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The Need And Blessing Of Old-Fashioned Christian Homes

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ents rear their children in God's nurture and admonition, where children obey their parents, where God's Word has a place, where the Sabbath rolls in tender blessing over the threshold—a field where love grows its orchard of most delicious fruits.

The rocking-chair in a Christian nursery is higher than a throne. It is not too much to say that though George Washington commanded the forces of the United States, Mary Washington commanded George. Chrysostom's mother sharpened his pen for him and kindled unquenchable spiritual fires in his heart. If a man should start out to run seventy years in a straight line, he could not get from under the shadow of his own mantlepiece. If the modern mother throws the cares of her household into the servant's lap and

spends the afternoons and nights at clubs, operas, theatres she may clothe her children with satins and laces that would confound a French milliner, but her children are orphans. And there are too many orphans to day.

There are evidences that the influence of the home is less strong on the constructive side than in earlier days. The home has experienced difficulty in keeping pace with alternative diversions, in consequence of which the parent-child relationship is threatened. The influence of the home is foundational and primary. The purification and power of our national life is dependent upon the home. The overproduction of spiritual pygmies today is traceable to the absence of great homes. Great

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Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isa. 1:18.

Fidel Literature In Many Of Our Sunday Schools, A Definite Curse To Our Children

Bob Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of Los Angeles, comments in his paper, the Methodist Challenge, on Sunday School literature published by his denomination. He says, "The Presbyterians of the Northwest are wondering whether the Sunday School literature costing a million dollars, re-issued, is worth the money. If it is the same kind we are getting for our money, we can tell them right now that they are cheated. Some of us have discovered that any Sunday School literature that

questions the Bible, belittles the Blood Atonement and ridicules the birth of Jesus is too high at any price. Many Methodist churches would no more permit Methodist Sunday School literature to be taught in their Sunday Schools than they would permit Unitarian literature to have right of way."

Many editors are crying out against the evil of the comic books, and rightly so. Such literature is dangerous and will destroy the characters of the young people who read it. However, there is another danger, and this time it comes from within the church. We have learned through experience not to trust everything that bears the label of Christianity. We are told to try the spirits to see if they be of God. Many religious organizations are publishing the kind of literature described by

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SOME FOOD FOR SERIOUS THOUGHT

In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Present were:

- The President of the largest independent steel company.
- The President of the largest utility company.
- The greatest wheat speculator.
- The President of the New York Stock Exchange.
- A member of the President's cabinet.
- The greatest "bear" in Wall Street.
- The President of the Bank of International Settlements.
- The head of the world's largest monopoly.
- Collectively, these tycoons

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Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson say he git up two big hot sarmons fo' Sunday, but he say dat atter he git de fust 'un preached seem lak de second 'un cool down a awful lot.

Episcopal Folly In Mission Work Another Proof That We Are Living In The Last Days

At the Protestant Episcopal General Convention, in 1946, a plan of radio evangelism, to cost approximately \$2,000,000, was voted, and the presiding bishop, Henry Knox Sherill, appointed a special commission to "sell" the Episcopal Church, by radio. On October 1, 1948, the Protestant Episcopal Church began a nation-wide broadcast as a result of the findings of this commission. \$2,000,000 for evangelism, and here is what is offered!

Each week at this same hour, the Episcopal families of your own community bring you the Episcopal Actors' Guild and invite you to share the dramatic inspiration of Great Scenes from Great Plays.

So speaks the announcer before every broadcast. The first dramatization that was presented was "Cyrano de Bergerac," starring Walter Hampden, to be followed by "The Corn Is Green," "A Tale of Two Cities," "On Borrowed Time," "Little Women," etc., featuring such

actors as Jane Cowell, Basil Rathbone, Boris Karloff, Joan Caulfield and others.

Said Bishop De Wolfe: "We speak of missionary programs and think of Asia and Africa. But there are 70 million pagans in America, and we have missionary work to do right here. The conventional type of religious radio program has been ineffective in reaching the unchurched. This is a good place to begin building spiritual foundations."

Another spokesman for the Protestantism declared that there would be "no sermon, no hymn, no Bible quotation, and no prayer . . . The people we

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The Invisible Church

There is no such thing known to the Bible. It is a trick of the devil to detract from the only church known to the New Testament—a local, visible body. I know there is a church in an institutional sense, as one speaks of The Home, meaning that which represents all of the local, visible homes. The New Testament knew only THE CHURCH at Rome, THE CHURCH at Ephesus, etc., and never THE CHURCH in a universal sense. THE CHURCH of the New Testament is THE CHURCH in its local sense wherever it was located. If the Devil can minimize the local church he has succeeded in winning a great victory. The pastors of the local churches were men who served local churches, and never a universal institution. It is a local church the ordinances of the church are observed. It is a local church that deacons serve, and where discipline is administered (that is, where and when it is administered). None of these things belong to an invisible something called a church. It is the local church that congregates for worship, that sings

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"THE CONFESSION OF THE SAVED THIEF"

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly: for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Luke 23:39-43.

A lad came back from overseas some months ago and told me of seeing two monuments in a cemetery in Germany. On one of them was chiseled two words "In Vain" and on the other was just one word "Forgiven." He said he learned that these two monuments represented two sons in one home.

I have in mind that those same two monuments might have been erected in behalf of the two thieves of whom I have read to you about this evening. Since one of them died unrepentant while the other died in faith believing upon Jesus, then surely

it could be said that one died in vain while the other died forgiven.

What was true of these two might be true of two individuals within this house tonight. It might be said of some that when they die it is in vain and that others die forgiven.

I know of no portion of the Word of God which ought to encourage and thrill the heart of the believer and at the same time convict an unbeliever more than the passage which I have read to you this evening. Three men had been arrested—all for

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Streamlined Church

According to Herald of Holiness, the booming town of Rockford, Michigan, has a new kind of religious service. The pulpit is outdoors, and the people just sit in their cars and listen as though they were attending an outdoor movie theatre. The advertising promises a 45-minute service, with the sermon lasting no longer than 15 minutes.

This is somewhat different from the synagogues in which Christ worshipped and the apostles preached the gospel and the upper room where the disciples met after the ascension of Christ. This new idea reflects the spirit of the age. Too many people look upon the church and Christianity as an adjunct to their normal life. To some, it is like dessert, something sweet after the regular meal. To others, it is like an aspirin, a sedative for pain. To some, it is like a life insurance policy, good only when they die; while to others, it is like a medical or disability insurance, to be used when in trouble.

Christianity is Christ; and he who does not have Christ does not have life. He is dead in trespasses and sins. —Good News Broadcaster

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"A THIEF'S CONFESSION"

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the same crime. Thievery! Three malefactors had been sentenced to death. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if they might have all been a member of the same group. At any rate, three individuals had been arrested as thieves, had been tried and found guilty and sentenced to die. The cross for all three had been prepared and in a few days' time these three malefactors must meet God on the cross. In the course of human events, which likewise are always ordered of God, the crowd clamored for the crucifixion of a fourth. The Lord Jesus Christ.

In order that he might save Jesus from the ignominy and the shame of crucifixion, Pilate presented unto the Jews the fact that at that season of Jewish worship, it was his custom to release unto them a prisoner. He hoped that they would grant the release of Jesus. However, instead of granting the release of Jesus, the Son of God, the crowd clamored for his death and demanded the release of Barabbas, one of the three thieves who already was condemned to die. That meant three individual crosses having been prepared for the three thieves were awaiting and since one of these thieves, Barabbas by name, had been spared from crucifixion, it naturally fell the lot of Jesus to be crucified upon the cross that had been prepared for Barabbas.

Accordingly, beloved, they brought Jesus and the two thieves to death the same day and when these thieves died on either side of Jesus, the sinless suffering Saviour, died as a substitute and sin bearer for God's elect. It is highly conspicuous that while Jesus was dying and the crowd was milling around at the foot of the cross that those two thieves likewise engaged in conversation both with themselves and with Jesus. And in the course of the time of their deaths, one of them realized that Jesus was the Son of God and he cried saying, "Lord, remember me in the day that thou comest into thy kingdom." Then it was that Jesus stopped dying long enough that He might be able to say, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

I

THIS THIEF CONFESSED THAT DEATH WAS JUSTLY DUE HIM. When his companion in death rebuked the Lord Jesus Christ for not descending from the cross and saving himself and the thieves, this one who received Jesus as his Saviour said:

"Dost not thou fear God seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And WE INDEED JUSTLY for we received the due reward of our deeds."—Luke 23:40, 41.

He admitted that he was getting justice. He admitted that it was the due reward of his deeds

CHRISTIAN AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

BELIEF CONCERNING THE CREATED UNIVERSE

CHRISTIANITY. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."—Gen. 1:1. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth forth his handiwork."—Psa. 19:1.

When God asks you questions concerning your duty to the heathen, do you answer them in your own favor, or in His and theirs?

BRAHMANISM. One supreme God created the universe and all lesser gods. He is a part of everything and everything is a part of him. From him come all the evolutions of nature. Pure creation is absurd.

HINDUISM. Brahm produced, from his own substance, an egg containing all the primary atoms, principles and seeds of future worlds. The egg grew to wondrous size, and when mature, the spirit within burst it and creation's products were produced.

BUDDHISM. It is materialistic. It knows no creator. Creation was effected by the laws of nature, cause and effect. Destruction and renovation are constantly going on by the forces of nature, causing continuous changes everywhere.

TAOISM. All things came through evolution. "Nature is seen to do everything for herself without the meddling of God." Its teachings correspond to the theory of Nebular Hypothesis.

Do you say that you must have a "special call" to go to the heathen? If you really loved them, you might insist upon a "special call" before you would consent to stay at home.

CONFUCIANISM. Originally, all was chaos. The two principles in nature, male and female, exerted their harmonizing influence and the purer elements ascended and formed heaven, while the baser descended and formed earth. From these, all things sprang into being.

ZORASTRIANISM. Two gods were made by one supreme being. One created the light, stars and all that is good. The other created darkness, evil and everything that is bad. He ever tries to spoil the work of the good god.

Have you ever thought that God might have a real right to order you, as a soldier, to the front?

PARSEEISM. Ormazd, the god of light, created the world and fixed its duration at 12,000 years. He also created the sun and moon to aid him in his fight against Ahriman, the god of evil. "I invoke the holy world made by Ahura Mazad (Ormuzd)."

SHINTOISM. Before the gods existed, all things were enveloped by a huge egg in chaotic form, in which was the life germ. It grew and the egg burst. The lighter substance floated up and made heaven and the heavier made earth. Japan was the first part created and is the "land of the gods."

MOHAMMEDANISM. The Mohammedan view of the creation of the universe is much like that given in the Bible, from which it was doubtless taken. God spake and the objects of creation sprang into being.

The Spirit of God can convert the heathen, but He must have a Spirit-filled Christian there as a sample of the work which He will do for them.

that he was receiving. I say then, beloved, he confessed that death was justly due him.

My brother, sister, if you and I would make a true honest confession before God tonight, everyone of us would admit that spiritual death is justly due the last one of us. A good while ago I read a sermon preached by a minister out in Texas. In the beginning of his sermon he had prayed and the stenographer had recorded his prayer as well as his sermon. In his prayer he said, "Lord, deal with us in justice." When I read that prayer, then aloud I breathed another prayer in my behalf. I said, "Oh, God, don't answer that prayer on me!" Brethren, I don't want God to deal with me in justice. If I got justice tonight, I would go to a devil's hell! There isn't a man or woman within this house but what if he received the justice of God, would spend his eternity in hell! Some individuals talk about the fact that they deserve salvation. Not so, my brethren, no man deserves God's grace! We all deserve damnation! Everyone of us deserves to go to hell. As this man confessed that death was justly due him, so every one of us need to stand at the foot of the cross and confess tonight that spiritual death—ultimate damnation in hell is justly due the last one of us as Adams' fallen descendants.

you one tonight who is sinless; who is perfect; who never, though tempted abundantly, never sinned in any wise at all. Brethren, when this thief referred to the Son of God as having done nothing amiss, he confessed at that time the sinlessness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III

THIS THIEF CONFESSED THAT JESUS WAS GOD—God in the flesh. He said, "LORD, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." When he called him Lord, beloved, he thereby called Jesus God. Beloved, that is who Jesus is! Some individuals think of Jesus as merely a man. Some think him as something a little more than the ordinary man. I say, my brother, he was God! God in the flesh! When this thief referred to him as Lord, he likewise called him God.

All around that cross where Jesus was being crucified there were those who were deriding Jesus and denying His divinity:

"And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God."—Luke 23:35.

They were thereby denying the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. You know the Jews at large said he wasn't God and even down to this day they try to explain His birth, by saying that Jesus was a "war baby"—that His mother was a Jewish maiden and His father was a Roman soldier, that was quartered in the land of Palestine and that Jesus was nothing more or less than what we might call a "war baby"—an illegitimate son of Mary. And as they gathered there about the cross they denied His divinity.

Yet, beloved, above all their denials, that thief looks into the face of the Son of God and calls him Lord to the glory of God the Father. I rejoice tonight, beloved, to say that I too join with the thief in calling Him Lord and remind you again and again that Jesus was not man but God in the flesh! Many say that they don't believe that He is divine but that He is a good man. I say, beloved, He is not good if He is not divine, but rather he is a lying blasphemer if He be not the divine Son of God for He claimed Himself to be God in the flesh! That thief looked at Him and called Him Lord. He confessed not only the sinlessness of Jesus, but likewise that Jesus was God.

IV

HE CONFESSED THAT JESUS WAS KING, for he said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."—Luke 23:42. All through the Old Testament it had been prophesied that Jesus Christ was to be King. For example:

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."—Ps. 2:6.

However, beloved, He was rejected by the Jews as King. To be sure they bowed their knee in mockery before Him, they put a crown of thorns upon that head that ought to have borne the greatest diadem that might have ever been placed upon any brow. They placed a scepter of reed in the hand which should have a scepter of iron as he shall finally rule the world. They bowed their knees before him in mockery and called Him king. It was all mockery so far as they were concerned. They rejected Him as the king who had been sent of God into this world. I rejoice, beloved, that though they rejected him that some day I, like this thief, am going to own Him as my king.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts



"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contention? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They tarry long at the wine; they like to go to seek mixed wine."

"Look not thou upon the wrath when it is red, when it gives his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the it biteth like a serpent, stingeth like an adder."—Prov. 23:29-32.

and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."—Rev. 5:11-14.

Brethren, they may have rejected him as king when He was here in the days of His flesh, but some day Jesus Christ is going to reign as king and in that day every knee should bow before Him and every tongue should confess that He is God, and that He is king.

You may refuse to recognize Jesus as your Saviour and yet may tonight absolutely reject Him as being your king; you may tonight deny Him and refuse to take your stand for Him as your Saviour; you may tonight refuse to confess Him as your Lord and king. There is every day coming, beloved, when every knee in this world will bow, beloved, to Christ and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord to the praise of God the Father. I stand beside that cross on which the thief was dying and I hear him call Him Lord as He says, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom, confessing thereby that Jesus is king and I look forward to that blessed day when all humanity of all ages shall confess that Jesus is king to the eternal praise of our Heavenly Father.

V

HE CONFESSED JESUS' RESURRECTION for he said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Jesus was dying. He would no longer be in this earth to walk about. How could He come into His kingdom unless there should be a resurrection? (Continued on Page Three)

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a resurrection? There had to be a resurrection of that dead body of the Son of God if Jesus Christ ever came into His kingdom. I thank God tonight, beloved, that though they stationed Roman soldiers about His tomb that it might be kept sure—I thank God that all the power of God was felt in that dead body of Jesus, the Son of God. He rose victoriously over death and over the tomb. He came forth and He is alive. He is not the lowly Nazarene but the Lordly son of God reigning as a resurrected Christ tonight. Talk about a man being saved who doesn't believe in a resurrection. The Word of God tells us that Jesus died for our sins and that He was buried and arose again for our justification.

Brethren the man who doesn't believe in the resurrection of the Son of God will never be saved for the resurrection is a part of the Gospel. If Jesus only died and was buried you have a dead Christ in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. But if he were raised you have a living Christ seated at the right hand of the Father tonight. I rejoice that like the thief I too can confess His resurrection tonight.

VI

HE CONFESSED THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. He said "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."—Luke 23:42. Beloved Jesus Christ is coming back to this world some day. His coming is our hope tonight. We haven't any hope in the UN. We haven't any hope, beloved, in our government so far as bringing to pass peace upon this earth. We haven't any hope in any senator or in any politician. Brethren, my hope is in the second coming—the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world.

After that He had died and had been raised, the disciples followed Him out to the hill of Olivet and saw Him as He lifted Himself up into the air and as they stood gazing after Him, the angel stood beside Him and said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11. They had seen Jesus go up into the sky. The angel of God said, "He'll come again just like you have seen him go."

God's Word tells us in Revelation that He is coming in the clouds, that every eye shall see Him as He appears in the clouds. Some time ago I was travelling from Chicago and Kansas City—flying along at about 250 miles an hour something over ten thousand feet in the air. I looked out in the distance and I saw a great big cloud and it seemed that we were going right into it. I remembered that

text that said, "He is coming in the clouds." My heart leaped with joy as I said to myself, "He might be on that one." As that thief confessed the coming of Jesus Christ, I am glad that I too can confess my hope in His coming tonight. A child of God should not be looking for an undertaker. A child of God should be looking for the "undertaker." A child of God ought not to be looking for a hole in the ground. He should be looking for a hole in the sky to meet the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes.

VII

In view of that confession NOTICE HOW HE WAS SAVED! Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." This word "paradise" is only used three times in the Word of God.

"I knew a man in Christ about fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth; such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); How that he was caught up into PARADISE, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."—II Cro. 12:2-4.

The second reference is:

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the PARADISE OF GOD."—Rev. 2:7.

Now, beloved, where was this man to be with Jesus? Paradise is in the third Heaven where God the Father is and if paradise is where the tree of life is and the river of water of life is, then, brethren, I am persuaded to believe that that man was going to be with Jesus in Heaven.

It was that very day, he was saved. He did not go, beloved, into limbo or purgatory. He did not go into an intermediate place on the road to Heaven. He went into paradise, into the third Heaven where God the Father is, where the tree of life is, where the river of water of life is. He went there saved though he was a great sinner. He was a criminal, a thief, a malefactor, yes, and a blasphemer, for in the beginning of the crucifixion he, as well as the other blasphemed the Lord Jesus Christ. However, He was saved, though he was a great sinner. But I have some good news for you tonight if you feel yourself a great sinner. I have good news for every sinner tonight. "The Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10. Paul said as he wrote to young Timothy:

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."—I Tim. 1:15.

Brother, Sister, this thief was saved though he was a great sinner. If God could save him and if God could save Paul as the chief of sinners, God can save you tonight in spite of your sin. Brethren, is there a man tonight who might say, "I am the worst man within this town." Then I have good news for you. The Word of God tells us that where sin did abound the grace of God did much more abound. In spite of all your sins, God's grace is greater than all our sins.

This man was saved instantly. Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." No long waiting, no passing around though some other channel in order to get into Heaven, but right now saved instantly and immediately.

Paul on the road to Damascus saw the light shine out from God and he fell from his horse to the ground and when he stood upright he said, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" He was saved instantly!

Zacchaeus up in the tree, looked down at Jesus. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down. I must abide in thy house." When he turned loose of that limb and fell down to the feet of Jesus, he stood as a saved man ready to confess Jesus as His Lord and he did so by inviting Jesus publicly to come home with him.

Brethren, salvation isn't a process that extends over a period of time. So many people think that if a man makes a profession of faith and is baptized and joins the church and begins to live right that after a while—just before he dies, if he confesses his sins that he will go into Heaven saved. It is a lie, my brother! It isn't a process. It is the act of a moment whereby Jesus becomes your Saviour. The thief was saved even though he was slipping into Hell. Hell was never nearer to any man than to this man. Just a few hours or maybe only a few minutes and this man would be in Hell. Beloved friends, he was saved! How near are you to Hell tonight, my sinner friend? There is just one pulse beat between you and Hell. There is just one breath and that is the breath you are drawing now. You are held over the fires of Hell with a single tiny, slender cord—the cord of life and if it were to snap you would go immediately into Hell.

This man was saved through all the externals of religion were lacking in his case. He wasn't moral, he wasn't reformed, he had not partaken of the Lord's Supper, he had never been baptized, he wasn't a church member, yet Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Brethren, listen to me! If a man is saved, he ought to change his way of living, and he will change his way of living because the grace of God will make him do so. If a man is saved, beloved, he ought to be baptized and he

will be baptized out of love to his Lord. If a man is saved, he will want to join the church but, my brother, these things won't save! Here is a man, beloved, who was saved. Jesus said so and yet he had none of these externals of religion to his credit.

He was saved, though it was his last opportunity. In just a few minutes he would be in Hell. It was the last opportunity that he had to get right with God. It was the last opportunity that that poor soul ever had to be saved.

There may be somebody in this house who in this hour is facing God for his last conscious moment. I might say that some 15 years ago in our services one Sunday night that a man left this house unsaved and the next morning I went to the funeral home and saw his mangled body—literally ground into sausage meat. Here was a man who was saved though it was his last opportunity to hear the gospel.

Here was a man who was saved though all others mocked Jesus. His friend and partner in sin mocked Jesus. The rulers and high priests derided him. The crowd gathered about the foot of the cross kept saying, "If you are the Christ, save yourself. Come down from the cross and we will believe upon you." Though all others might mock Jesus this man was saved. Maybe your friends don't like this church. Maybe your associates and your companions don't like the doctrines of Grace, maybe those you associate with most make sport and mock the things we stand for here. My brother, here's a man who was saved though all others mocked the Lord Jesus Christ. What a blessed experience when he broke from his sinful friends that he might not be broken in eternity by God. Wouldn't it be a glorious thing if some of you tonight would break with that crowd whom you call your friends and take your stand tonight for the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was saved through repentance and faith. When he repented and exercised faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God stopped dying long enough to say to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Briefly, may I tell you where this thief went? I have already hinted that he went to Heaven. He went to be with Jesus. Jesus said so. I don't have to take the word of the thief. I have the word of Jesus. Brother, sister, listen, it cannot be too strongly argued that when a saved man dies, he goes immediately to the direct presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said:

"For me to live is Christ and TO DIE IS GAIN."—Phil 1:21.

Brethren, when a Christian departs, he is with Christ. Listen: "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be PRESENT WITH THE LORD."—II Cor. 5:8.

If you are a saved man tonight, the very moment that you become absent from this body, you will that moment become present with the Lord. I like to see this man as he died, to hear him make his confession, to hear Jesus speak to him. I can see that in the Word of God. Then, beloved, I like to close my eyes and visualize him as he passed on from that cross to be with Jesus. Brethren, what was true with this thief is going to be true with you and me and every saved person when we come to the same hour. We will depart to be with Him.

A few years ago a preacher friend of mine in Louisville, Ky., was touring in England. One morning about nine o'clock he and the party he was with left

Birmingham and traveled over the northern half of England and into Scotland. All through the day an English fog had drifted over the land. They could not see anything. Nothing could be seen but just a few feet away from the observation car in which they were riding. Along that afternoon about three o'clock, a guide came through the car and said that in a few minutes they would pass through a tunnel and that when they came out of the tunnel on the other side they would then be in Scotland. This friend told me that when they passed into that tunnel that everything was dark and gloomy, the fog was settling all over the land and that the beauties of Northern England were all obscured to their view. He said they were in the tunnel six minutes—in the darkness—and when they came out on the other side that in that six minutes the sky had cleared and the sun was shining and the rain drops were glistening on the Scottish heather as so many jewels under a great incandescent light.

I have often thought that when we come down to the end of the way, with all the doubts, and all the darkness, and all the gloom that may rest upon us as a result of death, we will pass into the tunnel of death for a few minutes and then out of darkness into an eternal day of never ending brightness with the Lord Jesus Christ. As the poet has said:

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning
at the bar
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems
asleep
Too full for sound or foam.
When that which from out the
boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark.
And may there be no sadness of
farewell,
When I embark.
For though from out our bourne
of time and place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to
face,
When I shall cross the bar."

This is the experience of the thief when he confessed Jesus as His Lord and Saviour. Is it your experience tonight? May God in His mercy and grace save you today. Tonight e'er you leave this house, make your calling and election sure, and your peace secure in Him.

May God bless you!

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Greetings in the name of our Graciously Sovereign and Sovereignly Gracious Saviour. For some time I have wished that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER were being received and read by all the members of the church which I pastor. After due consideration, I have decided to introduce it to them by giving each church-home a year's subscription. While I am not always in agreement with all your policies and interpretations, I think your paper far surpasses any other religious paper with which I am familiar, and I believe it will be profitably read by my people.

(Then follows a list 26 new subscriptions.)

L. D. Kennedy,
Jackson, Tenn.

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Have You Heard?

"He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool."—Prov. 10:18

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."—Exodus 20:16

"Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off."—Psalm 101:5

"Even so, must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things."—I Tim. 3:11.

EPISCOPAL FOLLY

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want to reach would be scared away by religion."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Does anyone doubt now, that we are living in the last days? In giving the characteristics of the last days, Paul says, "... lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."—II Tim. 3:4, 5.

\$2,000,000! What a piker Judas was, for he only received \$15.95 to betray his Lord. Here is money being wasted, yet it could keep 1000 missionaries busy an entire year, at a salary of \$2,000.

The sad thing is that this is called evangelism, yet there can be no evangelism or salvation without "prayer, Bible, sermon and hymn." Listen: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 15:17.

If people want plays, they can go to the theatre. A church makes a mistake trying to compete with the world.



THE SO-CALLED INVISIBLE CHURCH

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and prays together.

There is no such thing as "a radio pastor." A pastor is the servant of a local church, and a local church only.

The theory of an invisible church is the newest thing out so far as religion is concerned. It is modern in the sense that higher criticism is modern. They go along together, both denying the plain teaching of God's Word. — The Lockland Baptist Witness



INFIDEL LITERATURE

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Mr. Shuler. Some are even going so far as to recommend a Communistic approach. Be careful what you read, and check carefully the Sunday School quarterlies and papers being read by your children. — Good News Broadcaster

Ed. Comment: Methodists and Presbyterians are not the only ones who are publishing worthless literature. Baptists have much which is unscriptural and anti-scriptural. The Sunday School literature which comes out of Nashville is sadly characterized by its heresy. There is a reason: Most of its writers are graduates of the Louisville preacher factory.

Here are two Scriptures for all Baptists to remember when they think of the Seminary:

"A corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." — Mat. 7:17.

"Evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15:33.



THE CHRISTIAN HOME

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homes are necessary to produce great men.

We have education today, but education has not eliminated crime, even though our great educational leaders of the last century promised the abolishment of crime if only we would educate — build schools, support them, and pass compulsory attendance laws for all children. These well-intentioned men said then that in a generation crime would be a thing of the past. We did all this, but crime is still

with us. On unimpeachable authority, we have the cost of crime in this country — fifteen billions of dollars — overtopping by some billions a year all the money spent for educational, religious and charitable purposes put together. As Livy said of his day, "Our vices have risen to so great a height that we can endure neither the burden of them nor the sharpness of their remedy."

Lawlessness in the nation gets its start by the fireside. The child that respects not the authority of parents will not respect the authority of God and "the powers that be" when he comes to manhood. Many children are ruined by the over-indulgence of a pair of easy-going church-complacent parents. God said about Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Today, parental authority, as some wit has said, has not disappeared, but has only changed hands. *Children have taken it over, he says.

L. E. Thomas, boy's secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Memphis, Tenn., told me of some boys who were caught stealing golf balls at the "Stop and Sock" Golf Club. The fathers and mothers of these boys called Mr. Thomas in to counsel with him as to what to do with these boys. Can you imagine the old-fashioned fathers and mothers of a generation past doing a thing like that? My old father—deacon for forty-two years in a Baptist church—would have done no such absurd thing. Nor my mother. Nor yours. Parents of years gone by would have done a little "socking and stopping" on their own account. I think we need some old-fashioned, Bible-loving, God-fearing, children-bearing and children-ruling fathers and mothers who "command their children after them."

Out of one hundred and twenty ministers who were addressed in a Western state, one hundred said that Christian influence in the home had much to do with their conversion and service in the ministry. A large proportion of young people who recently joined a certain church on profession of faith made claim that the influence of their homes turned them to think on the way of salvation and eternal life. But Tom Paine said, "I was an infidel before I was five years old." And Lord Byron, marvelous poet that he was, debauchee that he was, mistreated by his mother when he was a crippled child, said, "Untrained in youth my heart to tame, my springs of life were poisoned."

William Lyon Phelps, Bible and English teacher and great Christian, recently said, "I am extremely grateful to my parents for the religious and spiritual training they gave me. Every day of my life I am grateful. I would rather belong to the church than to receive any honor in the world. The hardest task in the world is the bringing up of children, and the chief reason is that example is so much more important than precept." Can parents lie about a child's age and teach it truthfulness? Can parents receive too much change and keep that change and expect the child to be honest? Can parents tell "little white lies" and expect the child to tell the truth? Can parents refuse to pray and expect to have prayerful children? Can parents habitually absent themselves from church and expect their children to love and properly evaluate the church.

Spiritually dark homes make bad boys and turn bad girls into bad women. If doctors were as careless in their practice of medicine as many of us are in our manifestations of a Christ-like spirit in the home, there would be large additions to all our cemeteries. Let us learn first to show piety at home — hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly — all the time.

A man's home is a real fortress in a warring world. But let us not forget that there is a

NOT THIS MAN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
Endlessly from a department store;

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

From the networks o'er and o'er.

Star and magi, shepherds' awe,
Worshippers in cattle stall,
"Silent Night" and Christmas chimes

Shoppers meet where'er they call.

The Daily quotes in reverent type,

The radio in accents grave
Matthew's story, Luke's account
Of His birth Who came to save.

Watching demonstration toys,
Climbing onto Santa's knee,
Johnny prattles snatches from
Carols learned unconsciously.

Here is room abundant found
For Him Who in manger lay;
Every phase of business life
Lends its help to homage pay.

Here no Herod seeks the Child,
Feigning worship, to destroy;
Welcome speaks each chime and song,

Tree and tinsel, card and toy.

Here's no Saviour-hating crowd
Crying, "Crucify! Away—"
Commerce has spent weeks on weeks

Laboring for His natal day.

"Who reigns o'er this festive time?"

'Mid it, for that question pause.

The answer, as from Pilate's hall:

"Not this Man, but Santa Claus!"

—NOW, December, 1947.

vast difference in a house and a home. A house is built by human hands, but a home is built by human hearts. Only one calamity can ruin a home—the death of love. When love dies, the home is in ruins—and all the material riches, successes, and pleasures of living cannot supply what has been lost.

We need to get back to God's standards for a Christian home as Christ would have us to maintain it. How we need to exalt the sacredness of the marriage tie! How we need to give Christ the throne, not the foot-

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D. T. WADLEY,
Kerrick, Texas.

stool in our homes! We need Christlike homes where the Bible is read daily, where prayer is made daily, where love is expressed daily, where the whole family attend church together, where conversation about the things of the kingdom of God is a rule rather than an exception, where the family income is tithed and taken to God's house, where God's law of piety and conduct is respected where parents understand that children do not have to understand all the Bible to be saved. What child has to know that there are seven colors in every ray of light in order to recognize its mother's face? What child has to know about the laws of gravitation to learn to walk? What child has to know the velocity of sound waves in order to know its father's voice? When will the homes cease to handicap churches by telling children that they are not old enough to trust Christ?

Someday we must leave our earthly homes—for death whose only palace is a huge sepulchre, whose only pleasure fountains are the falling tears of the world, whose only laughter is a wail, whose only music is a sob of broken hearts, is busy. Someday, if the Lord Jesus lingers

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twenty-five years later, let's see what happened to these men.

The President of the largest independent steel company—Charles Schwab—lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and died broke.

The greatest wheat speculator—Arthur Cutten—died abroad insolvent.

The President of the New York Stock Exchange—Richard Whitney—was recently released from Sing Sing.

The member of the President's cabinet—Albert Fall—was pardoned from prison so he could die at home.

The greatest bear in Wall Street—Jesse Livermore—committed suicide.

The President of the Bank of International Settlement—Leon Fraser—committed suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly—Ivar Kreuger—committed suicide.

All of these men had learned how to make money, but not one of them had learned how to live.

longer, you and I will have stand face to face with the black door of death and deal with death—the one sanctity that men respect, the one gesture that melts the hardest, the one that appeals the impious, the one stroke of common sense that annihilates our folly, the one preacher of righteousness and justice and nobility whose lip cannot be stilled.—The Anchor, 66 South Third Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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