

From Baptist Signal

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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## The Meaning Of "Ekklesia" As Used In The N. T.

H. B. TAYLOR

(In Mansions Above)

The Greek word for church in the New Testament is ekklesia. Ekklesia is the only word in the New Testament that is translated church. It occurs 115 times in the New Testament. Three times it has reference to a political meeting of the citizens of Ephesus. It is translated assembly in those three instances in Acts 19:32, 39, and 41. These three instances of the word ekklesia establish very clearly the meaning of the word.

The Greek ekklesia in the city of Ephesus was an organized assembly and an assembling body. In the whole 115 times it occurs in the New Testament it is never used one time with any other meaning than of an assembly, that assembles and that is organized. As George W. McDaniel well says: "Among the

Greeks, ekklesia was the assembly of the citizens of a free city-state, gathered by a herald blowing a horn through the streets of a town. It is of the citizens of Ephesus that it is thus used in Acts. Two things were clear, namely, the citizens were organized and they were gathered."

The word ekklesia is used once in Acts 7:38 of the congregation of Israel assembled before the tabernacle in the wilderness by the blowing of a silver trumpet. The same two things are clear, namely, the ekklesia was organized and gathered.

The word ekklesia is also used once in Heb. 12:23. "The church of the First born." As used in that passage it has the same two essentials. When there spoken of they are assembled and organized. These expressions all show that they will be assembled when thus spoken of: "are come unto Mount Zion"; "unto the city of the living God";

"unto the Heavenly Jerusalem"; unto "an innumerable company of angels"; "Which are written in heaven"; "to the spirits of just men made perfect"; "and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant." All those things show that this church was gathered in heaven. That they were organized as well as assembled is proven by the fact that the names of this assembled church are written in heaven. Both essentials are there—organized and assembled.

These are the instances found in the New Testament where the word ekklesia refers to some other gatherings except a local Baptist church. In every one of them, whether of the citizens of a Greek city or the gathering of ancient Israel before the tabernacle or of the gathering of the church of the Firstborn in heaven, it had the same two essentials included namely, organization and assembled.

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## WHO SUPPORTS THIS PAPER AS TO OUR INDEBTEDNESS?

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Remember, what none of us can do alone, all of us together can do.

## The Churches Need

- More tithes and fewer drives.
- More action and less faction.
- More workers and fewer idlers.
- More backers and fewer lackers.
- More of God's plans and less man's.
- More praying and less straying.
- More divine power and less human "pow-wow."
- More Good News and fewer book reviews.
- More burden bearers and fewer tale-bearers.
- More fighting squads and fewer tight-wads.
- More liberal males and fewer good sales.

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## What Is Wrong With A \$16,000,000,000 Gambling Debt?

If someone should scream, "A man has taken your pocketbook!" you would become aroused and alarmed at once. If that imaginary man that took your pocketbook were to take the pocketbook of every man, woman and child in the United States and take \$160 from each one, it would just about equal the amount spent in one year on gambling, which is 16 billion dollars! Of course, everyone does not spend \$160 a year on gambling, but this is the average amount spent per capita per year.

Gambling in our country is a black, dirty picture. Gambling is a sin, and we can prove it. Many today, even believers do not realize the serious wrong in gambling. Others pass gambling by as a small matter not realizing its enormity.

Even on the part of some of

those who should speak out against this hydra-headed monster there is a sinful silence! We hear sermons, and rightly so, against movies, the dance and other forms of worldliness; but never much if anything, is said on the sin of gambling. Some very brief passages in sermons make reference to gambling, a few pamphlets make a reference or two, but I do not know of a single full-length pamphlet or book that goes into any detail about this terrible sin. Why? Is it because the sin is not important enough or is not prevalent? No! Anyone who looks around can see that the sin runs the

### Mused Uncle Mose

You cain' spec' dis country to quit actin' like er child, long as hit stay on de bottle.

gamut from children pitching and matching pennies to adults risking thousands on a horse race or a card game. Gambling is in the churches, in the schools, in our national life, and in the homes. Gambling is growing. Why the silence about it? I believe in many cases people have been lulled to sleep by the Devil concerning this deceitful sin.

The Scripture warns of this, "... exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). Sin hardens and deceives until the conscience is dulled. Gambling is so prevalent and widespread that it seems many are no longer shocked or alarmed or grieved.

Gambling for the Robe of Jesus

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## CHALLENGING FACTS FOR DANGEROUS DAYS SUCH AS THESE

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."—2 Tim. 3:1.

This message is intended for Baptist Churches and Baptist preachers, but others are welcome to all the feast of Bible reading and investigation.

Now in the beginning I ask all Bible readers to get your Bibles to find in God's word scriptural authority for the following:

1. Annual election of pastors.
2. Any Christian organization outside of a New Testament Church.
3. An every member canvass.
4. An annual budget and taking pledges.
5. A motion and second before taking a vote.
6. Women's or men's organizations in a church.
7. A social in a church.
8. A new testament church's sending messengers to any organization except to another new testament church.

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

## 'When A Dead Man Came To Life And Went To Church'

(Read John 11:1-44; John 12:9-11).

I don't know of any portion of God's Word that is more interesting to read than the eleventh and twelfth chapters of John's Gospel. There is something about it that just grips the heart as you read the story of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead. It is a familiar story, of course, of a home which Jesus loved more than other homes. It was the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus—a home where Jesus liked to be.

When Jesus was some two days' walking distance from this home at Bethany, news came to Him of the illness of his friend Lazarus. If He had so desired, He could have hurried home and healed Lazarus of his illness. Frankly, beloved, had He so willed, He could have healed Lazarus and never gone home; yet for a reason that was best known to Jesus, He tarried two full days where He was before starting home. By the time He arrived there, Lazarus was dead, buried, and the body was decomposing in the tomb. When

his sisters met Jesus they were broken-hearted, as only you would expect them to be. It is only the natural human element in each of us that causes us to weep over the death of a loved one, and these sisters naturally wept because their brother, whom Jesus loved, was dead. Even Jesus Himself wept with them as they stood by the grave of Lazarus.

The people that stood by were just about like folk today. They philosophized about Jesus' power, and they said, "Surely this

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### The Atomic Ark

According to the press, Paul Lehmann of Bremen, Germany, is the owner and captain of a 450-ton freighter, which is being referred to as "an atomic-age Noah's Ark!"

War-weary Germans are being offered a place on that "Ark" if war should come again. He is selling shares in his vessel for 80 Deutsche-marks per share (\$8 nominal value).

He offers to divide profits with investors during peace time and a trip to "a safe place" in case of another war.

Just how he knows his freighter is immune from radio-activity, and how he can be certain of finding a safe place for

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# THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

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## "WHEN A DEAD MAN CAME TO LIFE AND WENT TO CHURCH"

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man Jesus loving him as He did, and with all the power that He has, — surely He could have raised this man back to life if He so desired?" As the crowd talked among themselves, the sisters wept. Standing there before the tomb, with a loud voice He said, "Lazarus, come forth." I think it well that He specified Lazarus only, for had not Jesus spoken only to Lazarus, every dead body within that graveyard would have come to life again. There stood Lazarus bound hand and foot in the grave clothes, but alive nevertheless, and at Jesus' command was loosed and set free from the grave clothes.

Immediately great fame spread abroad concerning Jesus. Here was evidence of the Divine, the supernatural, the miraculous. It was only logical that His fame would spread abroad throughout all that land. Immediately we find a big dinner being served in Bethany. Jesus was there as the honored guest. Lazarus was there, the man that has been raised from the dead. As the people milled about, observing that feast, the Pharisees said, "Why everybody is going after this man Jesus, all because of the resurrection of Lazarus."

Now, beloved, from this Scripture story which I have read at length and have briefly retold to you, let us draw some lessons that will be a blessing to you.

### I

IT IS A FACT THAT LAZARUS WAS DEAD. He hadn't

## SATAN PICKETS CHURCH

DE SOTO, Ill. (TP)—Satan was walking a picket line in this city recently. Parishioners took turns marching outside the Baptist Church in a Devil's uniform during an annual revival here. Satan carried a sign reading: "The church unfair to my business."

The above is an item indicating a spiritual impersonation perhaps; that is, it was a scheme to depict the opposition of the Devil to the work of the church, especially in the midst of a revival meeting. It was a dramatic gesture, to be sure, designed to attract attention.

The only thing about the procedure is that it portrays the wrong methods of the Devil. Not only during revival meetings, but ALL THE TIME, the Devil quietly, seductively, in masked form, posing as a saint, works on the inside of the church. He never desires that his identity be known. He would rather be in the role of those who pray and serve on the inside. He seldom masquerades in his true colors; that would defeat his purpose.

Friends, let us remember that "Satan is transformed into an angel of light," and also that his stooges are posing "as ministers of righteousness," no matter in what sphere they operate.

swooned; he hadn't fainted. It wasn't true that Lazarus had had a sinking spell, but rather he was definitely dead. For four days there had been no evidence of life about his pulseless body, and even his sisters said that decomposition and disintegration had already set in so far as the flesh was concerned. It is a fact that Lazarus was definitely and positively dead and as such he surely illustrates the spiritual condition of every individual outside the Lord Jesus Christ. Lazarus was dead physically and every man outside of Jesus Christ is dead spiritually.

In the book of Ephesians when Paul wrote to that church which he himself had organized, he referred to their former spiritual state by saying:

"And you hath he quickened, who were DEAD in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

Originally these individuals who were now saved were spiritually dead. I remind you of this old, old theological truth that every man outside of Jesus Christ is spiritually dead today. It would be as easy for a corpse to get out of the casket, to lay aside the shroud and the grave clothes, to close the casket

lid and to walk out of the house unaided, as it is for man to be saved himself apart from the power of God. Beloved, no individual in this world has one bit more spiritual life than a corpse has physical life. No man or woman who is unsaved has one bit more spiritual life than Lazarus had as he lay within the tomb with his body rotting and disintegrating to the mother earth from whence it came. I say then that as Lazarus was dead he certainly illustrates the spiritual status of every individual who is outside of Jesus Christ. That is why I preach that you must be born again. That is why I preach that no man can be saved apart from the power of God. Beloved, we are dead and it takes the power of God to make us alive.

### II

LAZARUS WAS BROUGHT TO LIFE BY A POWER ENTIRELY OUTSIDE HIMSELF. He didn't have a thing to do with his resurrection. He was brought to life by a power entirely outside and absolutely foreign to himself.

In the thirty-seventh chapter of Ezekiel we read the story of a valley of dead dry bones. Ezekiel, God's man, was taken out into the valley to a cemetery, a strange place indeed to get a sermon. As Ezekiel stood there, the wind began to blow a gale and the graves were uncovered. One by one the graves were blown away until there was nothing but dry bones stretching out over the valley. As Ezekiel stood there, God said, "Son of man, prophesy." As he did, those dry bones which had fallen apart, suddenly came together and stood upright — a whole valley of fleshless skeletons standing there before the prophet. Then when he spoke again flesh came upon them and life came into them and that whole valley of dead dry bones was revived and brought to life by a power entirely outside themselves. There wasn't a one of those skeletons that was made alive by himself. They were made alive by a power entirely separate from themselves.

Beloved, it was thus with Lazarus. He wasn't made alive by himself but was made alive by the power of God outside of him, which leads me to say that if ever a sinner is saved, he is not saved by what he does, but by some power outside of him, namely, the power of God

that is manifested in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When our Lord Jesus was here in the days of His flesh, He raised three dead ones to life — Jarius' daughter, the widow's son of Nain, and Lazarus. Jarius' daughter had only been dead a little while. The widow's son of the city of Nain had been dead and the funeral had been conducted and they were carrying him forth to bury him. Lazarus was dead, the funeral had been conducted, he had already been buried and the tomb had been sealed and the body was decomposing; yet, beloved, by a power outside these three individuals, all three of them were definitely brought back to life again. I think each of these three might illustrate the spiritual condition of various classes of sinners. All three were dead and all sinners are spiritually dead. Beloved, every man outside of Jesus Christ is spiritually dead. Some of them aren't as bad as others, yet there are some who already stink to high heaven in their sin. I rejoice that the power of God in Jesus Christ can take a sinner, regardless of his condition, and make him alive today spiritually just as these three were made alive physically in the long ago.

### III

LAZARUS LED PEOPLE TO BELIEVE ON JESUS AFTER HE WAS MADE ALIVE.

"Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus."—John 12:11.

They did not believe on Jesus because of anything that Lazarus said. He wasn't a preacher; he wasn't a teacher. He never did conduct a public service, yet many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus because of Lazarus. It wasn't his oratory. It wasn't his eloquence. It wasn't because of anything he said. Beloved, they noted that Lazarus had been dead and was now alive. It couldn't be hidden and it caused others, likewise, to believe on Jesus.

An inward change had been wrought in him by Jesus—he had been made alive. An outward change had been made by Jesus. As they stood before that tomb Martha said, "By this time he stinketh." In just a few minutes he had the flesh of a babe. One moment his flesh was rotting and the next moment his flesh was as soft as that of a newborn life which had just come into this world. A great change indeed had come over Lazarus. Likewise, there is a great change which takes place in God's own. God takes a man who is dead in sin and makes him alive in Christ Jesus. When the world sees you dead in sin and then sees you saved and made alive and a definite change in your life, naturally the world is going to believe on Jesus because of what has happened in your own life.

The last time when I was out in Chicago I had an interesting experience that comes back to my recollection. A woman got on the streetcar and sat just two seats in front of me. As she sat there, there was a fragrance of perfume which drifted back in the car. She rode only a few blocks and got off. I rode probably a mile farther and when I got off the car the fragrance of the perfume was still permeating the air in that streetcar. That ought to be true of every child of God. Wherever you and I go the world ought to be made sweeter because you and I, representing Jesus Christ, have been there.

No wonder they believed on

Jesus. He was a dead man, and then a live man. What a contrast! His situation was all changed. He was in the grave, and then he came out of the grave. Of course he would be cause the grave is a place for a dead man and not for a live one. Suppose Lazarus had stayed inside that grave. He would never have attracted the crowds that he attracted the day they feasted with Jesus and Lazarus. He changed his habitat when Jesus made him alive. When a man is spiritually dead and is made spiritually alive by the Lord Jesus, it is time for him to change his habitat. A man that is alive with Jesus ought to walk so that the world can see that he is alive.

Look at him, beloved! Instead of being with the dead, he is now with Jesus. When God in Heaven saves a man by the blood of Jesus Christ, that man doesn't want to live with the dead any longer. That man wants fellowship with those who are alive, who have like precious faith in Christ Jesus. If a man says he is saved and he prefers a poolroom to a prayer room, you can be certain of one thing — that he needs Jesus Christ in his heart. If a man says he is saved and he performs the things of the world to the things of God, it is proof positive that he has never been made alive by Jesus Christ. When Lazarus was made alive he came to be with Jesus and to walk with Him. When God makes any sinner spiritually alive, that man is through with the world and wants to walk with Jesus and with those who know the Lord.

The interesting thing about all this is, that he was with Jesus by his own choice. Jesus said, "Loose him, and let him go." That was the last thing that Jesus said to him in that tomb. He set him free from the grave clothes and he was free to go any place he wanted to.

But where did Lazarus go? Beloved, he went to be with Jesus. Where you find him next he was there by choice. Jesus didn't command him to follow Him, but it was his choice to do so.

When the Lord Jesus Christ sets a man free from sin, that man is free from the law of the world and free from the law of sin. He is then under the law of love to serve the Son of God Himself. When he sees that he has been made alive because of the power of God alone, then he sees that his place is no longer in the realm of the world and the spiritually dead, but by the side of his Lord.

### IV

THE CHIEF PRIESTS DESIRED TO PUT LAZARUS TO DEATH, BUT FAILED.

"But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death."—John 12:10.

That life which Lazarus had received from the Lord Jesus didn't find any hospitality in the world. When he was made alive and came out of the grave he went over to that home in Bethany and there a feast was made for him and the crowd gathered around. The Pharisees said, "We had better get rid of him. People are going to believe on Jesus because of this man Lazarus." Lazarus didn't find the world hospitable to him.

When a man becomes a child (Continued on page three)



FOLLOWING IN DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SONG

Tune: "America The Beautiful"

By Wayne Jordan

### I

I'll bring a friend to Bible School  
You pray and work with me,  
In Bible School we teach the lost  
In Christ we all believe.

### II

You bring a friend to Bible School  
To hear God's Holy Word,  
We preach and teach Christ died for all  
We pray His Word is heard.

### III

We all brought friends to Bible School  
To please His holy name,  
Throughout the school we worked each day  
We did it not for fame.

### IV

Look all ye lost to ends of earth  
And be ye saved today,  
For Christ alone will save your soul  
Believe in Him we pray.

### V

We all thank God in prayer today  
The school was not in vain,  
In Bible School some souls were saved  
We praise, we praise His name.

### CHORUS:

In Bible School we need your help  
To lead in these few days,  
We all will pray God's will be done  
That lost ones will be saved.

Brother Jordan was saved under the editor's ministry about 18 years ago and is one of God's great laymen. He is now General Secretary of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. of Lexington, Kentucky, and a valued worker in the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church.

I think he would have said, "I do not know; all I know is that I was locked in the sleep of death, and somehow or other, I cannot tell you how these ears of mine heard a voice calling, 'Lazarus come forth.' I could not hear Mary, I could not hear Martha, I could not hear anyone else; but for some reason that voice penetrated my deaf ears and I was alive again. I cannot tell you how, but I know I am alive because I live."

Beloved, you ask me how it is that I am saved and I say to you, like Lazarus, "I just don't know how; I know it is a fact." There was a time when other voices couldn't have helped, but the voice of Jesus penetrated my deaf ears and made me alive just like the Voice of Jesus made Lazarus alive. Though I can't tell you how I am saved, I can tell you that I know I am saved because of the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me ask you, sinner friend, if you can see yourself within this picture. May the Spirit of God enable you to see yourself just as dead spiritually as Lazarus was physically. May you see that as Jesus called Lazarus to life by His own words, that the only way that you can be called to spiritual life is by the Word of God.

May you hear that Word of God now, and may it please the Lord to save your soul today.



## RUSSELLISM

E. C. GILLENLINE  
Texarkanna, Ark.-Tex.

(Continued from last week)

Syllogism No. 3. Infidelity says God—if there be a God, is too good to punish a man forever in hell. Therefore infidelity and Russellism are alike.

Syllogism No. 4. Infidelity says the doctrine of hell is a lie. Russellism says the doctrine of hell is a lie. Therefore infidelity and Russellism are exactly alike on this point.

Syllogism No. 5. Infidelity says the body of Jesus did not rise from the dead. Russellism says the body of Jesus did not rise from the dead. Therefore Russellism is infidelity.

Our Lord, Himself, revealed more of the eternal punishment of the lost than any other witness in the Bible. In twelve places in the New Testament, the Greek word, "Gehenna," is used to designate the final abode of the wicked, and in eleven of these places the words of the most solemn warning as to the eternal consequences of sin fell from the lips of our Lord. He describes it as the place where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. He teaches that the lost will be punished forever, the same as the righteous will live in happiness forever, Matt. 25:46.

In Revelation it is called the "lake of fire" and the "second death," Rev. 19:20 and 20:10. The second death is not annihilation, for from these same two passages we learn that after a thousand years in the "lake of fire," the beast and the false prophet are still there undestroyed. Pastor Russell may be there. I would not say that he is, but we have certainly proved him to be a false prophet.

(13) Russellism teaches that at the final resurrection, which is simultaneous for all the dead save "the little flock," the gospel will be preached to the unsaved and the great mass of mankind will accept it and be saved. Vol. 1, Study 6, 7, 8, 9.

Hear him: "The preaching to the unsaved dead now at length raised up will last for one hundred years at least and it may

continue throughout the entire day of Christ, i. e., during the millennium." Vol. 1, p. 144.

In all the teachings of the entire Bible there is not one single hint that there will be a chance for one to repent after he has died. That is Russellism. See Rev. 20:4-6, 11:5; Matt. 18:8; Jude 7; 2 Thess. 1:9.

In Prov. 29:1, Solomon says, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Yes, but Russell says "there is a remedy," "for the wicked dead will have the gospel preached to them after they are raised from the dead and the great mass of mankind will be saved." But I rather take what Solomon says than Russell, Rutherford or any of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses."

(14) Listen to This Blasphemer Again. Finished Mysteries, p. 485. "Also in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches, wholesale, and the church members by the millions, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of 'Christianity'."

This is just another case of their false prophecy, for as I write these lines the churches are still in existence. The American Baptist Association held its annual meeting this year, other religious bodies have held and are holding general meetings and other religious activities are going on as usual, all of which prove them to be false prophets.

True enough many are turning to the false teachings of these false teachers—Russell and Rutherford—not because their teachings are true, but the very opposite, for God has said in His Word: "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of," 2 Peter 2:2. Again in Jude 4, we read: "For there are certain men crept in una-

wares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." These two passages of Scripture are a very fitting description of the leaders of the religious cult known as "Jehovah's Witnesses." I warn you, beware of them! Of course, Russell and Rutherford are both dead, but their followers are still carrying on in this world.

(15) Russellism Teaches That We are Living in the Millennium, and Have Been Since 1874. (Finished Mystery, page 180).

If we are living in the millennium now, the Devil is bound, for the Bible teaches that he is to be bound during the millenium, "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season," Rev. 20:2-3.

If the Devil is bound, whence cometh all the sin and wickedness that we are having today? We are undoubtedly living in a wicked age, and if the Devil is bound I pray God to let me die before he is turned loose. But such is Russellism.

(16) Russellism Teaches That "Pastor Russell" was the pastor of the "Laodicean Church" Spoken of in Revelation 3:14-22, Finished Mystery, page 53, "The special messenger to the last age of the church was Charles Tase Russell, born February 16, 1854."

Russell got his first ideas from the Seventh-Day Adventists, Finished Mystery, page 53. It is very evident he did not get them from the Bible. According to Russell, Paul was the first, or pastor of the Ephesus Church. John was the next one, or pastor of the Symrna Church. Ar-

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## IN SHADOWED PLACES

By CONSTANCE CALENBERG

"After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect" (1 Peter 5:10)

In shadowed places, Lord,  
My soul must learn  
The lessons born of trial,  
And there to turn  
From every cherished idol of my heart;  
O God, in shadowed places  
I must part  
With things held dear;  
For in the depths of sorrow;  
Human fear  
Must cling to Thee for mercy  
And for aid,  
And in the shadowed places  
Earth doth fade from view,  
As once again I prove  
That Thou art true.  
In shadowed places, Lord,  
My heart knows pain;  
For, as upon the altar all is laid,  
My soul, through testings sore,  
Is purged from sin,  
And I am conscious of  
Thy strength within.  
O God! I thank Thee  
For the tear-stained days,  
And for the shadowed places give Thee praise.

whom thou hast sent." — John 17:3.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life." — John 5:24.

They didn't like Lazarus when they saw him brought to life. They hated him and wanted to kill him, but they couldn't. A man who is saved, suddenly finds himself out of fellowship with the things of this life. I am glad for this truth, that he has got a life which is going to live forever — a life which will forever be triumphant.

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HOW WAS LAZARUS MADE ALIVE? Just stand there beside the tomb and observe and you can see how he was made alive. Here he was dead, and Jesus spoke and said, "Lazarus, come forth." He was made alive by believing the Word of Jesus Christ. He heard Jesus' words and he believed and was made alive.

How are sinners made alive today? They are not made alive through prayer nor by an emotional appeal. Beloved, sinners are made alive by the preaching of the Word of God, and as the Spirit of God carries the Word to the heart of that individual, he is made alive by the Word of God.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD." — Rom. 10:17.

Suppose you said to him, "Lazarus, give us a little explanation. How did you who were dead become alive again?"

## WHEN A DEAD MAN CAME TO LIFE AND WENT TO CHURCH

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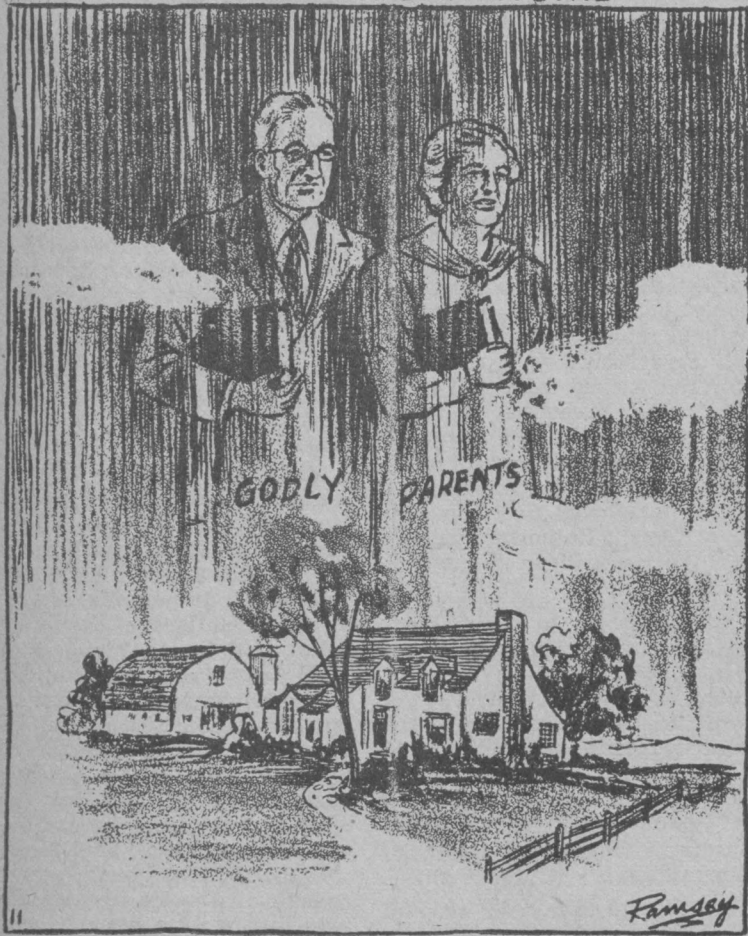
God he never finds the world pitiable to that new nature which he has received from God. "Ye were of the world, the world would love his own." — John 15:19.

A man who is saved is no longer of this world. He has been raised from the dead. He is already a spiritual resurrection. If you have been raised spiritually and you are a child of God, the world is in antipathy towards you. It was thus with Lazarus and the world has always felt thus towards the name of God.

However, it is rather interesting to notice that though the priests desired to put him to death, that they failed to do so and Lazarus in all probability lived to a ripe old age. This leads me to say that the life which God gives any individual can never end. I thank and praise Him that when God takes a life into a man, that that man who was once dead is alive forever more. It ought to thrill the heart of every child of God to know that when he is saved, he has the kind of life that the world doesn't like and the world can never end.

Our Lord Jesus said: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only God, and Jesus Christ,

## IDEAL AMERICAN HOME



### THE ATOMIC ARK

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refugees, is not stated.

The reason the original "Noah's Ark" was so safe was because God gave directions for building it. He made provisions for the need of it, and He gave the invitation: "Come, thou, and all thy house into the ark" (Gen. 7:1). And when by faith Noah entered "the Lord shut him in." The Lord assumed the responsibility for their safety.

The Ark of safety today is found in the One who passed triumphantly through the flood of divine judgment against our sins, and who on the resurrection side of the grave said, "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).

He is not selling shares in the results of His triumph. A heart interest, a life interest—yes, an eternal interest may be had without money. And no one can successfully question the fact that He knows a perfectly safe place for those who repose their faith in Him.

A 450-ton freighter could not possibly accommodate all who would be eager to board it in the throes of another war, but the Lord Jesus Christ can and will receive all who come unto Him. He said: "... him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). What is your decision in this all-important matter?—Now.



### THE CHURCHES NEED

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More "tongues of fire" and fewer fiery tongues.

More zealous effort and less jealous thought.

More soul service, if not less social service.

More love of the Word; less love of the world.

More seeking for grace; less seeking for place.

More holiness of life; less bickering and strife.

More fasting; less feasting.

More praying; less playing.

### ECCLESIA

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tion and assembly.

In every other instance of its use in the New Testament the word *ekklesia* refers to a local Baptist church. One of the established rules of interpretation of God's word, in Greek as of all other languages, is that if the ordinary meaning of the word will make sense, even in doubtful passages, then its ordinary meaning is the correct meaning.

We maintain that in all the other 110 passages where the word *ekklesia* is found in the New Testament, it will not only make good sense and not contradict other Scriptures, but it will harmonize the whole New Testament with itself and that no other meaning of the word *ekklesia* was ever dreamed of until the last of the third century or from A. D. 267 on. Now let us gather some facts together.

1. The interpretation of the Book of Revelation depends more upon a clear and accurate interpretation of the meaning of *ekklesia* than every thing else put together. If the church Jesus built and called "My church" and promised perpetuity to it is composed of all the saved and is an invisible and an universal church, and the Book of Revelation is a history of an institution that can not be seen and can not meet and has no ordinances and nobody knows who it is or how or when they get in and whether when in they can never get out, then every statement made by the Master about making the identity of His churches clear and plain is false.

If on the other hand, the Book of Revelation is a history through the ages of local, visible, organized, Baptist churches through the last 1900 years, then Revelation has a radically different meaning from what Scofield and other heretics make it mean. There can be unity of the faith and no agreement as to the interpretation of Revelation until we find out what the Master meant by the word *ekklesia*, or church. That is why we are going so fully in detail and writing so at length as to the New Testament meaning and use of the word *ekklesia*, or church.

2. If you have read what we have written about how careful

the Master has been to go into detail in order to show what He is talking about and to define every word and to tell the blessing He promised to all who read and all who obey and all who guard the teachings of this Book, you will get some idea of why He is so careful about the meaning of words in Revelation. He wants His people to know the history of His churches and if His people do not know what He means by "My church," how can they know or guard something they do not know anything about. That is why it is so important to know what He meant by His *ekklesia*. That is why we are making such painstaking, careful, patient, earnest, effort to get before our readers what the Lord Jesus meant by His *ekklesia* or church.

He did not emphasize His own earnest desire for His own people to know the truth about His *ekklesia*, as I have already called your attention to in what I have already written, and then leave them in the fog about what He meant. He never used the word church in Revelation a single time with any other meaning than a local Baptist church.

Not only is that so, but nowhere else in all the New Testament was the word *ekklesia* ever used in any other sense than of an organized and an assembling institution. That was true of the three times where *ekklesia* was used of the citizens of a Greek city and the once used of Israel assembling before the tabernacle and the once used of the general assembly of the Firstborn assembled in heaven.

So anxious was the Lord Jesus for all readers of Revelation to know the truth that not once in all the New Testament is the word *ekklesia* ever used of anything except an organized and an assembling body.



### DANGEROUS TIMES

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9. An association, convention, or board can scripturally "hire" or elect a missionary or any other worker.

10. A woman should be ordained to preach.

11. A New Testament church ever ran a pastor off.

12. Retiring a pastor regardless of age.

13. Any New Testament church ever changed pastors.

14. There was ever a board of deacons.

15. Deacons have any authority except to serve, not boss.

Please find chapter and verse and send to me.

Now, let all great Bible scholars (?) who practice these things get busy and find Scriptures to authorize these things. We thank you in advance!

Any church or minister that is following the Holy Spirit is on safe ground. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Acts 13:2.

This is a definite call of the Holy Spirit. A new Testament church sends out the ones called.

Now, as to pastors, listen to the Bible: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, (bishops or pastors) to feed the church of God." Acts 20:28.

Today there is a great falling away from Bible doctrine. If God has called a pastor to any church, woe be to the gang that persecutes him and runs him off.

Here is how it generally is with pastors today. At first the

new pastor is simply grand. You hear the folk talking about how wonderful he is, lauding him to the skies. However, in a few years, or less, adverse whisperings begin. It may start at a meeting of the good (?) sisters. Here are some slogans in the campaign to oust the erstwhile wonderful pastor: "He preaches too hard"; "he is not a good mixer"; "he is a money raiser"; "he has been here long enough"; "he weeps too much"; "he is too dry."

Well, secret meetings are held with the Devil as chairman. When the enemies have crushed the heart of the faithful pastor who preached the pure Word of God, and he resigns, generally he claims to be called to another field. Then, to cover up the filth, the church passes a hypocritical resolution, "Resolved, We are so sad to lose our dear pastor."

I have read somewhere about liars. Sometimes God calls a man, no doubt, to leave a field, but that is the exception. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the pastor has been secretly mobbed.

It is amusing to see how many seek to be called to some big (?) church that pays a large salary. Whoever heard of such a thing in New Testament times? Whoever heard of some so-called big preachers trying to be called to serve a poor little country church?

—F. M. Jones



### GAMBLING

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As the dear Saviour gave His life a ransom for sin, the Roman soldiers cast lots for His seamless robe (John 19:23-26).

Here beneath the cross human degeneracy sank to a new low as the soldiers cast lots for our Redeemer's garment. What a wicked sin at such a solemn hour!

When the gambling fever gets hold of one it takes away all decency and character and demonizes the gambler. Men and women will kill, steal, mortgage their homes, starve and half-clothe their families to gamble once more.

In Mr. J. E. Harris' little tract on *What's the Harm in Gambling?* (Moody Press) he gives the testimony of a dying woman whose husband was a gambler. In the hospital during her last moments she said this of her gambling husband: "When he wins he drinks and stops work, and when he loses he is so disagreeable there is no living with him, and the children are afraid to come in even for meals. And win or lose, there's never a penny extra for clothes or shoes for me or for them, or for a bit of holiday for any of us. It's all sin and wickedness from beginning to end."

Any habit that will cause men to act like this is a sin and is of the Devil. Gambling, like adultery, takes hold of hell and has its feet in hell. Gambling has not changed in character through the years, but it has grown to enormous proportions in wickedness.

#### A Six-Billion-Dollar Annual Waste on Horse Race Gambling

The national picture of horse-race gambling alone is appalling. In the twenty-three states where horse racing took place last year, over 26 million paid customers attended; while big league baseball, long considered America's national sport, drew only 19 million. Seven million more went to the horse races than went to ball games. Horse racing takes place at fifty-seven tracks in the United States

while major league baseball has only sixteen clubs and a few more parks. There are fifty-seven race tracks in the United States as compared with sixteen baseball clubs in the American and National Leagues combined.

Horse-race gambling is a big sin and not a little one when 26 million people paid 36 million dollars to get into these tracks, and then poured down the "rat-hole" of the betting machines one billion, eight hundred million dollars! And that is not all, thousands who never saw a race bet through illegal bookmakers another four billion, five million dollars on the "ponies." Horse racing alone in the United States, then, is a six-billion-a-year leech, sucking life, decency, character, happiness, spirituality and money from those who play the horses.

How much is a billion dollars? I began to try and picture for myself and for you six billion. This is the picture. It takes under present rates, about \$4,000 for passage and one year's support on the South American mission field for one missionary couple. This is complete transportation and complete support for a man and his wife to the field and on it for one year. Six billion dollars would send, under this rate, approximately one million, five hundred thousand missionaries. With three thousand missionaries on each ocean liner it would take 330 ocean liners to carry them! This is a picture of what six billion dollars would do.

Here is another picture of six billion dollars. An ounce of gold is worth \$35 at present rates. Six billion dollars in gold would weigh over 10,600,000 pounds over 5,300 tons. If you would take large transport trailers, trucks and load each with ten tons of gold, it would take 530 trucks, each forty feet long, carrying ten tons, to carry six billion in gold. With the trucks bumper-to-bumper they would be stretched out six miles long.

Remember now, six billion dollars is the amount spent yearly for only horse-race gambling. It has been estimated that sixteen billion dollars, altogether, is spent on all forms of gambling yearly here in America. This amount is about the same as we will spend on all of our national defense programs for the year of 1949. It is about \$160 for every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States.

Gambling, like other vile sins, is without decency. A mother will give up food, clothing, pleasure, and deny herself for her children but when the "gambling fever" gets hold of fathers and mothers, they will gamble away their last dollars, suffering their families must suffer. "Gambling fever" is of the evil. Gambling, like drinking, cannot be done moderately. There must be a total abstinence from both if we do right. Both are sinful at the first indulgence. Gambling and drinking debauch and debauch.



### RUSSELLISM

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ius was pastor of the third century or the Pergamos Church. Walden was the fourth, or pastor of the Thyatira Church. Wycliffe was the fifth, or pastor of the Sardis Church. Martin Luther was the sixth, or pastor of the Philadelphia Church. Charles Russell was the seventh, or pastor of the Laodicean Church. This solution is correct, the church has been without a pastor most of the time and is without one now, for Russell is dead.

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Do not carry a grudge. It is too heavy a load for anyone

## ✓ It Works. It Works. I Know It Works!

The most interesting story I heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountain side in Arkansas. Here's the story:

I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of the brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad we stretched the tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This, of course, was done to protect the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

One night while I was on the ward I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad more than 17 years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, 'Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I

never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday School just once. A woman taught the Sunday School class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about a man—I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again in order to go to Heaven when he died. I have never been born again, and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?"

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic—at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, 'You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right.' I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said, 'Wardmaster, if you won't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death.' 'All right, my

son, I'll get you the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor and he came, mopped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe just a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like this. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into my heart. He thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead, but he was still struggling. He looked up out of his eyes of death and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe it or not, won't you find the chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?' I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So I said, 'All right, my son, I will get you the chaplain.'

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy, I am not going to get you the chaplain. I am going to tell

you what to do myself. Now, understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any Heaven. I don't know whether there is any Hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing: I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God my mother knew Him. If there is a Heaven I know she is there. So, I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me.

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started and he followed with a weak, shaky voice.

"Now, my boy, my mother said if a person will trust Jesus he will not perish, but have everlasting life."

"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast and in a

whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several times, 'For God so loved the world... He gave His only begotten Son... that whosoever, whosoever... WHOSOEVER believeth, BELIEVETH in Him, BELIEVETH in Him.' Then, he stopped and said with a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works, I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her that her dying son said, 'It works.' I leaned over and kissed him in the mouth and then as he drew his last breath he said, 'It works.'"

The old man, wiping tears out of his eyes and out of the wrinkles of his face, said, "The lad was right. It does work. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but has NOW everlasting life. It works! I know it works!"

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## WHY THE SAVIOUR CAME TO THIS EARTH

One of the things the Savior said about His earthly mission was, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32).

This is rather a startling statement for, to this day, it is quite generally believed—and taught—that one must be "good" to receive a call from the Lord Jesus. Had the Savior come to call "good" and the "righteous" nature and practice, the call would be made in vain; for according to Romans 3:10-12 "there is none righteous, no not one; there is none that doeth right, no not one."

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6).

Still another startling thing the Lord said about His advent was, "The Son of man came not to minister unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

When an earthly dignitary goes to a certain spot on earth, he is generally to be served and to sacrifice his life for his subjects. But the Lord Jesus came down from heaven" to serve His creatures and give His life a ransom for many.

Speaking further regarding His first coming, the Lord Jesus said: "I am come a Light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46). The darkness of sin and unbelief are upon all who know the Lord by faith. All such

language as: "I can't see why so much ado is made about sin," "I can't see that God would be just in punishing me," "I can't understand why I am limited to one way of salvation," "I can't understand why I must choose Christ or perish"—is a manifestation of the spiritual blindness and darkness enshrouding the person using it.

The final thing to which we call attention in connection with this important subject of the Lord's mission to earth is His statement recorded in John 10:10: "I am come that they might have life and have it more

abundantly."

Apart from Christ, man is described by God as being "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). He is urgently in need of life, which Christ alone can give. This life is proffered free-

### Mused Uncle Mose

De Ole Debil can sleep through er lot er noise an' clatter as long as de chu'ch is jes' auganizin' an' eatin' an' talkin', but w'en dey gits to prayin' an' fessin' dey sins, den he gitter move on.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "CONCURRENT BLESSINGS"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."—Eph. 1:3.

When a man is saved and the burden of sin rolls away, he is made a new creature in Christ Jesus and he is made happy in the Lord. He doesn't stop to realize just what has taken place. He knows he is happy. He knows that the burden of the guilt of sin is gone, but he just doesn't stop to realize and to analyze all the things that have happened so far as his life is

concerned. It is my desire tonight to show you some of the things that take place when you became a child of God, or in other words, I want to show you the concurrent blessings that became yours to enjoy the day that Christ became your Saviour. Frankly, beloved, there were a number of things that took place that you didn't realize. Possibly it took you a long time maybe many months—many years—before you learned from the Word of God the things that took place concurrently when you were saved.

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

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

WHEN YOU WERE SAVED, YOU EXPERIENCED THE NEW BIRTH. I do not say, brethren, maybe you did. I say positively when you were saved, you experience the new birth. And, brethren, if you haven't experienced the new birth, you have never been born again. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ IS BORN OF GOD."—1 John 5:1.

"Of his own will BEGAT HE US with the word of truth."—James 1:18.

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Every individual who is saved, has been begotten by the will of God through the means of the Word.

"BEING BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever."—I Peter 1:23.

"Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God. Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee Ye must be BORN AGAIN."—John 3:3-5-7.

"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, which were BORN, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor the will of man, but of God."—John 1:12-13.

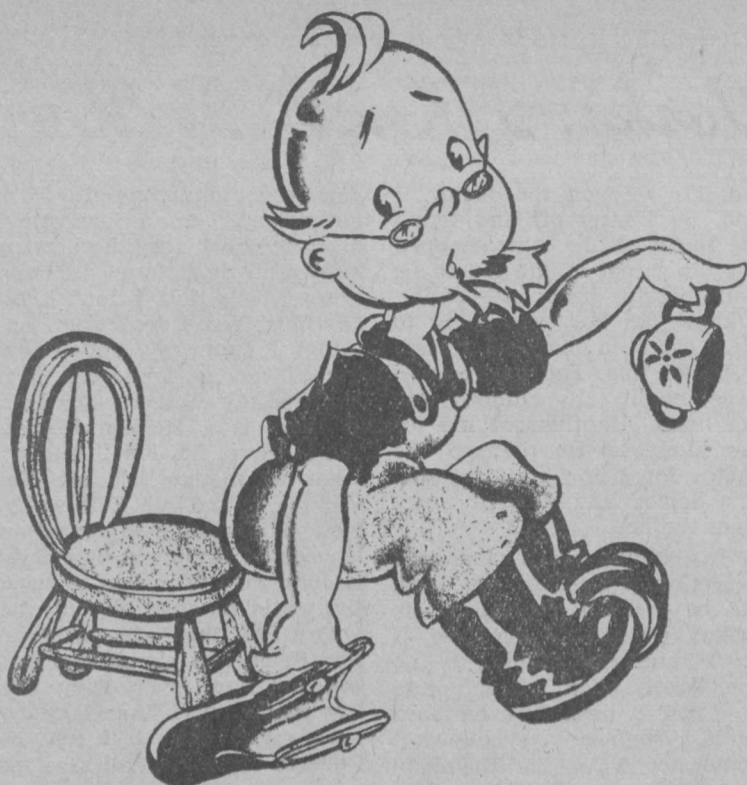
Here are a number of scriptures taken at random from the Word of God, that I might show you this precious truth that every saved person has been born of God. That is, if you are saved tonight, you have experienced the new birth.

When you were born into this world you experienced a fleshly birth, but, beloved, when you are saved, you experience a spiritual birth. The one is just as real as the other. While one affects your life in this material world, the other affects your life in the spiritual world throughout eternity. One affects your life for a little span of an allotted seventy years, while the other affects your life throughout a never ending eternity.

Brethren, I pause to ask you this simple question: Have you been born again? I don't ask you if you have joined a church. And I don't ask you if you have been baptized. Nor do I ask you if you have made a profession. I don't ask you if you have quit your meanness and reformed or turned over a new leaf. I ask you that which is more serious: Have you been born again?

So far as I am concerned, beloved, I insist tonight that there is nothing that will take the place of the new birth. All the education, the refinement, the culture, and all the veneering of civilization that you may secure will never in this world take the place of the new birth. Brethren, you have to be born again to become a child of God. You may travel a great deal in this world and see many wonderful cities, but you will never see that city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God, unless you are born again. You may see many wonderful trees, even those wonderful hardwoods of the west coast, but you will never see that tree of life which bears its fruit along the banks of the river of life unless you are born again. You may attend many wonderful banquets, but you will never sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob to eat, unless you are born again. I say, my brother, you may see many wonderful streams and

Our children will remember our deeds long after they have forgotten our precepts



Your gifts will keep us from always being in this condition.

waterfalls in this world but you will never see that stream—the river of life unless you are born from above.

Mark my words tonight, beloved, there is nothing that will take the place of the new birth. Brother, sister, if you are saved tonight—when you were saved, you experienced it. If you haven't experienced the new birth, don't deceive yourself one whit further in thinking that you are saved. If you haven't been born from above, don't let anybody deceive you any longer in trying to make you believe that you are a child of God. Brother, it is as impossible for a man to be saved without the new birth as it is for a man to live in this world without a body for his soul to live within.

**II**

**WHEN YOU WERE SAVED, YOU EXPERIENCED JUSTIFICATION.** I say, beloved, you were justified the day you were saved. Maybe you didn't know it but it took place just the same.

"And by him all that believe are JUSTIFIED from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."—Acts 13:39.

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

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? IT IS GOD THAT JUSTIFIETH."—Rom. 8:33.

Now, brethren, what is justification? If I had not read but one, the last scripture, that would be enough to show us that justification is the act of God, and not of man. No man can justify himself. It is God that justifieth.

What is the meaning of justification? Well, if I were to write it on a blackboard and divide that word into syllables, I could say that when I am saved, I am just-as-if-I'd never sinned. Brethren, that is exactly what I am when I am justified. I am just as if I had never sinned in the sight of God. Jesus Christ came to Calvary and bore all my sins at the cross, so that in God's sight I stand justified tonight. I stand as if I had never sinned because all my sins are laid on Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I don't know anything that ought

to make a man happier in the Lord than to know that the day he was saved, all of his old past sins—all of those old sins that maybe he had even forgotten about—were all laid on Jesus and that the Son of God bore all those sins so that every saved man stands sin-free in the sight of God just as if he had never sinned one time.

And, brethren, man can't do that. You can join a church, you can be ducked in the river, you can turn over a new leaf, but you can't justify yourself. It is God that justifieth! Brethren, He does it the day you are saved. Now you who are saved tonight didn't know the day you were saved that you were right then justified. In all probability you didn't realize how wonderful that experience was, but, brethren, in that very hour the Son of God became your Saviour, you stood sinless and sinfree because Jesus Christ had borne your sins and you were then and there justified from all the things from which you could never be justified by the law of Moses.

Brethren, I thank God tonight for this doctrine of justification. I'm glad God can do what I can't do. I am glad God did do what I never could have done. I'm glad that in my own experience

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**RUSSELLISM**

E. C. GILLENLINE  
Texarkanna, Ark.-Tex.

(Continued from last week)

Not only has the church been without a pastor most of the time, but it has had men who differed in their doctrinal teachings, for Paul, John, Arius Waldo and Wycliffe were Baptists and were all severely persecuted for their teachings. Martin Luther was the founder of the Lutheran Church which was founded in A. D. 1530. Russell was the founder of what is known to us as "Russellism," or the "Millennial Dawn," or now known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," in A. D. 1884. The church has been in existence 1900 years and has had only seven pastors, and probably none of them lived over one hundred years, so you see the church has been without a pastor for from 1200 to 1500 years, and is without one now. So if the world should stand a thousand years longer, the church could never have another pastor, for it has had its complete number and the last one is dead.

Alas, alas! But such is Russellism. Poor old Russell is dead and gone, and I wish I could believe him gone to rest, but he left so much evidence on record that he did not believe the true teachings of Jesus and the Bible that I cannot have any hope for him.

Every pastor the churches had, according to Russell, taught contrary to Russell. They all believed and taught the Bible doctrine of eternal punishment, the Virgin Birth of Christ, the Divinity of Christ, the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus, and Russell did not believe any of them. He, of course, claims in a way to believe some of them, but when you sound him down and really get the real essence of his teachings, it is veneered infidelity with a religious dress on.

(17) *Russellism Teaches That the Gentile Dispensation Has Already Come to an End.* Finished Mystery, page 262, "The times of the Gentiles which expired October 1, 1914."

Jerusalem is yet under Gentile dominion and, as long as she is controlled by the Gentiles, the "times of the Gentiles" have not been fulfilled. Luke 21:24. Wars are still in progress.

(18) *Russellism Teaches That Russell was the great voice John Heard Speaking Out of the Temple, Mentioned in Revelation 16:1-17.* Finished Mystery, pp. 237-243.

I am of the opinion that Russell will never really see the "temple" instead of being the "voice" that "spoke of it."

(19) *Russellism Teaches That the Seven Books Known as "The Studies in the Scriptures," are the Seven Vials Spoken of in Revelation 16:1-17.* See Finished Mystery, pp. 237-243. These seven vials were poured out upon the earth so says the Scriptures and Russell claims to be the voice and his writings the vials or plagues. Jesus says, "He that exalteth himself shall be abased." If Russell has not what it would mean for one to do so. He is as great a blasphemer as the "man of sin" will be when he sets himself upon the earth.

Russellites, Rutherfordites, Jehovah's Witnesses, all believe that Russell and Rutherford were all they claimed to be and all that is claimed for them by their followers.

I have recently had some experience with some of them, and one of them claimed that he was going to be one of the judges to help judge the saints and the wicked of the earth. He said he was expecting to be called away at any time to take his seat of judgment. Poor deluded fellow! God, have mercy on the poor folks who are being deceived by such teachings.

(20) *Russellism Teaches Universal Salvation.* Finished Mystery, page 88, "The redeemed of the Lord (all mankind) shall return from the tomb and gain salvation with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." Compare Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and the nations that forget God." The word "hell" here means the unseen state.

(21) *Russellism Teaches the Annihilation of the Wicked.* Finished Mystery, page 104, "The class that continues 'in the sea, i. e.' not under religious restraint, will cease to exist. They no longer are, but even their terminated existence will be to the praise of the one who died for them on Calvary, for they will have a perfect chance."

One time he tells us that all are going to be saved, and the next time he tells us that those who continue "in the sea" will

cease to exist. Which time did he tell the truth? Neither time! For the Bible teaches that all will not be saved. "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt," Dan. 12:2. So we see here they will neither be annihilated nor all saved, for some awake "TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT." Not "EVERLASTING ANNIHILATION," but "CONTEMPT."

(22) *Russellism Charges the Late World War Up to What He Calls "Christendom."* He Charges That the Teachings of the Doctrine of Eternal Punishment, and the Like were Great Helpers in Promoting the War, and the Ministers of the Churches as Recruiting Agents. "In all the warring countries the professed ministers of Christ are acting as recruiting agents," Finished Mystery, p. 252. Again he says, "The clergy are the ones directly responsible for the war in Europe." . . . "They are an entirely unauthorized class—except by themselves; a self-perpetuating fraud, they have brought upon their heads the blood of all the nations of the earth in this world war; and God will require it at their hands," Finished Mystery, page 288. (He has reference to World War No. One).

How do you preachers who have been reading and helping to support the teachings of Russellism like that? You, who have said, "Let them alone and let the people read and study their teachings and don't be fighting and exposing their doctrines," how do you like the charge that is now made against you? I do not feel the least bit of responsibility resting upon me in that respect. I stood ready to go in defense of my country in World War No. One, and in World War II, I stood ready to do anything in my power in defense of our country. Notwithstanding all this I do not feel that the blood of any of the nations is upon me because of anything I have preached. I had ten thousand times rather risk my chance than to risk the chance of poor, old "Pastor Russell."

**SUMMARY**

Russellism had its beginning with Pastor Russell and the Seventh-Day Adventists.

Russellism teaches that the death of Christ was a failure. It denies the Divinity of Christ.

It denies the bodily resurrection of Christ.

It teaches that Jesus became Divine after His resurrection, but was not Divine in any sense before.

It teaches that Jesus Christ made His second advent in 1874.

It teaches that the resurrection of the saints took place in 1878.

It teaches that the final consummation of the age came in October, 1914.

It teaches that after 1918 it is dangerous to teach the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

It teaches that to teach the doctrine of an eternal hell for the impenitent wicked after death is blasphemy.

It teaches there is no such thing as an eternal hell.

It teaches there will be a chance for men to repent after they are raised from the dead.

It teaches that the great mass of mankind will be saved after

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MISSIONARIES  
IN BRAZIL

J. F. Brandon  
B. E. Parrott  
Mrs. B. E. Parrott  
Miguel Ibernou  
Cicero Bicipo  
Maio Dutro  
Eufrazio Soraes  
Francisco Santiago  
Walter Fernandes  
(Portuguese Language)

## Missionary Department

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MISSIONARIES  
IN PERU

R. P. Hallum  
Mrs. R. P. Hallum  
Miss Marguerite Hallum  
(Spanish Language)

## IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo  
(Spanish Language)

F. Brandon's Letter Shows The Real  
Need Of True Mission Work In Brazil

I left Manaus on April 6 after eight days there in fellowship with the brethren. The Parrotts rented a house and were expecting to move in the next day. They had the promise of a teacher who would go to their house once a week. Our little church in Manaus has grown since I left it last August. They have baptized 11 and received 3 letters and 7 were to be baptized on Sunday, April 10. Brother Parrott was going to get the pictures of the baptizing if possible. The building that the church has occupied until now is too small and they will be moving soon to another (it also is still too small but some day). We hope in the future to have a church building of our own there.

## Boat Fifty Years Old

The boat on which I am traveling is one of the old timers, a wooden wheeler, made in Pittsburgh about 50 years ago. One wonders how they keep them together so long. Besides the boat being overloaded we are carrying a large barge full of lumber. It will take quite a while to arrive in Cruzeiro do Sul. The boat on the boat was a pilot of the boat the first time I went to Cruzeiro do Sul. Today at the time he was telling some of the things David did when my family went up the first time. It has been 19 years since we went to Codajaz (this is on the Amazon about 300 miles up river from Manaus). We have passed the place and it is still there. Many people were on the river bank to see the boat pass by.

## Experiences Of Other Days

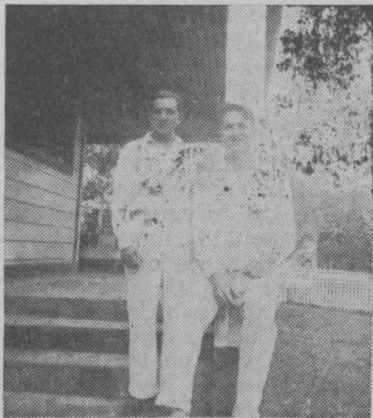
The sight recalled to my mind when we were there. We were to sow seed and reap the harvest. When we left there was a church with more than 50 members and a nice little church building. From what I could see the passing place did not seem so progressive now as when I left there. It now has two American priests. but in other

days we would pray for the progress of the town and then try to encourage the elder of it, and God answers prayer. Our baby girl, Betty Brown, was born there and the people seemed to be as proud of her as a brand new dollar. She was born on one of their national holidays. There was no doctors there and a midwife came to deliver the baby. We were not making much progress and I called the children and sent them to the homes of the believers to ask them to stop whatever they were doing and seek the Lord in prayer for the birth of the baby. Their neighbors and ours, too, Catholic, knew of it and went to pray to their saints and they later told us that they made promises with the saints for a happy birth for our baby. Of course they could not be convinced but that their promises were what gave the results. Of course, we believers know that all answered prayer comes through the name of the Lord Jesus. The truth is, in about an half hour the baby was born and made us all happy. The next few days were busy ones, for the whole town came in to visit her.

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Inside the building of the Baptist Tabernacle in Manaus. The picture is a flash photo taken from the back of the church showing the pastor in the pulpit with Bible in hand.



Missionary Billy Parrott with Jose, a young Brazilian Christian, standing beside him.



Brother Francisco Santiago, the pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Manaus, Brazil, praying before taking the candidates into the water to baptize them.



Brother Santiago baptizing a man with his wife waiting to be baptized. This is early morning before it gets hot. They left the church at 7:00 a. m

Missionary Parrott's Letter Brings Real  
Rejoicing And A Challenge To Us At Home

Caixa Postal 227  
Manaos, Amazonas, Brazil.

Dear Brethren:

I received your letter Number 2 of April 19 on April 23. Also received the MISSION SHEETS and the LIGHT AND SHIELD and the poster with the pictures of all the missionaries. We were glad to get them. Most of the news was encouraging and none of it especially discouraging. We were a little disappointed in the mission offerings for the past three months but that does not worry us because we know that His will will be done in all things and that He takes care of His work. We are praying for greater offerings, not for our benefit but that more workers might be put on the field. There is a great need for more of the native workers and there are men here who would like to put in their full time at the work of the Lord but it is impossible for them to do it without some sort of support.

## Looking for the Smiths.

We are rejoicing with you that the Smiths are to be sent out. We were sure that they would



The Men's Bible Class with the pastor teaching the Sunday School lesson. It looks like Brother Parrott got out of his chair to take the picture. Thus you have the mission work in pictures.

be, but it is great to know that it is now official. We know the Smiths are happy about it, too. The pictures of the missionaries on the poster are very good. I showed the poster to Bro. Santiago, the pastor here, and he knows all the Brazilian men on it. In another year we will have enough missionaries here for a poster of the workers in Brazil alone. I am looking forward to meeting all the other brethren down here with much hope for great times of fellowship with them. I should like to have an extra copy of the poster with the pictures on it. I am glad that you have these posters sent out on a stiff cardboard. If you will recall, I made the statement just after I returned from Florida and other places last fall that the people wanted just such a picture for their churches. I think it will be a lot of help.

## Rainy Season

It rains almost continually now. I think we are right in the middle of a rainy season. It has hurt the attendance of our night street services quite a bit. Our house is one of the nicer places of this part of the city and it is for sale but the price is more than the mission could pay, I am sure. They want \$5000.00 for it. In the states it would be in the \$15,000.00 class. It is only about three years old and was built for an American business man who has lots of money. We are paying \$45.00 a month rent and they tell me this is very reasonable for this house. It is large and has a large yard with a white paling fence around it. The house has water and a bath room. It is only five minutes walk from here to the church or to the pastor's home. There is a street car track right in front of the house and also a bus line with another line just around the corner going the other way.

Need a New Church  
Building

The thing that interests me most just now is a church building (Next page, Column one)

COND LETTER FROM  
BILLY PARROTT

May 2, 1949.

Brethren:

We are very much in need of Bibles down here. Missions now have a new book here and probably we can get what we want from them, but I would like to see if we can get them for ourselves, because it should be cheaper in the long run, and we need some Bibles to take up river when we go to Cruzeiro do Sul. They are hard to get here and it would be much harder up river. Would like for you to write to the American Bible Society and (Next page, Column five)

## "DON RICARDO" PLEADS FOR MORE MISSIONARIES IN PERU

Iquitos, Peru,  
April 5, 1949.

Dear Brethren:

I am happy to hear of the acceptance of more missionaries to go to Brazil. I don't believe that a thousand new ones of the right sort would be too many. I have a different idea than many about carrying out the great commission. I don't believe that we have even approached near to the fulfilling of the Lord's will in this matter. From my point of view there is a need of a hundred missionaries of the right sort in this region of Peru. To show what I mean I will relate

my experience a few days ago. I made a short trip to Mapa accompanied by a young Peruvian. We arrived about one thirty in the afternoon, visited the people, inviting them to the service in the house that we usually held services in. About the time we finished visiting it started to rain and rained the rest of the afternoon and all night, but in spite of the rain and that the man of the house and his family were away at work (some of his relatives were there caring for the house), a few came, including a dozen or so boys and girls. There were six men all sitting

on the same bench and I think there were three women present with their babies.

## Four Adults Saved

After preaching the gospel to them I remarked that some of them had made profession of faith in previous services. One of the men answered saying that the four of them that were sitting in the center had made profession, but that the other two men had not, then I asked the other two if they would receive the Lord Jesus as a personal Saviour, and if so to raise the (Next page, column four)

## POSTERS

We have sent out posters with the pictures of all the missionaries of Baptist Faith Missions as of March 1949. We have tried to send the large cards with the pictures of the missionaries on them to every church that supports this work, also to each individual that support the work separate from any church. If you have not received one of these posters for your church, please write to us at once and we will send you one. We do not want to miss anyone, and no one will be missed if you will write us and ask for one. We cannot give one to each member of a supporting church. Those (Next page, Column four)

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 1949

Zoar Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky. ....	\$ 17.45
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. ....	17.55
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (for Don Thomas' Bldg.) .....	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. Ladies Bible Class .....	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio .....	21.74
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	35.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va. ....	5.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky. ....	50.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. ....	15.81
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio .....	13.50
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla. ....	45.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla. ....	5.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliff, Ky. ....	31.75
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla. ....	55.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky. ....	7.06
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. ....	44.13
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind. ....	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky. ....	5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky. ....	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	36.50
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado .....	75.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. ....	89.50
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class) .....	35.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich. ....	24.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky. ....	55.00
Lawtey Baptist Mission, Lawtey, Fla. ....	5.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky. ....	65.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. ....	7.21
Calvary Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn. ....	3.00
First Baptist Church, Stilwell, Okla. ....	
(By Alma and Eddie Lewis) .....	9.50
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Millstone, West Va. ....	20.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky. ....	12.00
Maborton Baptist Church, Mansfield, La. ....	50.00
Freedom Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky. ....	25.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. ....	40.20
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky. ....	50.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	11.09
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich. ....	21.87
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.) ....	4.51
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. ....	70.16
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. ....	134.40
Beech Grove Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky. ....	16.35
Vacation Bible School, Portales, New Mexico (By Mrs. Ruth Bilberry) .....	2.32
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. ....	87.20
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky. ....	5.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class) .....	10.00
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. Y. P. U.) ....	7.47
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky. ....	10.00
Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Stockdale, Ohio .....	1.00
Pearl L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky. (for Don Thomas' bldg.) ..	2.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky. ....	5.00
Miss Irene Ayres, Gainesville, Fla. ....	12.00
McLellan Sebastian, Outwood, Ky. ....	15.00
John U. and Blanch Owen, Bowling Green, Ky. ....	10.00
Linwood M. Williams, Baltimore, Md. ....	5.00
W. F. Landacre, Carl, West Va. ....	6.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1437.27</b>

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for His mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:

Z. E. CLARK  
Box 215  
Cannelton, Indiana

## MISSIONARY PARROTT

(Preceding page, Column five) ing and I am enclosing a sheet with a rough drawing of the plan for a building. Of course, this is only a plan and all that has been done is to talk about it but I am very enthusiastic about it. I talked it over with Brother Brandon before he left for Cruzeiro do Sul and he agreed on this type of building as the most suitable and the pastor has also agreed that it is best. The next thing is to get a lot and then we can go ahead when we are ready to build. We are studying very hard on the language now. We have two teachers and we are coming

along very well. I can make the pastor understand just about anything that I want to say to him now. I told him the other day that I wanted to begin preaching by the time I had been here six months and he said that he believed that at the rate I am learning that I will be preaching in four or five months. I think that it will be six months before I shall try to preach but I am coming along pretty fast. I advised Lawrence (Brother Smith) to get the same books that we got in New York and start studying Portuguese now. Our teacher says that the grammar is very good and the dictionary, too. I think that if the mission could see their way clear they should send Lawrence to that language school in Detroit (I think it is the Berlitz School of Languages). They vary quite a bit but it would be worth it for him to be able to speak the language a little when they get down here. They would still have a teacher to finish but he would have enough so he could attend to all the business when they get here. If I can I will go to town tomorrow and have some film developed and send some pictures along with this letter. We take the film one day

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Brother Z. E. Clark has had to rent a larger P. O. Box. Please note the new box number on your records. The correct address is:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK  
P. O. BOX 215  
CANDELTON, IND.

## NOTICE

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

H. H. OVERBEY  
1210 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit 11, Mich.

## MISSIONARY BRANDON

(Preceding page, Column two)

## The Work Has Suffered

While in Manaus I was told that the work of the Lord there (Codajaz) was not prospering so much lately. The church has no pastor and the members are very poor, I am sure too poor to sustain one, and the convention will not. (This church was organized by Brother Brandon and then taken away from him by the convention while he was away). Later. We are now three days on the Jurua river and the journey would be impossible but for the presence of the Lord. There are 15 little children on the boat, all of which were born under a thunder cloud, and the brightest place on the boat for them is around my hammock. When we passed Coary (another church that Brother Brandon organized that the convention took from him) I recalled the happy days that we passed there calling them from sin to a better life with the Lord Jesus. The church there seems to be prospering, they have a school there now, the pastor seems to be quite active and is a good man. The priests are building a convent and school there now. One of the leading business men was converted there last month. The Catholic idea is not to make the people strong in the faith but to destroy the Baptist work. They sent American priests to Codajaz and Coary when there were many other towns in the interior. We passed the place where the church of Catua "was" (another church organized by Brother Brandon and taken from him by the convention). A man came aboard, the owner of the place, and he said there were no more public meetings but that the people still professed the faith, but were without a pastor. When we were about to leave he sent me a bushel, 1 kutoiter, of Brazil nuts as a present. He is not a believer but a friend of the believers. He said that the brethren had made a lot of money on nuts this year and last. We passed a place yesterday and I talked to a man about the Lord and he said "you do not recognize me, but in 1926 you talked to me over there on the river bank and I trusted the Lord Jesus and have been a believer ever since."

Sincerely,

J. F. BRANDON.

(This letter from Brother Brandon evidently was mailed on a passing boat that was coming down river. We have not heard any more from him and trust that he has reached Cruzeiro do Sul and is with the church there. Pray for him.—Editor).

and get it back the next. We pray daily for the churches and brethren back there. Don't forget us in your prayers and be sure and pray about us getting the new church building here. We need it very badly.

Your friend in the service of the Saviour.

B. E. PARROTT.

Our new address is Caixa Postal 227, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.

## MISSIONARY HALLUM

(Preceding page, Column two) hand and both of them raised the hand; then I turned and remarked to the women that were sitting on the other side that the gospel is for the women also and asked them if they would receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour and they both raised their hands. After I had dismissed the service and all had gone except those that were staying in the house, one of the men who seems to be more intelligent came and sat down at my side and began to talk. He said "Don Ricardo, what we need is a church and a school and some of you people to come and stay and teach us and teach our children to read and make them obey. You have been coming and teaching us alright but when you go away they forget what you have said and go on the same way." I said yes, I suppose the children forget what we teach but the men and women do not. Here he replied, "Yes, it is the same with the men. They forget what you have taught them. Over on the Ruma Cocha there is an evangelist that lives there and teaches them the Bible and teaches the children and they have a church and they are learning and going forward and that is what we need." That is about the way the man expressed his opinion. I believe that he is right. These people need someone to live with them and teach them by precept and example, someone that has true sympathy for them as well as patience, and only those who have sufficient grace can do it. Mapa is a small settlement of 100 persons or more, but near Mapa above and below there is Unguara, Santa Rita on the river, Santa Rita off the river, a short distance, and above Mapa are settlements of Comas and some not Indians. Then up the river Nanay for many days travel there are settlements of people along the river. There is plenty of work for a missionary. There are no other evangelistic workers on this river except a family of Peruvians far up on a plantation. On the little river Momon which empties into the Nanay there are many people without the gospel. About five hours up this river by motor is Polis Creek on the Momon. On this creek is a large settlement of people both white and red and some have received the gospel. They have a school there up to the third grade. They too need a missionary, someone who is willing to lose his life for Christ. I know of no Baptists in this part except us that are not unionists. Surely the Lord needs some true Baptists to help us in this part of His field. For this we ask your prayers.

Yours in the Lord.

R. P. HALLUM.

(How can those who profess to be called to be missionaries refuse to accept a challenge like this?—Editor).



## SECOND LETTER

(Preceding page, Column five) other places about Portuguese Bibles. We don't want any other version or translation than the "Jose Ferreira d'Almedia Translation," definitely not the Brazilian translation. I would like to know the price of all sizes, and in quantities, also the address of their office in Brazil. Several of the believers here want Bibles and if I can get them cheaper it will be much better than for them to have to buy them from the book store here. You might also find out about the Portuguese song books

"Cantor Christao." We can get them here and I have already paid \$7.50 for our personal copies, two with music at \$2.50 each and two pocket size without music at \$1.25 each. These are leather bound and should last for a long time. Also I bought fifteen dollars worth for the church, some paper bound for .50 and some cloth bound for .75, but we still need to find out about others.

## Portuguese Teachers

I think we will let one of our Portuguese teachers go after this week. He is a young boy who has never taught before and is not helping very much. He doesn't know much English and he is trying to learn English from us while he teaches us Portuguese and the result is that he is learning more English than we are Portuguese. The other teacher is experienced and very good. He is quite business like and there is no wasted time with him. He uses the whole hour for teaching us and refuses to speak English at all if he can possibly make himself clear in Portuguese. It did not rain last night and the service picked up noticeably. There were 28 there and it was a new place, so it is looking better and the pastor says that it will be much better as soon as summer comes and the rains cease. We only have a little more of the rainy season left and it will be over before this month is out. We will be glad as we do not care for this rain even though it is cooler in the rainy season. You can really tell the difference on a rainy day. It is quite comfortable when it rains and then the next day it will be insufferably hot and they say that this is the winter and that it will be very much hotter when summer comes. Last Wednesday night we had 53 in prayer meeting and last Sunday night we had 58 which left only two seats, as we can only seat 60.

## Located A Lot

We now have in mind a very well located lot for the new church building and it is for sale for about \$75 or \$85. I think it is not far from where we are now and it is in a much better location, right on the bus line and only a short block from the street car line. It is a corner lot in a place where it will be conspicuous and I believe that it is more centrally located for the present members. If the Lord opens the way we will buy this lot and begin more definite plans for the new building. I would like to get it started as soon as we can so that I can see it through before we leave here for Cruzeiro do Sul, but that is in the hands of the Lord. I am waiting now for your thoughts on the matter (and the money to buy and build). There is little other church news now. I am tending every service and I will continue to do so if nothing providentially hinders me. They people like it very much and so do I. I am already feeling towards these people that they are mine and more or less my responsibility, and their troubles are my troubles.

Your brother in the service of the Saviour.

B. E. PARROTT.

## POSTERS

(Preceding page, Column One) can see them as they are put in the church building. But individuals who support the work in different parts of the country whose church does not, should have one. Write to: H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan.

When one sees what Jesus did at Galvary, he will never hesitate as to tithing.

# RUSSELLISM

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 They are raised from the dead.  
 It teaches that Russell's works are better than the teachings of the Bible; for without his works one can understand the Bible, but with his works the Bible is made easy, and can be understood.

Russellism teaches that we have been living in the millennium ever since 1874.

Russellism teaches that "Pastor Russell" (so-called) was the author of the Laodicean Church. Russellism teaches that the Millennial Dispensation has come to an end.

(23) Russellism Teaches That the Soldier Boys Who Die in War Will be Given a Chance to Live and be Saved After Death. Here are his words: "They are dead, waiting for the resurrection; and in due time they shall be brought back to the condition of life and re-given a full opportunity to accept the terms of the new order of things and live forever," *Now Living Will Never Die*, p. 101. Now hear what he has to say: "He that believeth not is condemned already," John 3:18. And Solomon, "Where the tree falleth there it shall lie," Eccl. 11:31. "He that is filthy, let him be filthy still," Rev. 22:11.

(24) Russellism Contradicts Own Teachings: See Indictment Number Two. There He says Jesus Was Not Divine, Now He Claims Him to be the Son of God. "The holy one that was born of the virgin Mary was and is the Son of God," Harp of God, p. 98, par. 1. If He were the Son of God He would be certainly Divine, for He has no other nature than Divine nature. As proof that He was both Divine and human I give you the following scriptures: "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me," John 5:28. "I proceeded forth and came from the Father, and sent me," John 8:42. "Before Abraham was, I am," John 8:58. "I came from the Father and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father," John 13:36.

"My friends, I believe in Jesus Christ, and I am going to give the last drop of my blood for the redemption of the world; they can 'cus' me if they want to, but bless me, I am going on!" "My friends, today we stand on the shores of time; God has sent us a message from the Word of the Living God—I dare not change its meaning—I dare not pervert its message—it is the message of life and of death unto all men. God help me to defend it, to give it out to the world of this fallen race until it is enough."

"My friends, hear me! These teachers come like the Trojans, with infidelity in a Trojan dress. They have come as wolves in sheep's clothing. They are no difference with them. They are all the same alike—Methodist, Presbyterian and all. It is high time for us to arise in the might of Elijah's power and smite the thing hip thigh, declaring our faith in Jehovah, our faith in the Bible, and roll back the flood-tides of this menace and save ourselves and our children."

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Russellism teaches that Russell was the great voice which John heard speaking out of the temple.

It teaches that Russell's seven books on the Studies in the Scriptures are seven vials of the plagues which are to be poured out upon the earth.

Russellism teaches universal salvation.

Russellism teaches annihilation of the wicked after death and the probation.

Russellism says the teaching of such doctrines as eternal punishment, and such other Bibles doctrines as he doesn't like, are what caused the World War No. One.

He said all preachers were recruiting officers for the army.

I look upon the blasphemous doctrine as one of the most dangerous being taught in the world today. The world is looking for an easy way and Russellism has fixed an easy way for it. A Russellite by the name of Coda, who lives near Oakland, Okla., said the world needed an easy way and God had given it to them through the teachings of Pastor Russell. Their doctrine is: If you fall in this life you will be given another chance in the life to come. This just suits lost sinners, for they think if they can go on in sin all through this life having all the worldly pleasures possible and then after death be given another chance that is as good as they want, so they paid Russell money by the thousands of dollars for his lectures. Also his successor, Mr. Rutherford, received great sums for his lectures. This false doctrine has been and will be the means of causing many poor deluded lost souls to go down into hell that might have heard the gospel and been saved if they had not heard of or read Russell's teachings.

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

"The second coming of Christ is the pivotal point of their whole system of teaching. Around this wonderful doctrine it all centers.

"They claim that Christ's second coming took place in 1874 and that all true Christians then in their grave were raised in 1878.

"They claim that Christ and these Christians are here now but unseen, carrying on a special work and that in 1920 Christ began His millennial reign. In trying to bolster up this false doctrine they have become guilty of perverting well nigh all the teaching of the Bible concerning the person of Christ and have undermined practically every great fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith. We observe:

"1. The day of the coming of Christ is unknown. Matt. 25:36: 'Of that day and hour knoweth no man,' and any man who attempts to fix a definite date is to assume a knowledge which the Son of God, in Mark 13:32, declared He Himself did not know.

"2. In I Cor. 15:51-52, and I Thess. 4:13-17, we find plain teaching that the resurrection of the saints takes place immediately upon the coming of Christ. They teach that Christ came in 1874 and the saints were raised four years later, in 1878.

"3. I Thess. 4:16-17 teaches that the saints on earth shall, after being changed 'in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,' be caught up at once with the resurrected believers to 'meet the Lord in the air.'



Christ, therefore, could not have come in 1874, because there are Christians here now who were living as Christians then.

"4. When Christ comes and the saints are changed and caught up into the air to be with Him, those who are left are surely going to miss them. Matt. 24:40-41: 'Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. Nothing like this took place in 1874, nor 1878. If Christ came in 1874 no one ever knew it but 'Jehovah's Witnesses.' We do not believe they knew it.

"5. Haldeman adds to these reasons two others. The first of these is that seven years (Daniel's Seventieth Week) after Christ's 2nd Coming (His parousia, that is His coming for His Saints) He will appear on Mount Olive and usher in the Millennium. Nearly eleven times seven years have passed since 1874, says Haldeman, and therefore Christ could not have come at that time.

"6. The other reason given by Haldeman is that when Christ comes, the Holy Spirit who now 'restraineth the Man of Sin' will be taken out of the way,' II Thess. 2:7, and as it is evident that the Holy Spirit is still here hindering the power of lawlessness, it is also evident, therefore, that Christ has not yet come.

"7. The Word of God plainly teaches and all the old-fashioned people of God have always believed that when Christ comes to establish His Millennium, with the saints caught up to meet Him in the air, this stupendous event will be an extraordinary one when the Son of God will come in His glory garments and earth and heaven by signs astonishing will proclaim the glad events while the on-looking and awe-stricken world will behold the plentitude of His majestic splendor. In Matthew 24:30 we read: 'And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.' Rev. 1:7: 'Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him.' Could anything make plainer the fact that His second coming, His coming to establish the Millennium is thus to be a visible one?"

## BUT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES WILL NOT HAVE IT SO

They teach that His coming to establish the Millennial reign is to be an invisible one and only gradually will the world come to recognize the fact that He is here, though not to be seen with the literal eye. Studies in the Scriptures, Vol. II, page 103.

Of course, the words, "Every

eye shall see him," as well as many other passages are fatal to their theory, and so they must get rid of them. But this is dead easy for them to do. They certainly do hold the championship belt for exegetical jugglery. They can make "white" read "black," change a mountain into a molehill or vice versa, if it suits their purpose, and their whole absurd dream is bolstered up by explanations which ridicule human reason and make out of human language little more than a "double-tongued deception."

In Matthew 24:27 we read: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"; "lighting," they say, means "bright shining," and the passage refers to the gradual dawning of the truth of His invisible presence. This is an example of their method of interpreting Scripture. Again, we read in the Bible: "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven," etc., they say it means that He will really be "concealed," and when it says "Every eye shall see him," it means, of course, that NO eye shall see Him, but "that in due time all shall recognize His presence invisible, His power and His authority," Vol. 2, page 153.

These are only samples of their numerous other interpretations by which they twist and distort the Word of God to create support of their fantastic and unsubstantiated teaching.

## THEY TEACH RELATIVE TO THE EXISTENCE OF CHRIST:

"1. That He was a created spirit being just as the angels were. They declare in the plainest terms that God created Jesus Christ, and that before Christ came into the world as the Son of God, and was born of Mary, He was a created angel and was none other than the Archangel Michael. Studies in the Scriptures, Vol. 1, page 188, and Vol. V, p. 84.

"Think of it! A created Archangel conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary instead of the Creator, the Eternal Son of God, as we have been taught in the Holy Writ to believe, and that instead of worshipping this ever-blessed and only begotten Son of God, it has been after all only an Archangel who has been the object of our love and our adorations!

"NOT ONLY IS THIS REPULSIVE IN THE EXTREME BUT IT FLATLY DENIES THE ETERNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, HIS CO-EXISTENCE WITH GOD, AND HIS DEITY.

"If He were a created being He is not co-existence with God. There was a time when

He did not exist. He was not the eternal, uncaused, unbegun personality. If He were created He was not before all things and by Him all things were not made that were made, John 1:1-4. If He were created He Himself was made. God made Him.

"These unwarrantable and inexcusable contentions in the face of the plainest statements of Scripture are little short of contemptible. It is well nigh blasphemy. Around the person of Christ the Bible pours all the wealth of its matchless revelation. His pre-existence and His Deity is declared openly and unmistakably. He is the everlasting and self-caused One, the alone fulness of the eternal Being.

"Christ Himself claimed that He had always existed: 'Before Abraham was I AM,' said He, John 8:58. When Christ asked the Jews why they stoned Him, they said, 'Because being a man, thou makest thyself God.' But Jehovah's Witnesses teach that our Lord Jesus Christ was not God."

They teach that He never was God.

They teach that He had a beginning.

They teach that He was created.

They teach that while on earth He had only one nature and that He was human.

They teach that in order to become the Saviour of men He gave up His divine nature.

They teach that He was only a man like Adam was before he fell.

All such teaching degrades His glorious Person and virtually says there was no Incarnation at all.

"In view of these absurd perversions of the Word of God they must, of course, declare that the work of Christ on earth was only the work of a mere man. Do they draw back? Do they tremble at the thought of making such statements? No. But listen to them: 'As a human being he gave himself a ransom for men,' Vol. II, pages 107 and 109. 'It was His flesh, His life as a mere man, His humanity, that was sacrificed for our redemption.' Alas! Such is 'Russellism,' 'Rutherfordism,' 'Jehovah's Witnessesism.' Such blasphemy!"

2. According to their pernicious doctrines there was no divinity on the cross! No deity there! Ours was only a human Saviour; but such is "Russellism."

But hear them again: "We, as members of Christ's body, are yielding up our lives in sacrifice during this age, and these sacrificed lives counted in with His constitute the blood of Christ which seals the new covenant between God and the world!" This not only denies the deity of Christ, but makes us in part our own saviour.

Oh, cross of Christ, bearing away my sin! That cross where broke the matchless heart of the Son of God! That cross where centers all the eternal wisdom and unfathomable love, all the inexorable justice and infinite mercy of the everlasting God in one supreme and successful effort to save a lost world! And now comes "Jehovah's Witnesses" so-called with their audacious effrontery and unreasoning bigotry and thoughtlessly degrade it as the death instrument of one who was only a man, a mere human being!

"God, help us to fill the world with Thy truth that men may see the light and be rescued from a damnable doctrine."

May the good Lord richly bless all who read this tract and save them from the awful flood-tides of false doctrines that are sweeping over our country.

# "CONCURRENT BLESSINGS"

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that God justified me and that God from that hour on has looked upon me as though I had never sinned one time because all of my sins have been laid on the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

## III

THE THIRD CONCURRENT BLESSING IS THAT OF SANCTIFICATION. Yes, brethren, I have been sanctified. Sometime ago I met a lad in Russell who got on the bus as I was boarding it. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I went to church last night and I got sanctified." I said, "Did you?" He said, "Did you ever get sanctified?" I said, "Yes, it has been a long, long time ago, so long that I can hardly remember just how long it has been." He said, "Why, I didn't know you believed in sanctification." I said, "Buddy, there are a lot of things you don't know and you never will know them until the Holy Spirit teaches them to you from the Word of God."

Yes, brethren, I have been sanctified. I was sanctified the day Jesus Christ saved me. Listen:

"By the which will we are SANCTIFIED through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."—Heb. 10:10.

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and SANCTIFICATION and redemption."—1 Cor. 1:30.

The day that Jesus Christ saved my soul, I was then and there sanctified by the blood of the Son of God.

That word sanctification, brethren, is a good word. There is no reason in this world for Baptists to back off from it and to shun it as though it were something to be feared. Just because a bunch of crackpot "Holy Rollers" have run off with it and carried it to an extreme is no reason for us to shy away from it as though it were something we were afraid of.

Sanctification doesn't mean in any sense that you have gotten rid of all the old Adamic nature because you have plenty of it in you right now, and everyone that I ever met still has plenty of it in him. Brethren, sanctification means one thing and only one thing as used in the Word of God. From the beginning of the Bible to the end, sanctification merely means "setting apart to the service of the Lord." It is said, brethren, in the early chapters of the book of Genesis God sanctified the Sabbath. He didn't take away its sinful nature because it didn't have a sinful nature. But when it says He sanctified the Sabbath, it means that God set the Sabbath apart unto Himself. A little later, brethren, when God gave the Law at Mount Sinai, we read that it says that He sanctified the mountain. It doesn't mean that He took away the sin of the mountain, because it had none. He set that mountain apart to Himself and used that mountain for His own glory. Brethren, when the Lord Jesus Christ saved you, He sanctified you by the blood of the Son of God. He set you apart for Himself and from that hour on you have been a sanctified vessel, meet for the Master's use.

Yes, brethren, I am glad for this truth that you and I and everyone that has been saved, has been sanctified. I didn't know that when that glorious

experience became mine to enjoy—I didn't know that I had been sanctified. That is if anybody had come along and asked me if that were true, I would have, probably out of my ignorance of the Word of God, said, "No, I guess not." But, brethren, I learned a long time ago from this Bible that every saved person was sanctified by the blood the very moment the Son of God became his Saviour.

## IV

WHEN I WAS SAVED, I RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO DWELL WITHIN. Listen:

"But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit. If so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies BY HIS SPIRIT THAT DWELLETH IN YOU."—Romans 7:9-11.

"This only would I learn of you; RECEIVED YE THE SPIRIT by the work of the Law or by the hearing of faith."—Gal. 3:2.

"And grieve not the HOLY SPIRIT of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."—Eph. 4:30.

Brother, sister, listen, when Christ Jesus became your Saviour, the Holy Spirit took up his residence within your life. There has never been an hour from that time that the Holy Spirit has not been inside you. Now, you have grieved him lots of times, but he is still on the inside. An unsaved man may "quench" the Holy Spirit but a saved man "grieves" him. It is true that you and I many times have grieved Him when we have done that which is flagrantly wrong, going where we never should have gone. When our associations and our conduct and our conversation was contrary to the things of the Lord, we grieved the Holy Spirit but, my brother, he is still on the inside. I say to you tonight, when you were saved, the Holy Spirit took up His residence and He has been there ever since and He will be there forever.

I'm not talking to you about a second blessing, brethren. Some people say that a man is saved and then later he will come back at some subsequent date to an altar of prayer and that he will pray through again and this time the Holy Spirit comes into him in a sort of second blessing proposition, and from that time on as long as he doesn't sin, the Holy Spirit is there as a second blessing unto him. One of these fellows who believes thus was in my printing shop the other day and he asked me if I had ever received the second blessing. I said, "Brother, if it makes as big a fool out of other people as it has you, I don't want it." I'll tell you tonight, I have received the first blessing, the second and ten thousand more at the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ, and, brethren, what men often talk about as the second blessing is what I got the day the Son of God became my Saviour. The Holy Spirit came to dwell within that day.

I don't know anything that ought to make a child of God any happier tonight than to know that the Holy Spirit is on the inside of him. At the same time I don't know of anything that ought to stand out anymore to us as a warning or that ought to cause us to be careful as to our conduct and our conversation. I want to be careful where I go, and what I do and with

whom I associate because the Holy Spirit, the third person of the God-head, is on the inside and I don't want to grieve my God by the things that I do that are contrary to Him. Ofttimes those individuals who believe in falling from grace when they hear us Baptists talk about the security of the saved, they will say that that is a sinning religion and they will go so far as to say that Baptists can live just any way they want to and then go on to Heaven when they die. Not so, my brother—not at all. A true child of God knows that the Holy Spirit is on the inside and he wants to live the way in which he can glorify God by his life every day.

## V

THE FIFTH OF THESE CONCURRENT BLESSINGS IS THAT OF CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. Now I didn't know the day that I was saved that I got a new suit of clothes in salvation. But, I did. If somebody had said, "Brother Gilpin, you have a brand new coat on," I wouldn't have known what he was talking about. But, brethren, a long time ago I learned out of this Word of God that the day the Lord saved me, He gave me a brand new coat. Listen:

"For he hath made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."—II. Cor. 5:21.

Now, what does that say? The day that the Lord saved me, He took my sins and put them on Jesus Christ and He took the righteousness of Jesus Christ and put it on me! So that from that hour on I have been clothed in the righteousness of God's own Son, Jesus Christ. When God sees me now, brethren, He doesn't see me as the vile, dirty sinner that I am, but He sees me clothed in the righteousness of His own Son, Jesus Christ.

When I was a boy, I got in the habit of trading and I still like to trade. I have had lots of pocket knives—a thousand, I guess. I have traded hound dogs, and I might say, brethren, in passing, that the more I see of my hound dogs and people the better I like my dogs. I have traded a little bit of everything. I can say truthfully, I never made a trade in my life that I was sorry afterwards I had made it. But, brethren, let me tell you about the greatest trade that I ever made, and I didn't propose it either. The fact of the matter is, I had to be forced into it. That is the trade I made brethren, when I laid all of my sins—past, present and future—over on Christ and God in turn put the righteousness of His Son, Jesus Christ, on me. From that hour on I have been clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God. Brethren, I didn't propose that trade, but it is the best one I ever made. If it had been left up to me, I never would have made it. But, brethren, God gave me repentance. God gave me faith. God made me willing and God, who is the author and finisher of salvation took my sins and put them on His son and took the righteousness of His Son and put on me!

I remember a few years ago that I was preaching and I said something about being clothed in the righteousness of Christ and one fellow very sarcastically went out of the house of God that night and said he didn't like the idea of going to heaven in another man's coat. Listen to me you either go to heaven in another man's coat or go to hell in your own. You are either

clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God or you are clothed in your own sins. And, brother, if you are clothed in your own sins you are as sure of Hell as though you were already there. If you are clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God, you are as sure of Heaven as though you were already there.

When our Lord was here in the days of his flesh, he borrowed a number of things. He borrowed a boat one day and used it for a pulpit and preached to a congregation. On another occasion he borrowed a lad's lunch and with that lunch he fed five thousand men, not counting women and children. When he was born, he borrowed a manger from an ox and used that manger as His crib. When He came to die and was buried, he borrowed another man's tomb. If you will note that tomb in the cemetery, you will find that it might have said: "Sacred to the memory of the family of Joseph of Arimathea." He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Beloved, He died on a borrowed cross, for the cross that He died upon was the cross that had been prepared for Barabbas to die upon. But Barabbas went free and Christ died on that cross.

That wasn't all that he borrowed though, beloved, for when Jesus was here in this world, He borrowed something from this preacher, and He borrowed something from every saved person in this house. Brethren, He borrowed something from every individual that has been saved from the day of Abel to the last man that ever will be saved in this world, for, brethren, He borrowed our sins. He had no sin of His own. It was borrowed sin that nailed Christ to the cross. Oh brethren, I thank God tonight for this glorious doctrine of imputation. My sins are imputed unto Him and the righteousness of God's Son is imputed to me. I didn't know that that took place the day I was saved. I got a new suit that day, the like of which I had never had before. It didn't cost me a thing; beloved, it was free! It hasn't worn out yet. It never shall wear out and when God sees me tonight I am still dressed in the style of Heaven; a style, my brethren, that will never change.

## VI

ANOTHER CONCURRENT BLESSING THAT TOOK PLACE WHEN YOU WERE SAVED IS ETERNAL LIFE.

Note, we got the new birth then, we got sanctification, we have justification, we have the Holy Spirit, we have Christ's righteousness and, brethren, we received eternal life at the same time.

Sometime ago I was talking to a fellow, a Methodist preacher. He said, "Oh yes, I believe in eternal life just as strong as you do." Now brother, that is pretty strong because I really believe in it. He said "I believe in eternal life. I believe that we have eternal life when we get out into eternity." I said, brother, you don't believe in eternal life at all. And then I said, "What is eternal life?" I said "Don't even try to answer, because you don't know." Now, brethren, do you want to know what eternal life is? You don't have to ask anybody else—just ask God. It is right here in God's Word.

"And this is eternal life: that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."—John 7:3.

Brethren you don't have to wait until you get out into eternity to have eternal life. The man who knows Jesus Christ as

His Saviour tonight, that man has eternal life! I tell you, brethren, I thank God for this truth, that the day you trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, right then eternal life became yours as a present tense possession. Let me read to you again:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me HATH EVERLASTING LIFE."—John 6:47.

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

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

Beloved, THAT IS ETERNAL LIFE! You get it the day you trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour. I am not going to have eternal life, brethren, when I die. I'm not going to have eternal life when I get out into eternity. But, beloved, I have eternal life right now and I have had it from the very hour that I trusted the Jesus Christ as my Saviour. The fact of the matter is, salvation just means that Jesus paid for all your sins from the time you are born to the time that you die—all of your sins were laid on Him.

What wonderful blessings are these! They are beyond our comprehension. Even after I have studied this Word of God daily and tried to preach it for nearly thirty years, I say it is still too great to comprehend these marvelous blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus.

I'm like the old Negro who had the habit of shouting. He disturbed the preacher. It does not disturb me, brethren. I like for men to say, "Amen." I imagine that if two dogs were in a fight and you would say, "em, Tige," that Tige would fight harder. It just about has that effect on me when you say "Amen." But this old colored boy had a parson who didn't like for him to shout. He sent a committee around to this old boy who said, "You are going to have to tone your voice down a little bit. You are bothering the parson. The parson can't preach when you go to shoutin'." The old Negro stood there beside his mule in the cotton patch and said, "Well, brethren, whenever I think how Jesus Christ came down from Heaven, and how He died for me, how He washed me in His blood, how He saved my black soul, how He saved my woman, and how He has given me these good children, and how He has answered my prayer and given me my family, and how He has given me a little money and my home and a lot of loving friends and when I die how He is going to take me home to heaven—here, brother, hold this mule while I shout!"

Brethren, that's the way I feel tonight. When I think about the things that God did for me the day I was saved, I say, brethren, it is above our comprehension that God would do all this for poor weak worms of the dust that ought to have gone to Hell in the first place. Brethren, I'm glad for these concurrent blessings. I'm glad that has saved me, and I'm glad that after He saved me that I came to realize all the wonder of salvation and what it means to be a child of God. How I praise Him for these concurrent blessings!