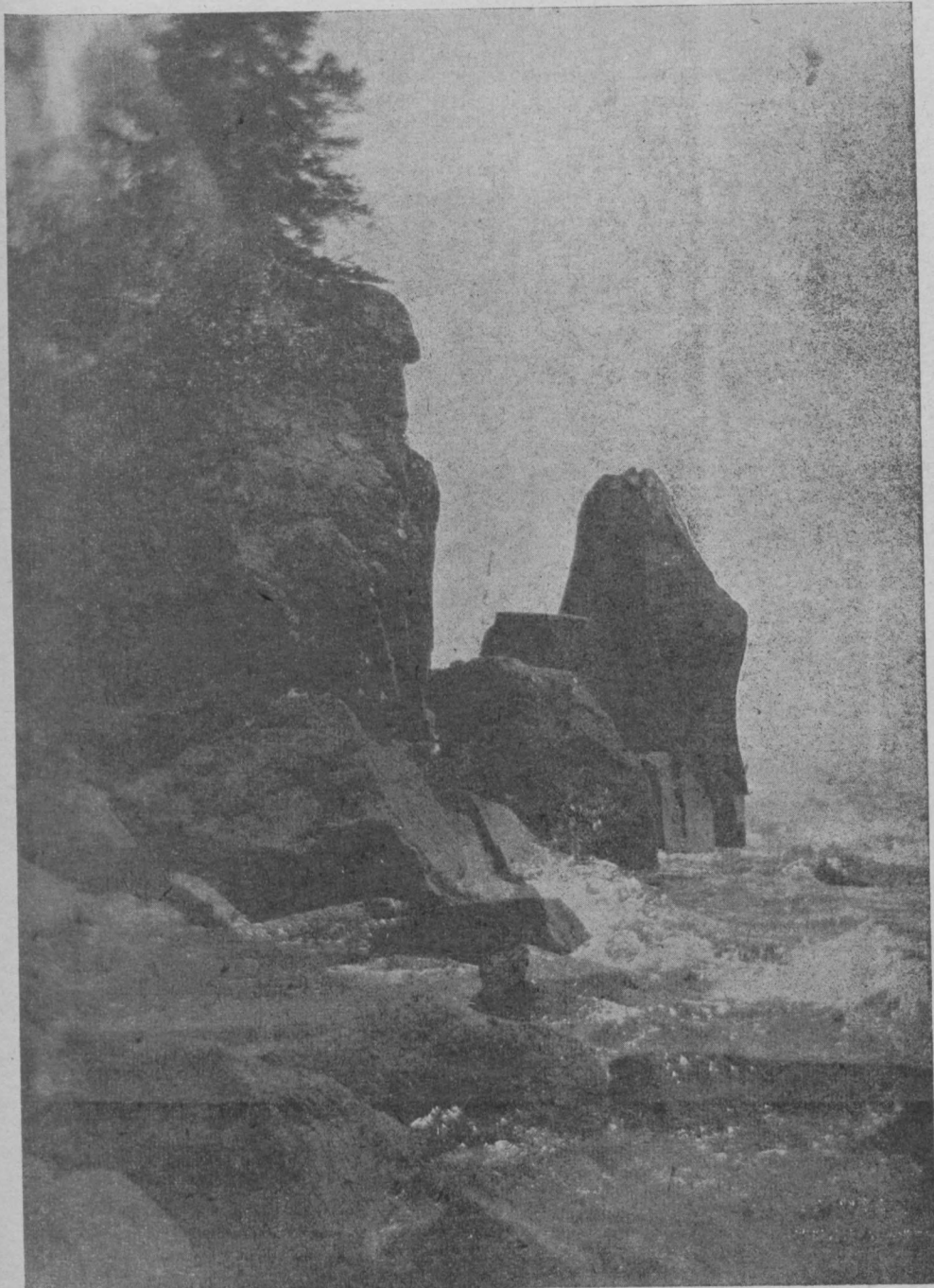
unto God for the evangelization of the community in which she is located, thus we maintain various preaching points in all vicinities where there are believers, also making it possible for God called men to carry the message of salvation to the ends of the earth. We ourselves are the fruit of missionary effort and we want to also bear fruit and for our fruit to remain and thus the Father be glorified in the Son.

From the Heart

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever, faithful is He that calleth, He also will do it and that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord for the glory of the Father. For it pleased the Father that in Him all fulness dwell. Howbeit He knew no sin, yet accepted our sin upon Himself that we might be partakers of the righteousness of God in Him, thus in Him is life and that life is the light of men, for He is our righteousness, by the will of the Father, our passover, our peace, yes, He is the Rock in a weary land, a shelter and refuge in a time of storm. He said if any man be afflicted let Him pray for the prayers of a righteous man availeth much, and as believers are made righteous in Christ, then he who prayeth may rightfully expect liberal returns from the prayers of a humble heart. He has said ye have not because ye ask not, for everyone that asketh receiveth and the beauty of prayer is this, the thing requested is the thing received. Then let us settle our difficulties in prayer. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, both now and forever. Amen.

Sincerely,
J. F. BRANDON

"Bear The News To Every Land"



"Sing ye islands of the sea
Echo back ye ocean caves"

THE NEW BIRTH

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faithful attendance at church. Any man who defies God in such a manner ought to go to HELL when he dies, and God says he will.

Two Forces in the World: Men must realize that there are two forces working in the world: good and evil. Jesus came to save the lost, but the Devil wants everyone damned. The Devil says: "Do not think of repentance now, have a good time, be a sport, live high in the ways of the world; revel in worldliness, gambling, and lust, have a big time while you are young and can enjoy it—there will be time enough later to keep out of Hell." Jesus says: "NOW is the accepted time, today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart. Repent of your sins, follow Me, and I will give you eternal life."

There Are Two Kings: You must follow and obey one of them. Which one do you choose? If you choose to follow the king of worldly pleasures and sin, you are going to HELL. If you choose to follow the king of godliness and love, you will go to HEAVEN.

God Has Given to Every Individual His Own Choosing. If

you take God at His word, repent of your sins, and accept Jesus Christ as your Redeemer and Guide, you will have every angels in heaven, and God Himself fighting on your side. If you take the Devil as your partner, he will back you up in every sin under heaven, even to the murder of unborn babies, and when you are down and out, a curse to yourself and mankind, he will drag you down to hell. If you want to go to hell, you can certainly go to hell. If you want to go to heaven, you can certainly go to heaven.

YOU Can Be Saved by Taking Jesus at His Word: (a)—Repent of Your Sins: Luke 13:3,—"I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance implies a true Godly sorrow for sin, and sincere turning away from sin. Matt. 18:3, "Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Our own wills must be broken, and we must be wholly submissive to the will of God, as a little child is submissive to the will of the parents. (b)—"Believe on Jesus Christ: John 6:47, "Verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." This belief must not only accept the historical fact of Christ, but it MUST include a personal faith

in the redemptive work of His atoning death on the Cross, whereby He paid with His own blood for our sins. We accept this atonement made for us, in surrendering ourselves to Him. Men do not believe in order to be born again. See John 1:13. Faith is produced in the new birth.

The Regenerate's Immediate Response to the New Birth: The natural response to the reception of "new life" is always PUBLIC CONFESSION. Rom. 10:10: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Luke 12:8-9, "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the angels of God. But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."

The Regenerate's Obligation To Obey: We accept Christ Jesus as our Saviour and Master. Therefore we are obligated to obey His commands, and the new born soul is commanded to be baptized. Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Matt. 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:

and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

"Without one plea that I have been
A little better, Lord, than many;
Without one boast that Thou hast seen
My alms and kindly deeds if any.

"Without one plea for more of time
In which to change this poor attire,
To shape a staff with which to climb
A little higher from the mire.

"Without one plea, O Lord, I come
Soiled with my folly and my pride;
This of my penitent prayers the sum—
Lord I have sinned, but Thou hast died."
—Ruby Wayburn Tobias

Friend, don't delay to accept Jesus. Do it TODAY, for no man knoweth what tomorrow will bring.

Turn sinner, turn, O why will ye die? When the sheltering Rock is so near by. Go to God in humble prayer; trusting His love and His promises, and say, "God in Heaven, I am a helpless sinner, but I want to break with sin now, and become a child of Thine. Take me in all my unworthiness, and cleanse me, through the precious blood of Thy Lamb; for I here and now trust His atonement made for me at Calvary, and surrender my all to His will for my life." There is no merit in the words of this or any other prayer. But if from the heart, the sinner really confesses his sins, repents of all sin, and really surrenders his life to Christ; trusting His atoning sacrifice on the Cross for salvation, then his new birth in Christ Jesus is assured. For "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

Jesus died that you might live through faith. Jesus suffered and died that believers might become righteous men through faith, and faith only. The blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse you through faith, and the grace of God will ensure you eternal life.

The blood of Christ our Redeemer paid the whole debt, and satisfied divine justice and we in boldness appropriate the promises of Christ through faith and receive the blessings of the divine nature, the New Birth in Christ, and eternal life.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy begat us into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you . . . Knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, such as silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with the precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

Jesus paid thre price of your redemption. Won't you claim His promise now? Tomorrow could be too late.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

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for themselves garments out of fig leaves, thinking that this would be pleasing to God. Yet, beloved, when those garments of fig leaves had been made, God came down into the garden in the cool of the day, and after a hasty inquisition, that guilty pair confessed their sin before God, only to find that their fig leaf garments did not avail in the sight of God. Immediately God killed a lamb so that an innocent animal died for this guilty pair. An innocent lamb gave its blood in order that this guilty man and wife might be clothed in the skin of that animal.

Of course, all this is but a type of our own spiritual experience. We try to clothe ourselves in our own good deeds, our good works and righteousnesses, our morality and our goodnesses, yet actually God has already said:

"But we are ALL AS AN UNCLEAN THING, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." — Isaiah 64:6.

If it were impossible for Adam and Eve to be clothed with their efforts, so it is likewise impossible for any sinner to be saved from the wrath of God through anything he may do himself. I insist then tonight that man is unable to do anything to save himself.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast." — Eph. 2:8, 9.

Likewise, when the Apostle Paul wrote his second letter to young Timothy, he said:

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." — 2 Timothy 1:9.

If there were no other verses in the Bible, these are sufficient to tell me that no man can save himself by his own works. Yet, the Word of God is filled with this truth from beginning to end; from the very start to the finish of the Word of God, again and again we find the statements that man is utterly impotent and utterly helpless to save himself by his own strength.

II

LET ME GO A STEP FURTHER AND TELL YOU THAT WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT MAN CAN'T SAVE HIMSELF, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT RELIGION WON'T SAVE HIM. There are doubtlessly folk here tonight who think that because I baptized this young man in the beginning of the service this evening, that I have perhaps helped to save him by thus baptizing him. I am sure that there are plenty of folk right here within this town who believe that by the ordinance of baptism or some church ritual or creed that the individual is saved, or at least partially saved thereby. Let me insist that religion won't save any man. Baptism, the Lord's Super, the observance of some ritual or the following of some creed — these will never save any person.

There came to Jesus in the early part of His ministry a man who was undoubtedly religious — a man who was a leader of the Jews. He was the outstanding preacher of the city of Jerusalem, yet when Jesus saw him, He said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." Be-

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WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

(Continued from page three) loved, if that ruler of the Jews, if that outstanding preacher of the city of Jerusalem needed the new birth, then surely nobody in this world could ever be saved by religion.

We have another good example in the case of Saul. Saul was so religious that he thought when he killed Christians he was actually doing God a favor. He tells us himself that he thought he was doing the will of God by the killing of Christian people. He thought that was religion.

"And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers."—Gal. 1: 14.

Yet, beloved, though Paul was a religious man, he was not saved because of his religion—in fact, he was saved in spite of his religion. You find later on that he says:

"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."—Philippians 3:8, 9.

You will notice then that in spite of the fact that Paul was the possessor of a great quantity of religion, that religion did not save Paul. He had to lose all of his religion in order that he might be saved. Let me say to you tonight, sinner friend, who is a professing church member, if you are depending upon religion tonight, it is my prayer that God will help you to lose every bit of religion you have before you get out of the house of God in order that you might trust Jesus as your Saviour. You don't need religion, you need to lose every bit you have in order that you might trust Jesus and thereby have salvation which is to be had only in the Son of God.

Thus, beloved, when I speak to you tonight on the subject of "What the Bible Teaches About Salvation," I say that first of all, the Bible teaches that man can't save himself, and in the second place, it teaches that religion can't save.

III

LET ME SAY TO YOU IN THE THIRD PLACE, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR. If you are depending upon your works, your baptism, your religion, the law, or the Golden Rule, let me insist, beloved, that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. Listen:

"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

"And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen THY SALVATION."—Luke 2:25-30.

What then, beloved, is salva-

tion? Simeon, this Godly man, was led into the temple by the Holy Spirit just as the parents of Jesus brought the babe into the temple to offer Him unto the Lord. Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and said, "Lord, let me depart, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

Listen, beloved, SALVATION IS A PERSON, NOT A CREED. It is the person of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We talk about the plan of salvation. We would do better if we talked about the person of salvation, for the only plan of salvation is the person, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Listen again:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:10, 11.

The angel was speaking of the birth of Jesus. Beloved, Jesus Christ is the Saviour. He didn't come to help save, He came to save. He didn't come to be a partial Saviour, He came to be your Saviour. He didn't come to assist you to save yourself, He came, beloved, to save you when you could not do anything at all in the realm of salvation.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."—Matthew 1:21-23.

These are the words of the angel as he spoke unto Joseph before the birth of Jesus, and he said concerning Jesus, "He shall save his people from their sins."

I'll tell you tonight, beloved, if you want to know what the Bible teaches about salvation, you have it in these verses—Jesus Christ is the only Saviour.

I was impressed a few days ago in reading an article in one of the magazines which I get, which told how there had been at least sixteen individuals who claimed to be saviour, yet only one, the Lord Jesus Christ, could meet the Divine claim of the Word of God. I say to you, beloved, the only Saviour this world has ever seen or shall ever see, is Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem better than 1900 years ago.

IV

IF YOU ASK ME, "WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT SALVATION?" I'LL GO A LITTLE FURTHER AND SAY THAT SALVATION IS THE DELIVERANCE OF A SINNER FROM THE GUILT AND THE PENALTY OF SIN. What is the penalty of sin? Listen:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Romans 6:23.

The penalty of sin is death, so said Paul when he wrote to the church at Rome. Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary and paid that penalty. When you come face to face with Calvary and see those nails that pierced His hands and feet, the side riven with a spear, the forehead mangled with a crown of thorns—when you see the pain as it leaped along His arteries, and see that bosom as it heaved and fell beneath the weight of the sorrow He was

bearing—when you see the suffering and the anguish that was written upon His brow, you see then Jesus Christ paying the penalty of sin.

I say tonight, beloved, salvation means the deliverance of the sinner from the guilt and the penalty of sin. If you have trusted Jesus Christ's death at Calvary to save you, then the penalty and guilt of sin is paid for. I thank God that while the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death," I know that penalty will never fall upon me as it has already fallen upon the person of my substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ.

V

NOT ONLY IS IT TRUE THAT SALVATION MEANS THE DELIVERANCE OF THE SINNER FROM THE GUILT AND THE PENALTY OF SIN, IT MEANS ALSO THE DELIVERANCE OF THE SINNER FROM THE HABIT AND THE POWER OF SIN.

Don't misunderstand me, beloved, there is an old carnal nature that remains in every believer. "Why," you say, "I went to church and I heard a man say that the day the Lord Jesus saved him, He took away every sinful desire, and he hadn't sinned in word, thought, nor deed since he had been saved." You go back, beloved, and tell that preacher that he lied. Listen:

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."—Romans 7: 18-20.

So, beloved, I say that after a man has been saved, he still has an old carnal nature that remains inside him, with the result that there is a warfare going on between the new nature of God and that old nature of sin; and as we grow in grace, we are therefore saved from the habit and from the power of sin. Let me make it clear to you tonight—just in the proportion in which you grow in grace day by day, are you saved from the habit and from the power of sin. That's what Paul meant when he wrote to the church at Philippi. Listen:

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."—Philippians 2:12, 13.

Beloved, God put salvation in you and He said that it is up to you to work out what God has already put within you. In other words, when the Lord saves you from the guilt and the penalty of sin, He puts His nature on the inside of you and then as you grow in grace, you are delivered from the habit and power of sin, and thereby you work out what God has already worked in you the day He saved you.

VI

NOTICE ALSO THAT SALVATION MEANS MORE THAN THIS, FOR IT MEANS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL POSSESSES A NEW NATURE, A DIFFERENT NATURE, A NATURE THAT HE HAS NEVER KNOWN OR HAD BEFORE. 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."—2 Peter 1:4.

If you are saved tonight, you have partaken of the Divine nature—you have God's nature inside you. As I often say, the man that is saved, has something of the Lord God inside him. Therefore, you ought to walk a little bit like God, you ought to talk a little bit like God, and the world ought to be able to see a little bit of God in your life. Why? Because you have the nature of God inside you.

VII

SALVATION LIKEWISE MEANS THAT YOU HAVE A NEW MIND—A MIND THAT YOU CAN THINK RIGHTLY BEFORE THE LORD.

Do you remember the story of the Gadarene demoniac of whom we read in Mark. You remember how Jesus came by and healed that man who was demented, and then he went home with a sound mind. That's exactly what happens when God saves someone. If you are not saved right now, you are as crazy as it is possible for any human being to be, and the only time you ever have your right mind is when the Holy Spirit comes into your life and gives to you a new nature. Beloved, if you are unsaved tonight, you will never have a sound mind until salvation comes your way. Lost sinner friend, you will never be in your right mind until the Holy Spirit begets Christ Jesus in you and you thereby are saved and become a child of God.

VIII

ONE THING ELSE: I WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION, AND THAT IS, THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT SALVATION EVENTUALLY MEANS A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH. It thrills my heart every time I think about what is ours out yonder in the future. When I think about those glorious days that are ahead for the child of God, it thrills my heart and soul just to know what is in store for the man or woman in Christ Jesus. Listen:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."—Revelation 21:1.

Who is going to enjoy this new heaven and new earth? Read on in this same chapter and you will find who it is that shall enjoy it. Listen:

"And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."—Rev. 21:27.

Who is going to enjoy this new heaven and new earth? Those written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Let me ask you tonight—are you saved? Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? You say, "I think it is on the church record book." If that's the only place it is, you had better ask the church to remove it therefrom at once. If that is the only place your name is, you are in a worse condition tonight than you realize you are in the sight of God.

Is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? Are you saved tonight? Have you fully trusted Jesus as a Saviour, or have you just joined the church, been baptized, and doing the best you can, hoping to go to heaven when you die? Wake up tonight

and realize, sinner friend, that you are on the road to Hell, and if you were to die, you would drop into Hell. Jesus is the only Saviour, and the man who trusts anything else is on the road to eternal doom.

May God tonight open your heart and help you to see yourself as you stand in His sight, a guilty sinner, and may you trust my Saviour and be saved now. May God bless you.



GOD'S MYSTERIES

(Continued from page one) said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature he could tell the time of the day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

Thus the Lord, in His wonderful grace, can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is safe.

Another mystery as yet unsolved by man is this: God causes the limb of a tree to grow straight out from the trunk for a distance of forty, fifty or sixty feet, with no other anchorage than fifteen or eighteen inches of fibers which themselves in the trunk of the tree. No human being has discovered how to apply this principle in the construction of buildings or bridges.

God takes oxygen and hydrogen, both of them odorless, tasteless and colorless, and combines them with carbon which is insoluble, black and tasteless. The result of this combination is beautiful, white, sweet sugar. How does God do it? I do not understand.

I know only that God can take your life—drab, useless, and fruitless—and transform it into a beautiful garden of the sweetest graces for His glory. He will do this for you if you will trust your life to Him!



IN CALLING DISTANCE

(Continued from page one) my life in that way." "Are you sure you are within calling distance?" was the somewhat disquieting reply.—Choice Gleanings



WHAT A SWEDE DID

(Continued from page one) Jew ultimately accepted Christ and found salvation.

In closing, Mr. Nathan said, "The young Swede lies in an unknown grave in Chicago; the traveling man, too, has gone to his reward; but I am that Jew, and am now a missionary in Africa, winning souls for Jesus. When we all stand before Him to receive our rewards according to our service, shall I receive all the reward for the souls won in Africa? How about the traveling man who led me to accept Christ? How about the Swede who did what he could for Jesus? Will he not receive his full reward because of his faithfulness?"

— Reformed Church Record



Do not fear to repeat your sermons. They are not so good that people will remember them so long.