

We are not to gaze upon our sins; but upon Him who bore them on the Cross.

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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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## That Old-Time Religion

From Christian Beacon

The Life magazine for June 1949, features an article entitled, "That Oldtime Religion," by Archie Robertson. It is about the Baptists. Mr. Robertson is described as "Baptist through and through," tho the story indicates otherwise. The article is said to "help explain why the fundamentalist faith still flourishes in the U. S." The subhead of the article reads: "Lively memories of his strict but happy Baptist boyhood lead a reporter to revisit the South's 'Valley of Religion.' There he finds the wellsprings that nourish Prot-

estantism."

The article is almost a parody, with a series of funny stories and a very definite acknowledgment on the part of the author that he does not believe in the old doctrine of hell and that he was baptized into the Baptist faith without being saved. He proceeds to write what is almost a satire. It is done in such a patronizing manner that anyone reading it would, of course, enjoy the jokes and stories, but when he finished would say, "Well, that's old; it's past; very interesting."

The article opens: "All Bap-

tists, in my experience, share a certain attitude which is best illustrated by a remark once made by a high U. S. official. Asked by the British ambassador's wife what his religion was, he said, 'I am a South Carolina Baptist.'

"Low church, isn't it?" asked her ladyship.

"Madam," he replied, 'you have no idea how low!'

Archie Robertson said that his father was professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Louisville Theological Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. (Continued on page four)

We Wish You  
A Most  
Thankful  
Thanksgiving



WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP  
WITH US NOV. 24 AT 8:30 A. M.

## Sliding Into Hell From A Church Pew

Sliding into hell from a church pew is the sad and tragic but positively TRUE experience of countless multitudes. They are intensely religious, etc., BUT are speeding their way to Hell in a stupor of SELF-SATISFACTION and FALSE HOPE! There is a way which SEEMS right unto a man, but the end thereof are THE WAYS OF DEATH." (Proverbs 14:12).

"But, I Am Religious,"  
You Say

That doesn't mean a thing—THE DEVIL IS ALSO VERY RELIGIOUS, and so are HIS

### CURED OF SKEPTICISM

Back in the days of America's youth, a son of a Massachusetts minister enrolled at an eastern university. From childhood he had stumped experts with his intellectual brilliance. No one was surprised when, a few months before his twentieth birthday, he was graduated with highest honors.

The father was proud of his son. But with that pride had come a greater mingling of sorrow — for at the university the young man had lost his faith through the companionship of his campus buddy, a young skeptic who scoffed at the Bible and the blood and deity of Jesus.

He had intended to be a minister like his father, but instead joined a theatrical party. He worked hard to make a success on the stage but remained dissatisfied.

Meanwhile, he had lost contact with his campus crony, or perhaps would have sought him out and given him a verbal lashing for the failure that seemed more and more related to the departure from his father's faith.

At last he grew so tired of theatrical work that, typical of the prodigal, he decided to go home. It was in the days of the stagecoach, which made it necessary to stop overnight at a country inn.

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MINISTERS! "For such are FALSE APOSTLES, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the APOSTLES OF CHRIST. And no marvel, FOR SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. Therefore, it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS BE TRANSFORMED as the MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; whose end shall be according to their works. (II Corinthians 11:14-15).

THUS: SATAN IS NOT ONLY RELIGIOUS but he actually masquerades as "AN ANGEL OF LIGHT," and SATAN'S MINISTERS are not only RELIGIOUS but they actually masquerade as "MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!"

Religion Is Christ's Worst  
Enemy!

"I don't believe it," you say . . . A question: Who was it that sponsored the murder and crucifixion of Christ? . . . Was it the drunkard, the harlot, etc., or was it the RELIGIOUS GROUP?" And when He

(Christ) was accused OF THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS, He answered them nothing." "BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS PERSUADED the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and DESTROY JESUS." (Matthew 27:12 and 27:20).

RELIGIONISTS sponsored the MURDER and CRUCIFIXION of the Lord Jesus Christ! And so it has been down through the centuries — RELIGIONISTS have been the worst enemies of the blessed Gospel of Christ.

Publicans And Harlots Saved;  
Religionist Lost!

Jesus said, "Verily, I say unto YOU (chief priests and elders)

### Mused Uncle Mose

Dey's some on de broad way, an' some on de nar' way, but de bigges' problems is dem da's tryin' to trabbel bo'f ways at de same time.

(Mt. 21:23), that the PUBLICANS and HARLOTS go into the kingdom of God BEFORE YOU. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the PUBLICANS and HARLOTS believed him; and ye when ye had seen it, repented NOT afterward, that ye might believe him." (Matthew 21:31-32). Therefore: it is easier, by far, to reach publicans and harlots with the Gospel and see them saved than to reach the RELIGIONIST.

The publican and harlot will admit they are sinners and need the Saviour, but the RELIGIONIST, in his self-righteousness, refuses to do so. Until a person admits he is a sinner and needs the Saviour: THERE IS NO HOPE FOR HIM . . . Read Luke 18:9-14.

"But, I've Exhorted in Christ's Name and Have Done Many Wonderful Works"

Jesus said, "MANY will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (exort-

ed) IN THY NAME? and IN THY NAME done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY." (Matt. 7:22-23). Heres' a great throng of RELIGIONISTS ON THEIR WAY TO HELL! They have "prophesied," "cast out demons" and "done many wonderful works," ALL in THE NAME OF CHRIST, and yet, the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I never knew you, depart from me, YE THAT WORK INIQUITY."

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Let me ask that if you believe in the ministry of this paper that you make a worthy offering today toward this obligation. If you are thankful for the message of the paper, may you show your thanksgiving by your giving.

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

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE SECOND COMING"

D. B. EASTEP  
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Our subject tonight is Harbingers of Christ's Coming or Are We in the End Time? The Bible speaks of an "end time" when God is going to wind up things so far as this church age is concerned and is going to bring in the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now our question is, Is This the End Time? I want to read two texts and I want you to notice them carefully. The first is found in I Thess. 5:4:

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should

overtake you as a thief."

Paul plainly says that the Christian is not in the dark. I am glad of that! The world is in the dark. Men who are capable of running nations; men who are capable of running corporations; men who are capable of running big business, morally and spiritually speaking, are in the dark and they are surely in a mess. The believer in Christ who knows his Bible is the only one who is not in the dark.

In Luke 21:28 we find another text:

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up,

and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth night."

And "when" . . . and "then"—"And when these things begin to come to pass, then lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth night. Now you can't miss that . . . that is just as plain as "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." For the life of me I can't see how one can become confused on prophecy, if he will just take Scripture at its face value. "When these things begin to come to pass"—(the things He has just been talking about pre-

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If you think that you can "drink or let it alone" try letting it alone. You may be farther along than you realize.

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### "The Second Coming"

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viously in that chapter)—"then lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh." A few days ago the contractor started to work on our new building. If Mr. Miller, our contractor had said: "Now, when we begin to dump steel on the lot and when we begin to move our machinery over there, then we are going to start on your building." So when I saw one of Mr. Miller's trucks arrive with some machinery and when I saw a steel company unload some steel, then I believed it wasn't going to be long until they would start work on our building. So when God says: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh," then why can't we believe that simple statement!

Sometimes you hear that Calvary Baptist Church is composed of a bunch of fanatics—"they believe that Jesus is coming." That doesn't bother me in the least—I rather like it—it is good publicity. I am not seeking it but I don't mind it. Well, we surely do believe that Jesus is coming. I'd be ashamed of myself if I didn't believe it, if I professed to believe the Bible. "And they preach on prophecy"—yes, we do. We don't run it in the ground but we preach it, because it is God's word.

I am going to classify these signs tonight, which I believe are indications that we are near the end. This idea is not original with me for you will find many speakers and writers deal with this subject in the same manner—I claim no originality—but I do want you to notice them. I have five signs tonight which I believe are indications that Jesus is coming. I could name fifty. In my little book, *Bringing Back the King*, I named twenty-four signs specific, but we just want to give you five tonight.

The first one I would mention is the *Christian Sign*. You say, What is that? I want to read to you the first six verses of Matthew 25:

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

"And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

"They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them;

"But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

I want you to notice that

sixth verse: "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Dr. Ironside has a small pamphlet called *The Midnight Cry*. I read it years ago and it would be well for you to have it. In that booklet he states this, and I agree with him heartily, that for years and years one heard nothing about prophecy. I have been a Christian for about thirty years; I have been in the ministry for about twenty-five years, but I can say that in the early part of my Christian life I heard little about the Second Coming of Christ; but now, I hear very much about it. When I first began to preach it some said I was a Russellite; some said I belonged to the Adventist Church; some said that I belonged to this group and to that—but I am just a plain Baptist preacher. I believe in the Word of God and I believe we are approaching the end. In these last days, God in His wisdom has raised up a multitude of people to proclaim the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. God, in these last days, has raised up a large number of people who are sounding the warning that Jesus is coming. I am glad we are one of such a

group. What I am saying is that this is the *Christian Sign*.

The second sign is the *Scientific Sign*. There are two passages I want to call your attention to because they have a connection. You may not see it at first but you will in a moment. The first passage is Dan. 12:4. (Remember it was Daniel to whom was given to see the whole scope of Gentile world power). You say, what do you mean by Gentile world power? I mean this, that after God saw the Jew wasn't going to yield to Him, He set him aside temporarily and began to use the four great world powers, starting with Babylon. After Babylon, then Medo-Persia, then Greece and then Rome, the last world power. The next world power will be when Jesus comes. Daniel was given that vision in his prophecy, and he closes his book with these words:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

I want you to notice that last statement. I should like to say something about the former, but

will not take time to do so. "Knowledge shall be increased"—do you see any connection between this and Matthew 24?

Let me read the twenty-first verse also:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

What is our Lord saying? He is saying that there is going to be such severe times that unless those days are shortened all flesh should perish. Now keep that in mind. Let's go back to Daniel 12:4 again—"and knowledge shall be increased." We have reached the end of the rope so far as seeking knowledge is concerned when we have learned how to split the atom, for the whole universe is connected with that. Now we have learned something we never knew before, and it is not secret with anyone that a couple dozen of bombs (and I believe they will increase in power and intensity in the next decade if this does not come to pass before

then) could lay low every city in America. No wonder Christ talked about "no flesh being saved." Everyone is saying today: "We have to hang together or (so to speak) hang separately." Every statesman admits that though we may have enough brains to make an atomic bomb, unless we have enough moral character to control it we are in for complete annihilation. I overheard a woman talking to a man on the bus a few days ago about this very thing, and we certainly can agree with her. She said this: "If we are attacked with atomic bombs, one thing about it, it will be so severe that it won't last long—we'd all go in a very short time." She is right about it. Jesus knew about it. John knew about it. John knew about it when he said so in the book of The Revelation. He said he saw the cities of the nations fall. It hasn't been twenty-five years since I read an article by a man who was criticizing this Book when God said that Babylon would fall in an hour's time. He made fun of the statement. Well, no one would doubt it today. New York City could be blown off the map in less time

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# An Open Letter To All Our Readers



Dearly Beloved:

Another Thanksgiving season is fast approaching and from the depths of my heart I thank Him "from whom all blessings flow," knowing that "every good and perfect gift cometh down from above."

I'm thankful for my Saviour first of all and from within I rejoice that my family is united in Him. We all fall far short of what we should be, but I'm glad -- most glad for an unbroken family circle in Him.

I'm thankful for a year of unusually good physical health. Compared with many others I have known, it has been an unusually blessed one. Each member of my home rejoices with me in God's goodness physically.

I'm thankful for a year of rich blessings in the church of which I am pastor. As many of you know, I am in my twenty-first year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell. In all these years I've never been as happy as I am at present.

I'm thankful for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, whose circulation now is beyond the 15,000 mark weekly. It has been a hard grind, with much opposition, and without too much encouragement. Many times through the years, I've felt that the difficulties were too great and that defeat was inevitable, but now I thank God for all His blessings upon our editorial efforts.

I'm thankful for a host of loyal friends who have stood by me with their prayers, financial support, and testimony. Moses had an Aaron and an Hur to uphold his hands. Many to whom this message comes have loyally upheld my hands like these.

I'm thankful that our obligation on THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is so nearly paid. In June, July, August, September, and October we were able to live off our subscription and shop income, with the exception of but one week. Accordingly almost all of our contributions of the past four months have been applied against our debt. I do want for God's own glory to have our equipment debt free and therefore I urge you to express your Thanksgiving toward us by giving. If you believe in the ministry of this paper, I ask you to share in its financial responsibility.

I call upon you, our readers and friends, to make a worthy offering for the ongoing of our paper at this Thanksgiving season. May you remember that many will give for the support of orphans and other objects -- and such giving is worthy -- however, only a comparative few will give to support this paper's ministry. May you be one of that few.

In Jesus name, we pray that you may have a most thankful Thanksgiving, and that you'll enable us to do likewise by your gifts.

Yours, Forever In Him,

John R. Gilpin



## "The Second Coming"

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 an that. It could be done in thirty minutes. Nobody will say that. I wish I had kept that article—I'd like to know if the man is still living. I should like to write and ask him, if he is still living, what he thinks about it now. So we live in a world of science and science that is uncontrolled by the ungodly and regenerate spirit of man. It will do nothing but bring destruction and annihilation. That is the second sign—the Scientific Sign.

The third sign is the International Sign. I want to read you Luke 21:25-32:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars and upon the earth, distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

"And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

"When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.



ELDER D. B. ESTEP

"So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

Now He is speaking of the International Sign and He closes with the parable of the fig tree, which is Israel. I'll say something about this next Sunday night. But I do want you to notice what He says here. "Distress and perplexity" among the nations. Any Bible student knows that the word "perplexity" literally means "no way out."

If you will study the Scriptures you will find that there are four groups active in the last days. They are just as plain as they can be, if you will study them in the Bible. You haven't read the Bible. Of course, if you don't read it, you can't see it there. One is Russia, the North country. Read Ezekiel 38 and 39 and if you will you will realize this is Russia. Then there is a revival of the old Roman Empire, or Western Europe. That is the issue in Berlin today. They do not know it, but it is. Are we going to pull it out or not? Well, you can know it, when it is all finished. Russia will have Eastern Germany and the United Nations or Western Europe will have Western Germany. You watch the present Congress and you will see that before it convenes there will be a military alliance (and it is already in the formation) with Western Europe. What is it? It is a revival of the old Roman Empire. I saw in the headlines this week that Mr.

Truman is not to recall Myron Taylor from the Vatican. Personally, I do not believe he ought to be there, but I am not entering the political side of it. Baptists have always believed that there should be a complete separation of church and state. Mr. Taylor was placed there in Mr. Roosevelt's administration, kept there under Mr. Truman's administration, and I imagine no matter who would have been elected President, he'd still be there. Why? Because Rome is going to play a tremendous part in the last days to form and federate Western Europe and the old Roman Empire. Like it or not, I have no doubt that there'll be a representative from this country to the Vatican the rest of our days.

First, remember the first group is Russia with all her satellites; then after that is this old Roman Empire gathered round the Mediterranean; then there are the kings of the East. Who are the kings of the East? There has been a series of articles in the Sunday School Times recently, written by Bro. Wilbur Smith. He has some very interesting things to say about these kings. The Book of The Revelation says the River Euphrates will be dried up to make way for the kings of the East in the last days. They'll come there with a tremendous army which meets in the Valley of Esdraeldon. The Word of God says that 200 million men will perish in that battle. You look for it for the Word of God prophesies it. Now, who are these kings of the East? I do not know, but there is a slogan abroad: "Asia for the Asiatics."

It is true that we are controlling Japan at the present time with the view to keeping it as a base but I am not sure we will—in fact, I don't believe we are going to. There possibly wouldn't be anyone else in America who would agree with me unless it would be someone who believes the Bible. We've lost China—there is no doubt about that. One of the big issues in Washington tonight is, "What are we going to do with China?" You could go into the political angle and try to answer that question—but that doesn't concern us tonight. China will be taken over by the Communists and the whole East, I believe, will go to Communism and there'll be some kind of federation of the Asiatic nations. I believe we can definitely look for it. Why are we so interested in the Near East? Because there is oil over there. It hasn't been a quarter of a century when no one but nomads inhabited that desert country, but today those kings who knew practically nothing about money have become immensely rich from their oil royalties. Oil has been discovered in the Near East, and you know Babylon has something to do with the Near East. The Bible speaks of Babylon, and when you think of Babylon you think of two things. First, you think of commercialism. In other words, commercial activity. That is what Babylon stands for—it has always stood for that. From the days of Nimrod who founded the city of Babylon until the present time when you think of Babylon you think of commercial activity. In fact, we see the spirit of Babylon in all our great enterprises about us. The second thing about Babylon is antagonism to God. Babylon has always hated God. The first record you have of Babylon is in the book of Genesis, and they said, "Go to now, let us build a tower that will reach to heaven." In other words, they would reach heaven by their own efforts and defy God—

which they did. And that is the beginning of idolatry. In the church or out of the church, whether among pagan nations or so-called Christian nations, idolatry can be traced back to Babylon in the book of Genesis. Commercial activity and antagonism to God: you have them both in Communism. Don't ever think that Communism is a friend to the poor people! Communism is the worst kind of business—it is headed up under a few instead of the many. Communism is interested in business. Russia is one of the greatest business concerns in all the world today and she is controlling or going to control all of Asia. China is under her heel; Korea is under her heel; all those eastern Asiatic countries are under her heel. I firmly believe that the stage is being set for the kings of the East.

And your fourth group is the Jew in Palestine. Turn on your radio and if you don't hear something about the Nation Israeli in almost every newscast, I'll treat you. You'll find it because this nation is stirring. This nation which was born in 1948, and though it is one of the smallest, it is possibly one of the most important nations in the world today. Now here are four groups: Russia, the North country; the old Roman Empire or Western Europe; the Kings of the East, all of Asia, the Near East; and the Jews in Palestine.

Every one of these groups is on the move tonight. You say, "Preacher, are you trying to alarm us?" No, I'm just telling you what God says.

Now, the fourth sign is the moral sign. Over in Matthew 24 (the 24th chapter of Matthew is one of the most important chapters in the Bible) verses 37-39 we read:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark.

"And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

"As the days of Noe"—you don't have to be much of a student of the Bible to find out what they were. First of all, they are characterized by utter godlessness and immorality. The Bible says that every imagination of man's heart was only evil continually and surely that is true today. I deal with too many people for me to believe that humanity hasn't rotted down. It has rotted down.

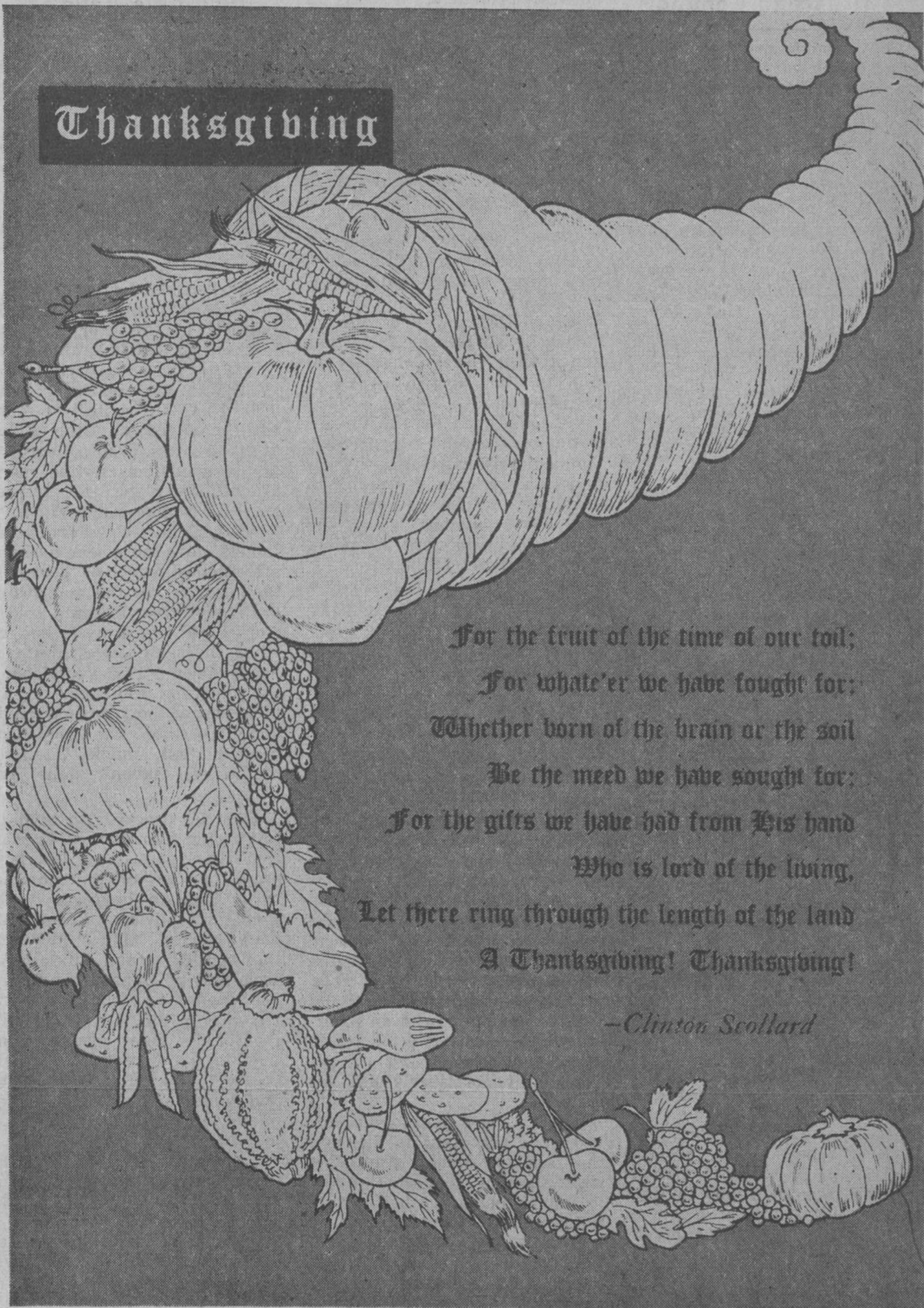
The second thing I want you to notice is the increase in population. The command to Noah was to "multiply and replenish the earth" and there has been a vast increase in population. In the last hundred years the hu-

man race has more than doubled, and in the last ten years there has been a tremendous increase. This is a sign of the last days.

And then there is a building sign—a sign of building activity. It is said that in the day of Noah they builded cities and named the cities. There never was so much building activity.

The fourth thing is that they were utterly devoid of God and didn't like to retain Him in their knowledge, and moreover, they were opposed to Him. The Bible tells us that they mocked Noah; this Bible tells us that they didn't pay any attention to him; the Bible tells us that there was no fear of God before their eyes. The Bible tells us that they knew not until the day that Noah entered into the ark. The world doesn't know tonight. This world is on a drunk; the last war didn't sober it; in fact, it gets worse. You say, "That's a dark picture, Brother Eastep." It is, but it is a Scriptural picture, and the reason it is dark is that men permit it to be.

And here's the last sign I want you to notice and that is the Religious Sign. You say, "What do you mean by the religious sign?" I mean that religion is (Continued on page four)



For the fruit of the time of our toil;  
 For whate'er we have fought for;  
 Whether born of the brain or the soil  
 Be the meed we have sought for;  
 For the gifts we have had from His hand  
 Who is lord of the living,  
 Let there ring through the length of the land  
 A Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

—Clinton Scollard



## "The Second Coming"

(Continued from page three) going to be very active in the last days. There are only two large groups of people in the world, religiously speaking. One is the Roman church and the other is the Protestant church. I realize that there is Mormonism, Baptists and some other groups, but the two main ones are Romanism and Protestantism. You hear me say a great deal about religion. I want to say this tonight, "God's Word never speaks favorably of religion." Now what do you find in the last days? You find a union of those two—the harlot and her children coming back together. They left her under the Reformation and now they are coming back—and they are being invited back. I have to say this, that of the two groups I have more respect at least for the intelligence of the mother of harlots than I do her children. But there is a union.

Here is an interesting thing. The Reformation was started by Martin Luther and as a consequence, the Lutheran church came into being, which is possibly the strongest anti-Catholic group in all the world. I picked up a religious paper which comes to my desk and in it I found an item about a German "Boys' Town." I quote:

"A 'Boys' Town' to provide a home for 3000 wayward boys and orphans in Germany is being jointly planned by the Lutherans and Roman Catholics in that country, according to National Lutheran Council. A grant of \$10,000 to support the venture has been authorized by United States Lutherans.

"The German civil government has turned over to the churches a former German Air Force camp, which will be converted into a Christian community for the boys to live permanently until they are old enough to make their own way in life. Located just south of Bremen, near the town of Delmenhorst, the property consists of a large number of well-built buildings, set on a tremendous piece of land. It includes several assembly halls, dining rooms, a swimming pool, and opportunities for agricultural work.

"This may seem like a very unusual plan and it is certainly that," a Lutheran representative noted. "But I have been assured of that fact that cooperation between the two groups has been excellent and the eventual results will certainly be to the good of the boys who find a home there."—*The Messenger*.

That is like the lion and the lamb lying down together.

Further, just to show you where we are drifting in our religious life, I want to read you excerpts from an item which appeared in the Cincinnati Post on January 6, 1949. You may wonder why I am opposed to the Federal Council of Churches. This is why I am opposed to it. You say, "You might have to stand alone." You never have to stand alone when you stand with Christ. Here is the heading of the news item: 379 CLERGYMEN ASK VOLUNTARY MERCY KILLING IN PETITION TO NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE. In other words, a group of Protestant ministers including Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick (Baptist), minister emeritus of the Riverside Church; Henry Sloane Coffin (Presbyterian), president emeritus of the Union The-

ological Seminary; W. Russell Bowie, dean of students of the Union Theological Seminary, and Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein of the Temple Emanuel of New York City, have asked that when a person has an incurable disease or grows old and feeble it be legal to give him an anesthetic like you would a dog or cat and let him go.

Now, here is the item: "NEW YORK, January 6 (UP).—A law permitting voluntary mercy killing under careful safeguards was demanded" (DEMANDED, if you please) "today by 379 leading Protestant and Jewish clergymen in a petition to the New York State Legislature.

"A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church" (get this) "immediately castigated the petition as a 'ridiculous attempt to legalize a suicide-murder pact' and a 'rationalization of the Fifth Commandment of God, 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

I agree with those Roman Catholics.

"The petition, sent to every member of the Legislature, was signed by the largest group of religious leaders ever to publicly advocate voluntary euthanasia."

In other words, if you put a man to death, even out of mercy, it is considered murder, and it should be.

"The ministers' petition was sponsored by the Euthanasia Society of America.

"They said in it that they 'no longer believe that God wills the promulgation of physical torture for the benefit of the soul of the sufferer.

"For one enduring continual and several pain from an incurable disease who is a burden to himself and his family," the petition continued, 'surely life has no value.

"We believe that such a sufferer has the right to die, and that society should grant this right showing the same mercy to human beings as to the sub-human animal kingdom'."

Now, that's what a group of ministers have advocated, if you please! No wonder churches are empty! No wonder people have lost faith in the church! No wonder people don't give their money to support the church! The people have more sense than the pastors.

The last sign is the Religious Sign. We have it before us tonight. Religion is very active. I believe with all my heart in the doctrine of separation of church and state and when I see anything that even looks like an infringement of that law, I am definitely alarmed. All of these signs point to the fact that time is short. I think it is running out. Not only do I believe that we are in the last century, but I believe we are in the last decade. We may be and could be in the last year, and not only the last year of the last century, but it may be the last month of last year; and maybe the last week of the last month, and the last hour of the last day, and maybe the last second of the last minute. These are serious times. There is no hope apart from the coming of our Lord. His return is the only hope for solving these problems and for bringing happiness. We've tried to be faithful in telling you about it.

I want to ask you this question in closing: What if He should come tonight? First of all, you Christians—how is your house tonight? Is it in order? He may come tonight—I wouldn't be surprised. These are interesting times—time is running out. As your pastor, I feel it is my duty, my solemn duty, out of kindness to you to help you get your house in order. Would

## Old-time Religion

(Continued from page one) tion. Could he be the son of the world-famous New Testament scholar, Dr. A. T. Robertson?

Not long ago *Life* carried a most appreciative and favorable article about the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Dr. Louis H. Evans, pastor, and it spoke of the "liberal Presbyterian Church." Just ahead of that, *Life* carried a story of the Methodists and featured them in the most favorable light, but the Baptists in this story are not featured in any favorable way.

The writer goes back to the "Valley of Religion" near Asheville, N. C. He writes: "I found little changed at Blue Ridge after 25 years. The college students, who do all the work around the place, still pitched horseshoes and sang *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*, although now there was a slight, affectionate edge of satire in their voices. In the auditorium a Presbyterian lecturer told a story I had heard my father tell from the very same platform. 'Has it been a good year?' asked the visiting minister of the president of the Women's Auxiliary. 'Terrible,' the good lady replied, 'but, thank God, the Methodists haven't done any better.'"

Then he proceeds to hold up to ridicule the spirit of division that has persisted: "Perhaps more than any other denomination, Baptists have been the greatest 'splitters.' There are many, many kinds, including the Duck River and Kindred Associations of Baptists, the Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarians and the Three-Seeds-in-the-Soul." One would think that the author was deliberately trying to dig out every unkind and funny and ridiculous thing he could find and put them all together and pass it off with a condescending smile. The article is irreverent and disrespectful, and, after the story is all told, he concludes by stating: "I drove down from the valley feeling that I had been mistaken to worry about the future of

Will you make glad and thankful our hearts as you with thanksgiving share with us of your bounty?

you be embarrassed if Jesus came and you are behind with your soul-winning; you are behind with your stewardship; you are behind with your Bible reading; you are behind with your prayer-life; you are behind with your church-life? How would you feel if He should come tonight? O yes, you would be saved, you'd be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, but would you be embarrassed about it?

Then I want to ask you who are out of Christ tonight, where would you stand? What if Jesus were to come tonight? Where would you be? God grant that you won't be on the outside. God grant that tonight you'll straighten this thing up with the Lord and you'll be on His side—and you can be by simple faith in Christ. Just trust Him! You say, "How shall I do it, preacher?" Just come and take Him, take Him as your Saviour, cast yourself upon Him and His mercy and ask Him to save you. "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out" is His precious promise. Come tonight while we sing the invitation hymn; we invite you to come.

(Preached in Calvary Baptist Church, January 16, 1949).

religion. It will never dry up while it is fed by mountain springs."

What we would like to observe is that such an article written in such a vein about the Jews would be termed "anti-Semitic." There would be a clamor and a cry which would be heard all over the United States from New York to New Orleans and Houston to Los Angeles. If such an article were to be written about the Roman Catholics in the same vein by a man who occupies a relative position to the Roman Catholic faith as that occupied by Mr. Robertson, *Life* would not dare publish it!

What has happened? This is just another incident in a general propaganda program to hold up to ridicule and disparagement the fundamentalists. The liberals with their inclusivist program want unity, and the type of fundamentalism which Mr. Robertson describes stands in the way. It must be played down; it must be laughed out of court. Thus, the article!

We say without a moment's hesitancy that *Life* in this article has actually gone "antichristian." *Life* deserves a vigorous protest from every believer in the Bible. Why not invite somebody who believes the Bible to write, not about the uneducated "hillbillies," but about the glories, the wonders, and the power of the old-time religion for rich and poor, learned and unlearned alike? These simple, God-fearing folk who are the salt of the earth in the "Valley of Religion" are held up to sport and patronizing pity, and gentle ridicule is made of their earnest, sincere faith. We cannot understand how even a "liberal" who has any respect for the sincere belief and convictions of another would appreciate such an article, even though he does not believe in the faith which these fundamentalists hold. We believe it! We accept the Bible "from cover to cover!" The explanation is that the liberal has a program to put over.

One reason behind this, no doubt, is the fact that the Baptists are so strong in the South, and the South at the present moment is taking a very severe whipping at the hands of the North in the problem of Civil Rights. The religious liberals of the North "look down their noses upon the South. *Life's* article adds a contribution!

The time is certainly at hand when those who believe the Bible need to become more vocal in their letters of protest and in their cry against the direct and indirect and particularly the subtle and insidious attacks which are being made upon their faith.

"'Tis the oldtime religion, And it's good enough for me" . . . "It was good for Paul and Silas" . . ."

## Sliding Into Hell

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What Is Wrong?

They are arguing with Christ about their salvation on the basis of THEIR WORKS i. e., what THEY have done. IN GOD'S SIGHT, there has never been any BASIS or FOUNDATION of SALVATION other than the "SHED BLOOD." "Without the shedding of BLOOD, there is NO remission (of sin)." (Hebrews 9:22). "For this is MY BLOOD of the New Testament which is SHED for THE REMISSION OF SINS." (Matt. 26:28). ". . . Unto him (Christ) that loved us, and WASHED US

FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD." (Rev. 1:5).

Before Men—

Our "fruits" and "works" show that we have been "born again," or "saved." "If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matt. 7:20).

But Before God—

There is only ONE basis of salvation that man can claim, and that is the SHED BLOOD of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

What does it mean to "believe"?

1. Acknowledge the fact that you're a sinner with a repentant heart and a willingness to forsake sin.

"The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE." 2 Peter 3:9.

2. Acknowledge the fact that you can not save yourself. "All

The editor's letter on page two is from his heart. May God help you to answer it from your pocketbook.

OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES are as "FILTHY RAGS." Is. 64:6

3. Acknowledge the fact that Christ is the only one who can save you. "NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER NAME, for there is none other name under heaven given among men WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED." Acts 4:12.

4. Having acknowledged the above three facts, the fourth and final step is to TAKE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAVIOUR AND REDEEMER (You take Him as your gift for He is God's gift to you) and then CONFESS HIM BEFORE MEN.

"If THOU SHALT CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead thou shalt be saved. FOR WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed!" Romans 10:9,10.

## Cured Of Skepticism

(Continued from page one) Glad though he was to be going home, he did not sleep well that night, for someone across the hall was in great agony. Upon inquiring he learned that an atheist lay dying, crying in despair as he faced eternity.

The atheist died during the night. But before he was removed from the inn, the young traveler discovered that the dead man was his college chum who had so arrogantly disputed the teachings of the Bible.

Horried, the young traveler turned to the Lord for forgiveness of his sins.

His name, by the way, was Adoniram Judson, one of the greatest missionaries of all time.