

Whenever the furnace door opens before the Christian, it is that he may walk through it with Christ.

## A Challenge To Heretics: The Mourner's Bench Is An Unscriptural Perversion

As this challenge stands open to anyone, I'll here attempt to show you that any preacher or church that uses the mourner's bench is unscriptural, and teaches salvation by works. John 3:3 states that one "must be born again," — from above. Can an unborn babe pray? But by the "grace" and "power" of God one can believe, — "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." — John 1:12, Cf. Eph. 2:8. In John 3:18 we read, "he that believeth (not prayeth) is not condemned"; John 3:16 says, "Whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

In the entire Bible, wherever an altar is used, it is used for a sacrifice, and Christ is our sacrifice for sin,—Heb. 9:26; 10:10-14. Now turn to I Cor. 5:7, where we see where "Christ our Passover" is our sacrifice, and when a preacher puts a sinner down to pray instead of telling him to "Repent and Believe the Gospel," he is perverting God's order. See I Chron. 15:12-13; Acts 20:21. We are told in Romans 1:16 that "The Gospel is the power of God (not prayer) unto salvation to every one that believeth" (not prayeth). When anyone tells a sinner to "pray thru," he denies Rom. 2:4 and teaches works for salvation, instead of grace. Gal. 2:16 teaches we are justified by faith when we believe (not pray) in Jesus Christ. In Gal. 3:22 we read that the Scriptures hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ, might be given to them that believe (not pray). Gal. 3:26 says, we are children of God by faith (not prayer), and any child of God who reads his Bible just a little, will not believe the false belief and practice these mourner's bench worshippers are putting out; and especially after they have been taught; for the Bible teaches, we beget like, and when a preacher preaches works for salvation they beget one who depends on works for salvation. Read Eph. 1:3-14, which does not in any sense give comfort to the unsaved, unscriptural preachers (or churches) that practice the "so-called altar." They want to build a big church and thus run ahead of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 4:3 says, Abraham believed God, and no one told him to pray it through.

According to their practice, I cannot understand how anyone was saved before these so-called Baptist preachers learned to tell the sinner to pray it through, instead of telling them that Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness, to everyone that believeth" (no prayeth). — Romans 10:4 nor 10:17 teaches that faith comes by

prayer. Why won't these preachers return to "Thus saith the Lord" and take what I Cor. 5:6 teaches, instead of glorying in their ability and minimizing God's power; they simply do not give God the glory (see Matt. 15:7-9). Phillipians 2:13 teaches that it is God's work and not our work. Cf. John 6:28; and when a person is saved, he is saved God's way, and can say, I know in whom I have believed (2 Tim. 1:12), and will not be like these preachers who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5). The power that Romans 1:16 is talking about. Now if they can give one verse that

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## HOW CATHOLICS EXPECT TOLERANCE

Tolerance Expected of Others, but Hardly of Herself. In non-Catholic countries, the Roman Catholic Church is a great champion of tolerance. The reason is obvious, of course: tolerance in non-Catholic countries will permit the Roman Catholics to advance their cause. Quite a different situation appertains, however, when the Roman Catholic Church is the dominating religious influence. Then, "tolerance" is not the key-word, but rather, "bigotry." This has never been expressed more clearly than in a recent issue of Rome's Jesuit periodical, *La Civiltà Cattolica*, from which we quote:

"The Roman Catholic Church, convinced, through its divine prerogatives, of being the only

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## If There Were Any Conditions To Grace, Then It Would No Longer Be Grace

Doubtless a sinner must own his lost state and his felt need of salvation ere the grace of God can save him. But, when that grace has wrought a sense of need in his soul, and when he stands convicted before God, as Marguerite Lebrun stood convicted before the queen, and when, like her, he honestly confesses his guilt, and owns that nothing but grace can meet his case, then grace saves him without making any stipulations whatever. Grace deserves everything, but demands nothing!

When a man receives the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, his entire moral being and life are transformed.

But the wonderful changes made in him are not the conditions but the consequences of his receiving grace (Titus 2:12).

Grace makes no conditions. It never exacts! It does not say, "If you do, then I will do." No such word as "if" is in the lips of grace when answering the sinner's deep need. How could grace be grace and demand him to do ought to merit it? Impossible. What saith the Scriptures? "To him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt."

If I give half-a-crown absolutely to a beggar, that is grace; but if I give it conditionally — be the condition ever so small — it ceases to be grace. Suppose I say to him, "If you blacken my boots, then the money is yours." Well, he does what I tell him, and with what result? Simply this: I am under an obligation to him. I owe him half-a-crown, which he claims accordingly. Hence, plainly on the face of it, the reward cannot be reckoned of grace, but of debt (Rom. 4:4,5).

Listen to that whisper Satan gives in the ear of yonder anxious soul:

"You can be saved only on the condition that you are truly penitent." (Thus occupying the soul with its sins.)

Or the whisper is—

"You can be saved only on the condition that you live a holy life." (Thus occupying the soul with its life.)

Or the whisper is—

"You can be saved only on the condition that you have the right kind of faith." (Thus occupying the soul with its faith.)

Or the whisper is—

"You can be saved only on the condition that you feel happy." (Thus occupying the soul with its feelings.)

Or the old serpent speaks his final lie as he hisses his final and most deceitful condition of all—

"You can be saved only on the condition that you hold on to Christ." (Thus occupying the soul with its fears.)

Thank God, His blessed Gospel does not occupy us thus, but fills the eye with Christ! Yes, anxious reader, "the Gospel of the grace of God" is preached to you, and He who is well called "the Spirit of grace" still strives with you, and "the God of all grace" still waits for you, to accept as a free gift from His bountiful hands His unconditional grace. —Scattered Seed

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## IN THE FIELD

"None need go who think of comfort,  
None need go who think of ease,  
But we want ten thousand workers,  
Who will live upon their knees."

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## Cannot Count Mercies

A man was out walking at night with his little daughter, and the stars were out and very bright. The little girl looked up into the shining vault of Heaven, so thickly studded with the shining orbs, and said, "Let us count them, papa." And, beginning at one, she counted five, and then ten, and twenty, and thirty, and forty, and fifty, and up to 100, and 125 and 126. And then she said: "Oh, I'm tired, papa. There are 126. I didn't know there were so many." Astronomers have

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## The Sunday School, A Crime Deterrent

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The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love Him, and serve Him. As a result, the criminal's mental attitudes and actions are guided by a selfish individualism. He has no respect for the law — he hates it. Moral traditions are subject to his scorn as he declares war on society.

Unfortunately, there are many in the United States today who flout the laws of both God and man. This is borne out by facts and figures in the possession of the FBI.

By the end of 1946, a total of 1,685,203 major crimes were recorded in the United States—the highest annual total recorded in the past decade. Crime in urban areas in 1946 increased 7.4 per cent over the previous year as sharp rises were noted in murders, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, manslaughters by negligence, and rapes.

The upward crime trend in

the rural areas was more pronounced in 1946, with an increase of 14 per cent. In each crime classification the rural upswing exceeded that in the cities.

### A Shocking Record

The gravity of the crime situation in 1946 was reflected by the fact that during the average day 36 persons were slain, 33 were raped, and 185 others were feloniously assaulted. During each twenty-four hours, on the average, 172 persons were robbed, 981 burglaries were reported to the police, 630 cars were stolen, in addition to 2,580 miscellaneous larcenies of various types being committed. Although a comparatively small percentage of the total offenses were classed as violent crimes against persons, it is significant to observe that every 5.7 min-

### Mused Uncle Mose

De chu'ch dat keeps de front doah open and de back doah closed is soon goin' to be stagnated wid de wrong kind o' insides.

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### "SIMON PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW"

"And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them." —Mark 1:29-31.

It has always seemed strange that so many things the Catholics contend for today are not to be found within the Word of God. As an example, they say that the preachers ought to live

a life of celibacy—that is, that the preacher ought never to marry. Even though this is contrary to direct statements of our Lord—for example "it is not good for man to be alone"—though it's definitely contrary to such direct statements in the Word of God, the Catholics have taken this position that a preacher ought to remain unmarried all through his ministerial experience. As I say, beloved, that is their position today. You understand this wasn't taught in the Word of God, and celibacy on the part of the priest was never espoused and

never taught until at least one thousand years this side of the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was Pope Gregory VII that instituted priesthood celibacy and that over a thousand years this side of Jesus. Well, beloved, in this particular teaching they do as they have done in the majority of their teachings for the greater percentage of the teachings of Catholics have been evolved and brought into existence this side of the days of the Lord Jesus—some of them very, very much this side of the days of the Son of God. Now, be-

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### Ole Bull

A century or more ago, when Ole Bull, the eminent violinist, was reaching the zenith of his fame, a music critic, who disliked the artist intensely and could appreciate no melodious note from the great artist's instrument, began to deride and satirize Bull whenever opportunity presented itself or could be made. In this publication and that, his criticisms of the musician and his skill were to be seen. Finally, a group of Bull's friends advised the musician that he ought to do

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## THE MOURNER'S BENCH

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substantiates their practice in the entire Bible, it would be appreciated if they will send it to the writer of this tract. I had one so-called Missionary Baptist preacher who pointed out Psa. 10:15; 91:15; Acts 16:29 and Romans 10:13, which goes to show he knew not how to divide the Word. In both Scriptures in Psalms it was written to God's people; in Acts 16 is the only place where the question is asked in the New Testament, "What must I do to be saved?" and the answer was, "Believe (not pray) on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"; as to Romans 10 it is an act of the faith of Christ (Phil. 3:9) in the heart and is instantaneous with repentance and the salvation of the soul (I Peter 1:9); as was the case of the publican.

In closing I want to warn every child of God to return to the way of the Lord, if they do not they will stand before Him and answer as to the why, what and when, for Rev. 2:4, 5 tells how God feels about the ones that leave their "first love." I believe, neighbor, it's just a short time before our Lord will return, so let us take the Bible and make our "calling and election sure" (II Peter 1:10). May the Lord bless this tract to His glory.

Would like to hear from anyone who uses the "altar" or mourner's bench who think they can give a "Thus saith the Lord" for it. — J. A. Frederick

## "PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW"

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loved, just to show you the fallacy and the falsity, and I might say the foolishness of the idea of celibacy of the priesthood, I wish you would notice carefully the scripture that I have read. It is a very definite fact that Simon Peter had a mother-in-law. The Word of God refers to his wife's mother, showing that he had both a mother-in-law and wife living at the time of the writing of this first chapter of the Gospel of Mark. Now, beloved, though the Catholics may talk about Simon Peter being the first Pope and that erroneously, and though they may speak of the celibacy of the priesthood, the fact remains that the man whom they claim to be the first Pope did not live a life of celibacy, but rather the Word of God specifically states that he was a married man and that he was a possessor of not only a wife but a mother-in-law as well.

Our Lord received quite a great reputation as a healer in the regions round about Capernaum, in Galilee. I mean to say, beloved, that Jesus Christ

## NEW CHURCH AT RICHWOOD, W. VA.



From time to time it has been our joy to make mention of the new church building at Richwood, W. Va., which is being built under adverse circumstances in a community which is most destitute of the truth, and even hostile toward it.

The above picture shows the work on the building and progress. Since this picture was made the footer for the basement has been poured and the forms for the basement walls have been put up. It is the desire of this church to get the building under cover before winter.

What a blessing it would be to this church, which is small in number and most needy, if our subscribers would only invest a small sum in the erection of this building. The editor has personal knowledge of the situation there and knows this to be a genuinely orthodox Baptist church. They are deserving of your support. Please send them an offering today.

achieved quite a reputation as a worker of miracles and as a healer in this section of Galilee. It was there that he came out of the synagogue into the home of Simon Peter. He had been very busily engaged working miracles—miracles of healing—miracles of physical restoration. He had been very, very busily engaged in this. He came out of the synagogue and went for a period of rest to the home of Simon Peter. When he arrived at the home of Simon Peter they told him immediately that Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. He at once healed this woman of her sickness and so complete and instantaneous was her healing that the Word of God tells us that she arose and ministered to the family that day. That is to say, she was not only completely healed by Jesus but she was instantly healed by the Son of God to the extent that she arose and doubtless cooked dinner and ministered to the physical wants of Jesus and His disciples within the home that day. Now from this experience, beloved, let us get some spiritual lessons.

## I

THIS WOMAN ILLUSTRATES THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Each is suffering from a spiritual fever. I'd say, beloved, that every unsaved person is literally on fire with sin. It doesn't make any difference what the sin may be. It may be the habit of drink, or it may be a vile temper, or it may be anyone of a thousand sins that the flesh is heir to. The fact remains, beloved, that every

unsaved person is literally on fire with sin and is suffering from a spiritual fever. Let me impress it upon you this morning, beloved friends, that there is no individual in all this world who can claim exemption from this fact. All are sinners in the sight of God. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and Galatians 3:22 says: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin."—Rom. 3:23.

The Hindus have a legend which I think illustrates this truth very forcibly. The legend says that one of their race had been found guilty of thievery and was to be hung on the public square as an example to all other thieves because of his sin. While he was waiting in prison for the day of his execution, he fell upon an ingenious method whereby he would be able to escape the hangman. Accordingly, he told the jailer that he had some information to impart to the King which he would only impart on a personal interview and which information would bring fabulous riches unto the King. The old, greedy, avaricious king on hearing this news about great wealth, immediately granted the interview to this thief who was soon to be hanged.

The thief said that he had a certain secret to impart to the king and that he had a coin, which, if it were planted in a certain spot would grow into a tree, which in turn would produce clusters of coins upon it just like clusters of grapes grow upon a vine. And while it might seem incredulous to you and to me, and while it would seem

that the old king himself should have been somewhat incredulous of the statement which this thief made, yet doubtlessly hoping that there might be something to it, he and his chief minister, his chief priest and his commander in chief of the army went outside of the city with this thief to the spot designated in order that the test might be made. As they stood there, the thief reached within his clothes and pulled from them a gold coin and said, "Now if this coin be planted in this particular spot it will immediately produce a tree and on that tree great clusters of coins will grow from day to day. He said, "The only thing to be remembered is that this coin will have to be planted by an individual whose hands have never been guilty of one single dishonest deed." "And," he said, "since I am a thief, I, therefore, give it to you, most excellent king, that you shall plant this coin." And immediately upon receiving this coin the king said he wouldn't want to be the cause of this great experiment becoming a failure, therefore, in view of the fact that it is my business to collect taxes, it might be that my hands are not perfectly clean. And I, with your permission, oh, king, hand it over to the commander in chief of the army." And the commander in chief of the army at once said, "No, not me, I pay the soldiers and I buy rations and it is doubtlessly possible that my hands are not entirely pure. I'll hand it over to the priest. He will be able to plant this coin." And the priest looked at it and said, "You forget that it's my business to collect the tithes and it is my duty to handle the money used for sacrificial purposes. No, my hands probably are not clean." And then the thief spoke up and said, "My lord, when you and your chief minister of state and your commander in chief of the army and when your chief priest of religion all admit that your hands are not clean, why hang me as a thief, since all of you admit your hands are far from perfect?" The Hindu legend says that this plea won for him his life.

This certainly illustrates the truth to us, for there is not a person, beloved, today, who would be willing to accept that coin since there is not one of us, who has been born in this world but what would admit that in the sight of God there is doubtlessly dishonesty of some form or other clinging to his hands. I say, beloved, then to you this morning, as Simon's wife's mother was sick of a fever, she surely illustrates the spiritual condition of all of Adam's fallen descendants for all of us without a single exception—every one of us stand today, beloved, with a spiritual fever literally on fire with sin within us.

You can follow this analogy a little further, by noticing that people with fever are often quite restless and that fevered people often are quite thirsty and that fevered people, often have appetites for that which they should not have. Surely, this is true of every sinner for the sinner is restless, not satisfied by anything that the world has to offer. The sinner is restless and he has unnatural thirst and the sad thing about it is that he has appetites, many of

them, for things which he himself should not have. I say to you this day, as this woman was suffering with a fever she surely illustrates the spiritual condition of all of Adam's fallen descendants who are suffering this day from spiritual fever, literally on fire with sin.

## II

IT IS ALWAYS INTERESTING TO ME TO SEE WHAT THE DISCIPLES THEMSELVES DID. You will notice the record says that they told Jesus about her condition. Just as soon as Jesus came into the home they told him about the condition of Peter's mother-in-law. I say, this morning, beloved, that every saved person ought to tell Jesus of his unsaved loved ones. I say, beloved, you ought to tell Jesus and not the neighborhood. Don't tell your neighbors about the sins of your husband and your son, but tell Jesus. Surely every Christian ought to be actively engaged in intercessory prayer.

We have a good example this in the experience of Abraham as he interceded for the city of Sodom. It is most touching to hear him plead with God, to spare Sodom asking first for the righteous might be found. Then as he prayed, he dropped it to forty-five, then forty, and ultimately to ten. So burdened was he in behalf of Lot that he continued to agonize and intercede in prayer until he had the promise that if ten righteous ones be found God would spare the city.

Oh that today we might intercede with God concerning the lost like Abraham interceded for Sodom. May we ever remember that the family of Simon Peter told Jesus of the illness of Peter's wife's mother. From this may we ever remember to tell Him of the spiritual illness of our loved ones and friends. It is interesting to notice that they told Jesus of her condition immediately. The word "anon" means immediately. May we likewise put first things first and immediately go to Him concerning our lost friends and loved ones.

## III

JESUS AT ONCE HEALED THIS SICK MOTHER-IN-LAW OF SIMON PETER. It is interesting that He did not ask her to do anything. She was helpless. She was actually unfit to do anything. She would only have spread the contagion of her malady. Everything she touched would have become infected. Even the food she prepared would have been nauseous to think of.

As she was helpless, so each sinner is spiritually impotent before God. There is nothing the sinner can do in the realm of salvation. We are all helpless before God. Listen, Romans fifth chapter and sixth verse: "For when you were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." "WHEN WE WERE WITHOUT STRENGTH." When we were helpless. When we couldn't do anything ourselves. That is just like the rest of the Word of God. Turn with me to Romans fourth chapter and fifth verse: "But to him that WORKS NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Read with me Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT BY WORKS, but by grace, any man should boast." Notice, beloved, in John's Gospel the sixth chapter and twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth verses, we have these words: "Then said they unto him, (Continued on page three)



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shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." They asked what they should do. Jesus told them there was nothing for them to do. Just one work, not works; not plural, but singular. Just one work and that is to believe on him whom God hath sent.

Come back to this home of Simon Peter. There wasn't a single thing that woman could do. I say, beloved, she was utterly and absolutely helpless. And my brother, if ever a sinner ought to see himself as he is in this instance for the helpless is utterly and absolutely helpless in the sight of God to help himself. Notice, beloved, Jesus did everything for her. Jesus did nothing for herself. Jesus did it all. We read: "And she came and took her by the hand and lifted her up and immediately the fever left her." What did she do? Nothing. What did He do? He came, he healed her up, and the fever left her. Don't you see, beloved, there wasn't a thing that she did, but Jesus did it all. This is just like we sing:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.  
He had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.  
There was nothing that she did,  
But Jesus did every-

thing. The record tells us that she was healed immediately. She did not well by degrees so that after while she was well. She was healed immediately. Brother, when the Lord Jesus Christ saves one, he saves him instantly. A man told me of a date that his salvation extended over a period of years. He was not sure yet that he was fully saved to this date. He stated, beloved, that he had repented and had believed, and joined the church and had been baptized and was doing the best he could and that he stated that he was saved and stated that ultimately he would go to Heaven, but that he had had any instantaneous experience with Jesus. You know, is. He has not ever had any experience with Jesus for the Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation was instantly just like this. The Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation, beloved friends, is not a process extended over a period of time. It is the act of the Son of God which takes place in a moment's time.

## IV

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER HEALING? The record tells us that after she was healed she arose and ministered to those who had come to her. Listen:

And immediately the fever left her and she ministered unto

us. I don't know whether it is she cooked dinner for the churchers but I rather think that is what it means. At any rate I think that she ministered to their physical necessities. She was healed, she ministered unto Jesus. I am saying to this morning, beloved, that a person is saved—after the individual is saved, then the service. Then comes the work for our Lord. Some talk about works before salvation. The man or the woman who believes in works before salvation has certainly got part before the horse. Works, before salvation are all the part of Jesus. He work-

ed for our salvation and now that we are saved, we work because of our salvation. Listen:

"For the love of Christ constraineth us."

What is it that makes us want to work? What is it that makes us want to do his will? "THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US." Listen:

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good work, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Eph. 2:10.

Immediately after that the Apostle Paul says that we are saved by grace and not of works, he says: "WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST. My brother, we are saved without works but we are saved for works. We are saved by the finished work of Jesus Christ, in order that we might begin to work for him who died for us. Notice again in the book of Titus:

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."—Titus 3:8.

Brother, sister, this woman wasn't saved by anything she did and you are not saved by anything you do, but after she was saved, she ministered unto Jesus. I contend that when you are saved, when anybody is saved, his desires will be to minister unto the Lord Jesus Christ. I do not, beloved, have any confidence whatsoever in the profession of the individual who, after he professes, fails to live in the light of his profession. I am definitely convinced, beloved, that if one is saved, he will want to follow the Lord in baptism. He will want to follow his Lord in every command. He will want to follow his Lord in every teaching of the Bible. If a man, who is supposed to be saved, makes all kinds of excuses and evades his Christian duties, I would never believe in a million, trillion years that that man knows the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. When this woman was healed, she ministered unto Jesus. And when God saves a man today through the blood of Jesus Christ, that one wants to minister to the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will notice that Jesus did not demand it of her. She did it out of love. Our Lord Jesus Christ wants your service this morning because you love Him. Our Lord Jesus, beloved, wants your service only because you love Him. What she did was because she loved Him for what He had done for her. Our Lord wants your service this morning. He wants your service this afternoon. He wants your service tonight. He wants your service this next week, every day and night. He wants your service out of love to him because of what he has done for you.

You will notice that she did not wait a long period of time to begin to minister to him. But rather she ministered to Jesus immediately. And I contend that when a person is saved that a life of service ought to begin the very moment that the individual is saved. Some folk make a profession of faith, join the church, go on for years and you don't see any change whatsoever in their lives other than the fact that they come to the House of God. I am convinced, beloved, from this and from other scriptures that as she immediately began to minister to Jesus, the man or the woman who is saved will begin to minister unto Jesus as soon as he becomes a child of God.

Now, let's recapitulate this message: Here was a woman who was sick of a fever, illustrating the spiritual sickness of every soul. Here was a wo-

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true church, must demand the right to freedom for herself alone, because of the fact that such an authority can only be possessed by truth, and never by error. As to other religions, the church will never draw the sword, but she will require, by every legitimate means, that they shall not be permitted to disseminate false teaching. Consequently, in a state where the majority of the citizens are Roman Catholic, the church will demand that legal existence shall be denied to error, and that if religious minorities do exist, they shall have only de facto existence, without any opportunity to propagate their beliefs...

"In some countries, Roman Catholics will be obligated to ask that there be full religious liberty for all, resigned at being forced to dwell together where they alone should rightfully be. But in so doing the church cannot blush for her own want of tolerance as she proclaims it in principle and applies it in practice."

So there we have it in black and white. As long as she is in the minority in any country or

man who could not do anything to heal herself. Jesus did it all. That is what Jesus is willing to do for you. And when she was healed she immediately began to minister to Him. If our Lord has saved you, you ought to begin immediately to let your light shine for Him and your life count for Him. May God this morning, take these simple lessons from this story of Peter's mother-in-law and may He impress upon you today these truths.

May God bless you!

## THIS EARTHLY HOUSE

"A house . . . eternal in the heavens" -- 2 Cor. 5:1

You tell me I am getting old but that's not really so,  
The house I live in may be worn, and that, of course, I know.  
It's been in use a good long while, and weathered many a gale,  
I'm therefore not surprised to find it's getting somewhat frail.  
You tell me I am getting old; you mix my house with me,  
You're looking at the outward side, that's all most folk see.  
The dweller in the little house is young and bright and gay,  
Just starting on a life that lasts through long eternity.  
I want to be made fit to dwell in that blest House above,  
Gleaned in the Precious Blood of Christ and growing still in love.  
The beauty of that glorious Home, no words can ever say;  
'Tis hidden from these mortal eyes, but kept for me some day.  
That "House eternal" shall be mine, in realms beyond the sky,  
Its Architect and Builder is my Saviour now on high;  
But when I think He's leaving all the furnishing to me,  
So "Treasure up in Heaven" I, must store each day, you see.  
The color changing of the roof, the windows looking dim,  
The walls a bit transparent and getting rather thin.  
The foundation's not so steady as once it used to be  
And that is all that you observe; but it's not really me.  
I patch the old house up a bit to make it last the night,  
But soon I shall be flitting to my Home of endless light.  
I'm going to live forever there; my life goes on--it's grand;  
How can you say I'm getting old? You do not understand.  
These few short years can't make me old; I feel I'm in my youth;  
Eternity lies just ahead, full life and joy and truth.  
We will not fret to see this house grow shabby day by day,  
But look ahead to our new Home which never will decay.  
A house eternal in the Heavens will be for me some day!  
When God shall call I'll heed the summons and leave this house of clay.

BETH GOOMBE HARRIS

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community, the Roman Catholic Church will work for tolerance, so as to become a majority factor. But wherever the Roman Catholic Church is in the majority, she will, by her own assertion, demand freedom for herself alone, and will be expressly and superlatively intolerant of any form of religious teaching that is not Catholic.

This attitude of intolerance on the part of the Roman Catholic Church is not a surprise. The only astonishing thing is that she should speak her mind so freely. Of this we can be assured: if ever the Roman Catholic Church grows to such an extent that her followers in this country are in the majority, all her pleas for tolerance will cease forthwith, and her voice will be as bigoted as her heart is now. And such a day is coming—the day of the apostasy that will immediately precede the return of Christ in power.

## DANIEL WEBSTER

Daniel Webster, the great American jurist, was once asked why he went, twice every Sunday, far out into the country to listen to an unheard-of village preacher while ignoring the famed and more brilliant ministers in the city of Washington, D. C. This was his reply: "In Washington, they preach to Daniel Webster, the statesman; but this country preacher has been telling Daniel Webster, the sinner, of Jesus, and it has been helping him."

Who can help men, or what can help men, but Christ, and His Cross, and His high-priestly ministry on their behalf? An old, old story is well to recall. It concerns the minister, kindly, diligent, and dearly loved by the Lord's flock that was under his care, who, nevertheless, seemed to have little power in his mes-

sages. Then one Sunday, when he took his place in the pulpit, he saw a slip of paper that had been placed there, with these words: "Sir, we would see Jesus!"

At first the kindly old preacher was deeply wounded. For days the words burned as a hot iron across his heart; but because of this, he began to think more about the Person of Christ. This began to reflect in his life, and in his ministry also. Time passed, and at length, on another Sunday morning there was another message awaiting him on his pulpit, which read: "Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord."

When we tell others of the Lord Jesus, it helps them. Would that more of those who serve as "ministers" of Christ would bear this tremendous fact in mind.

"Your testimony by and in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER will be, I am sure, amazing when we who are born again believers stand before our Lord to give an account of our witnessing and testimony. I reiterate I feel and believe THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to be the soundest and best fundamentally as "Thus saith the Lord" of any Christian periodical that is published today."

JOHN H. KAIN,

West Cape May, N. J.

Deac'n Slatterfoot, he plenty mad. He say he gonna sue de pahson fo' hirin' a deetective to spy on 'im.



## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, A DETERRENT TO CRIME

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who were wanted at that time for questioning. The officers located the boys and were at once confronted with a defiant group of youngsters rivaling the hostility of hardened gangsters. Four boys armed with machine guns held the officers at bay. As the two officers awaited reinforcements and sought to avoid bloodshed, the boys retreated to the swamps along a nearby river. The youngsters were surrounded and called upon to surrender. Their answer was a volley of gunfire. In the pitched battle which followed, a 14-year-old boy was killed. The others surrendered.

These youngsters turned out to be the ringleaders of a youthful gang which had perpetrated a wave of thefts. On two successive nights prior to the gun battle, the gang of boys had burglarized a National Guard armory and had made away with an arsenal consisting of sub-machine guns, rifles, hand grenades, several thousand rounds of ammunition, and other government property. Previously, the boys had stolen several cars, burglarized storehouses, an automobile agency, and a private residence.

The leader of the gang was 18. He led a band who refused to practice the very necessary virtues of honor, decency, and love of God and country. Certainly, these boys had very little chance to learn and appreciate these virtues because they had been exposed to indifference, lack of parental guidance, and drunkenness.

After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence. The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom and, second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

### The Initial Responsibility

Criminals are not born. They are products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness. If we are to get down to fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime it is necessary to begin to build the spiritual structure of the child at the cradle. This responsibility rests initially with the parents. The home must be the first great arena of teaching. In the final analysis, the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; where childish independence is encouraged, and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes

need help and the Sunday schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters. Our Sunday schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to life-wrecking temptations. Instead, the boys and girls who have gone to Sunday school have been well prepared for the entire span of life.

The Sunday school is a citadel of real spiritual influences. Religion to a boy or girl becomes a reality based on love and not on fear. Youngsters come to know that God asks more than mere lip service to His commandments; that He asks us to live under His guidance and love.

The Sunday school teaches the power of prayer and the need to make God an intrinsic part of our daily lives. The Sunday school teaches the child to "rule his spirit" and to place a reliance upon God which will not be shaken in later years. It stands as a strong bulwark against the angry waves of evil presently sweeping across our nation. It is a powerful medium in materially reducing the army of youthful offenders and delinquents.

I would like to pay tribute to the thousands of loyal men and women who are serving unselfishly as teachers in our Sunday schools. We in law enforcement look upon them as companions-in-arms in the fight against crime.

As true Crusaders for Christ, the Sunday school teachers want the nation's children to be honest, truthful, and unselfish. They are convincing youngsters that right habits, attitudes, and appreciations are necessary attributes for decent living. They are in the front ranks of the great army of American who are courageously fighting to free our national scene from dishonesty, selfishness, greed, and moral instability. In recruiting for God, they are building for America.

More often than not, a child is first introduced to the Bible by a Sunday school teacher. It is quite impossible to believe that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems, and the inspiration for Christian living.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," is a precept which must be followed by all if life is to have a meaning. Our forefathers believed in the inspired Word of God and their religious faith and simple devotion produced a strong national character.

If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain that the children of the nation attend Sunday school. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford to their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday school.

### CANNOT COUNT MERCIES

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counted 380,000,000 stars, and they have not yet commenced. Why, you might as well try to count those countless stars as to try to count God's mercies. You might as well try to count the drops of water in the sea or the grains of sand upon the shore, or the office-seekers after a presidential election. If we only think, we shall say with David: "According to thy tender mercies."

God will not force you to

## A LIFELESS IDOL OF MARY WAS THERE, BUT WAS JESUS THERE?



When the High School Sodalists of Washington, D. C., hold their dances, they are careful to observe an old Sodality custom; they bring a statue of Our Lady into the ballroom and Our Lady presides over the dance. Halfway through the dance the young couples pause; the orchestra plays Father Lord's hymn "Mother Beloved" and five hundred youthful voices sing out the words:

"Mother Beloved of God and of men,  
Here at your feet, faithful we meet.  
Comrades of Mary, redeemed by your Son,  
Keep us who love you,  
In all things one."

One of the officers comes forward and places a crown upon Our Lady's statue. When the hymn is over the Sodalists kneel, recite the Memorare and a Hail Mary. Then they receive the blessing of the priests who happen to be present. Then they resume the dance. Mary is in the hearts of the Sodalists and Mary's praises are on their lips. The hotel people invariably remark, "This is always the nicest dance of the year." But the Sodalists, while pleased to hear these observations, are not particularly startled by them. "Of course it was nice. Our Lady was here."

—The Sunday Visitor

count His mercies. He will not choke you into doing His will. But if you refuse to do His work, knowing of the many mercies God has bestowed upon you, you have lost all right to be called a man.

Go back one short year in your life and try to count the many blessings God has given you. You will find yourself unable to count them all.

### Come Too Fast To Count

An old lady said one morning that she would try to count all God's mercies for that one day; but at noon she was becoming

confused, and at two o'clock she threw up her hands and said: "They come three times too fast for me to count."—Sunday

### OLE BULL

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something about it, to answer the critic in some way. The violinist replied: "Old Bull's fiddle will answer his critic."

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He wore his rubbers when it rained.

He slept with the window open.

He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands.

He golfed — but never more than eighteen holes at a time.

He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper.

He did his "daily dozen" daily.

He was all set to live to one hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He is survived by eight teen specialists, four health institutes, six gymnasiums, numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

He forgot God, lived as if the world was all, and is now warning those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20).

Guess his name! — Windy Ave. Bible Church News

## SIR JAMES SIMPSON

The discoverer of chloroform, Sir James Young Simpson, lay on his death-bed, and asked: "What do you consider your greatest discovery?" The answer was: "On the morning of Christmas Day, 1861, I discovered that I was a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Saviour."