

When one considers all Christ has done for him, it should cause him to root out every lazy hair in his head.

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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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Does The Bible Teach The Eternal Existence Of The Wicked?

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One of the Adventist contentions is that the soul of man is not immortal. That theory is the base for their further theory that there is no future, eternal punishment for the wicked. Sometimes they offer reward to anyone who can find the statement in the Bible that the soul is immortal. One could offer reward for a statement that commands that we keep "Saturday" too, for that matter. The question is not as to phraseology. The question is this: Does the Bible teach that there is a spiritual part of man, separate from his body, which persists after the death of his body, and which shall continue existence forever? The positive answer is YES. Now to prove it. Space does not permit more than a fraction of the proof

here, but we don't need dozens of statements from God's Word. One statement is enough, if God says it.

1. (Luke 12:4-5 with Matt. 10:28). Note that this teaches



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that the body is not the whole man. That the body can be destroyed and the soul yet remain alive. Matt. 10:28 shows that both body and soul may be destroyed "in Hell." The Ge-

henna of fire of which the Valley of Hinnom was a type, is none other than the "lake of fire" of Rev. 20:10.

2. Note Rev. 20:10. This is beyond question the "Hell" of the Bible—the final place of incarceration of the wicked. What does it teach? As follows:

(1) That the Beast and False Prophet are there, after having been cast in one thousand years before. (Rev. 19:20). That proves that they were not annihilated. Since they were human beings, it proves they had continuous existence beyond this present world.

(2) That Satan is cast in with these—not for annihilation, but for punishment. This punishment is forever and ever. Never ending.

(3) We learn in the same chapter that the followers of Satan suffer the same doom. (Read v. 13-15 and note that the

We Never Can . . . Unless

We never can build safely
Against the wind and flood,
Unless we build on Jesus
And trust His saving blood.

We never can walk safely
Through life from day and day,
Unless we walk with Jesus,
And let Him lead the way.

We never can die safely
Nor hope to see God's face,
Unless we walk with Jesus
As sinners saved by grace.

--W. M. Czamanske

word translated "Hell" is properly "hades" and so translated in all modern versions). Since they suffer the same doom as Satan, which is torment forever and ever, that means that they continue to exist forever and ever. Is something that continues to exist forever and ever mortal or immortal? If not—why not? No escape from this teaching without wrecking the

Bible.

3. The classic passage of Luke 16:19-31. This is the most disliked passage for heretics in the Bible, for it is a heresy killer. Just simply accept the plain statement of fact, and away goes "soul-sleeping" and annihilationism and most other heresies. Two men died and were buried. What died? Body. What was

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How Soon Will This Paper Be Enlarged From Four To Eight Pages Each Week?

Here is a question which has come from many of our readers within the past few weeks, and is a logical one in view of our stated purpose of enlarging our paper.

I wish I knew the answer to this question, but frankly, I do not. I wish that we might have done so already, and I further wish that we might do so today.

However, the answer lies with you, our readers. We have now approximately \$1,500 to apply toward the purchase of our new equipment. When we

get \$1,900 more, we'll get our new linotype. Little by little, small sums come in daily. Some of these days, not too far in the future, we'll greet you with an eight page paper.

A number of friends have written, promising help. Still others who have given, have promised further financial assistance. I believe it would please God to set a date, which shall be our goal. Therefore, I am suggesting June 23—three weeks from today—as the date by which we'll try to get all funds in hand for the purchase of this new equipment.

Now may we all pull together in these next three weeks to reach our goal. May it please the God who multiplied the loaves and fishes to increase our \$1,500 to \$3,400. Pray with us, and give to this end.

LIQUOR MAN SUICIDES

Away up in New Glasgow, Canada, a coroner's jury decided that George Reid, a tavern operator, committed suicide in a state of grief and remorse because he had sold liquor to one Tom Mills, a truck driver charged with strangling his wife to death.

Police found a note left by Reid, saying: "I have sold Tom Mills one and a half quarts of liquor. I am sorry. I wouldn't hurt anybody. God knows."

We don't remember ever having read a news story like this before. We remember many tragedies in which men who had committed ghastly crimes while drunk committed suicide after they realized what they had done. But this is the first case we have read in which a remorseful liquor seller acknowledged his responsibility for a liquor-inspired crime and killed himself because of it.

It would be safer to wager or predict that it also will be a long time before another such case is reported.

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OUR ELECTION WAS UNCONDITIONAL IN CHRIST JESUS

The pastor found the following in a weekly paper whose editor claims Southern Baptist background; this paper has a circulation of about 80,000 copies per week. We quote:

"Now what will you do with Jesus? You can accept Him or reject Him, love Him or hate Him, but YOU must DO SOMETHING. The editor urges that you here and now make that decision . . ."

The above is merely another way of saying that as far as the matter of one becoming a Christian is concerned: "God casts a vote in your favor, the Devil casts his vote against you, and YOU cast the deciding vote as to whether or not you shall be saved."

Now the editor of this paper is one of America's leading

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Whoever Is A Friend To The World Puts Himself Down As An Enemy Of God

By Jay Green
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"Whoever wants to be a friend to the world puts himself down as an enemy of God." —James 4:4.

"Stop loving the world, or the things that are in the world. If anyone persists in loving the world, there is no love for the Father in his heart, because everything that is in the world, the proud pretensions of life, the things that our lower nature and eyes are longing for, do not come from the Father, but from the world; and the world is passing away and with it the evil longings that it incites, but whoever perseveres in doing God's will lives on forever." —I John 2:14-17. Williams Translation of N. T.

"Do you not know that the

friendship of the world means enmity with God? So whoever wants to be a friend to the world puts himself down as an enemy of God! Or do you think that the Scripture means nothing when it says, "He (Christ) jealously yearns for the Spirit which He causes to dwell in your hearts?" . . . "God opposes haughty people but blesses humble people. So then submit to God. Resist the devil and he will fly from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." —James 4:4-8. Williams

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A GOOD TESTIMONY

Enid, Okla. — A grain elevator that sometimes handles 500 railroad cars a day is run on the theory expressed by a sign on its office wall: "He who walks with God cannot carelessly run with the devil."

This \$4,000,000 Union Equity Cooperative Exchange was founded and is still managed by E. N. Puckett. It was started in 1926. Puckett, who is now 70 years old and is almost totally deaf, runs the business with a firm, just hand.

It is accepted here that Puckett could have been a millionaire because of his knowledge of the grain business, but instead he elected just to draw a salary. He gives much of it away each year.

At Union Equity's 14th floor where Puckett conducts his business, "Please do not smoke" signs are heeded.

He is a deeply religious man, and to each one waiting to see him he offers a Bible to help pass the time. "Take it home with you," he says. "I buy them to give to my friends."

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"THREE BAPTIST LAYMEN"

(Read III John 1-14).

In the New Testament, every local church was a sovereign body. It controlled its own affairs and did that which it pleased. Every member was to be on the same plane of equality. To the preachers particularly, God says:

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." —I Peter 5:3.

No individual, — preacher, deacon, layman, — nor any member, is to be a lord over the flock. Rather, beloved, all

of us are to be on the same plane.

Occasionally somebody got out of his place, which was contrary to God's will and God's plan. Such was true in this church of which we read. We don't know the name of the church, nor its pastor, nor where it was located; but we do know that somebody got out of place in the light of God's plan for His church. Instead of all the members being on the same plane of equality, you will find that one man by the name of Diotrephes lorded it over

God's heritage. As John writes this letter, he indicates by the words that he used that Diotrephes was practically a ruler in this New Testament church. Certain missionaries had been sent out, taking nothing, and depending upon the Lord for their support. When they came to the church of which Diotrephes and Gaius were members, Diotrephes refused to allow them to preach in the church, and refused to allow any of the members to have anything to do with them. When Gaius

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If the devil catches a man idle, he will set him to work.

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"Three Baptist Laymen"

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proceeded to entertain these missionaries that had come to them, then it was that Diotrephes falsely excluded him from the church.

Now, beloved, this isn't a very pleasant story, nor one that inspires you and me as we read it; yet three characters emerge from this story from which we can learn lessons that will be of inestimable value to us.

I

THE FIRST OF THESE IS GAIUS, who is spoken of when John says:

"The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth."—III John 1.

Gaius was the possessor of a prosperous soul, for we read:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."—III John 2.

Lots of people are prosperous physically, in that they have good health. Lots of people are prosperous materially, in that they are enjoying prosperity in their business. Mighty, mighty few people, though, are prosperous spiritually. While there are many people who are prosperous physically and materially, there are mighty few folk of whom it can be said that they are the possessors of a prosperous soul.

Gaius was such a possessor. I don't know whether he was prosperous physically or materially, but he was the possessor of a prosperous soul.

When I think of this, beloved, I am reminded that several years ago when I first became pastor here, I announced one Sunday that I was going to preach on the subject, "Is it possible for a man to be a rich man and please God?" I'll never forget the comment that went on the week following, while folk were waiting for my sermon to be preached. My answer to that subject was this: A man can be a millionaire and please God if his material prosperity only keeps pace with his spiritual prosperity.

Oh, how few people there are in the world today of whom it can be said that they are the possessors of a prosperous soul. You can look at men who drive Packards and Cadillacs and large automobiles and can say that they are prosperous materially. You can look at folk who apparently are in good health and you can say that they are prosperous physically. Beloved, how few there are who show any evidence and outward signs that they are prosperous spiritually.

Would to God, above everything else, that you and I might prosper spiritually far more

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

SELF PROPAGATION

CHRISTIANITY stands unique and alone in its message, motive and method of self-propagation. Its message is "free salvation;" it admits no partnership; its motive is love and its method is a non-combative, simple testimony, permeated with divine wisdom and power and leaving the hearer entirely free to act as he chooses.

BRAHMANISM. A Brahman appears in an aboriginal village, gains confidence of the people by sanctity and mystic rites, declares the village idol to be a Brahman god and teaches forms of worship. After this he divides the people into castes and gives caste laws.

IF TRIAL MAKES US IMPATIENT THE DEVIL LAUGHS AND IS GLAD.

HINDUISM. Outcast tribes in India may be brought within the pale of Hinduism by adopting the worship of the holy Brahman and the sacred cow. This makes them eligible to be granted a higher birth in the next life. No effort is made to get people of one caste to leave it and join another.

BUDDHISM. Buddhism has been called the "Oriental banyan," spreading itself over Asia. There is no regular, systematic public preaching. Its only power exercised is persuasion. It admits all castes and races, which gives it universal possibilities. Buddha refused the armed forces of his kingly disciples. His example caused many to become missionaries.

GOD'S WORST IS BETTER THAN THE DEVIL'S BEST.

TAOISM. Taoism belongs to China to which it has been confined because the religious systems outside were superior and because its character and principles dealt subjectively. Such religions are not propagated because of any serious soul convictions of the worshipper. The priests may, however, strive to make it popular because of the fees they will gain.

CONFUCIANISM. Confucius was disappointed that his teachings were not more readily accepted by his countrymen. He disseminated his teachings gradually as his disciples were ready for them. He traveled considerably, teaching those who were willing to listen, but the indifference shown him affected even his dreams. His teachings, however, have been taught in the Chinese schools for centuries and are known as the Chinese classics.

YOUR PROSPECTS ARE AS BRIGHT AS THE PROMISES OF GOD.

ZOROASTRIANISM. Zoroaster, like his contemporary, Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, attempted to propagate his religious views only through moral suasion. The character of the teachings of both these men was opposite to the use of physical force such as that to which Mohammed resorted.

PARSEEISM. The rule of Parsees not to intermarry with other people, and their exclusiveness in religion, has prevented their undertaking anything like missionary work. The persecutions they have received at the hands of Mohammedans has increased their restricted condition.

THE CHRISTIAN IS A MAN WHOM GOD HAS UNDER TREATMENT.

SHINTOISM cannot advance against the wave of education which is fatally exposing its defects. Shintoists have not expected their religion to become universal. An effort was made to propagate it but from the first the attempt seemed hopeless.

MOHAMMEDANISM is a religion of conquest by the sword. Its cry is: "Fight against infidels till strife be at an end and the religion be all of God." Mohammed said: "He who dies and has not fought for the religion of Islam is even as a hypocrite." This spirit has developed general cruelty among the followers of the prophet upon whose life there rests the terrible sin of embittering his fellow men against even their own kin.

than we'll ever prosper materially or in the realm of good health.

Another characteristic of Gaius was that he walked in the truth.

"For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth."—III John 3.

I like to deal with people who day by day rejoice in the truth of God's Word.

I was talking to a business man one day recently and I thought he would never leave—not because his conversation was boring, because it was the very opposite. He wanted to talk about the Lord and how the Lord had saved him by grace. He wanted to tell me how he believed the Bible and how he believed in the security of the saved. He said, "Brother Gilpin, whenever I get a chance to talk to a man who loves the Lord and who likes to talk about spiritual things, I just forget all about business and talk to him about the Lord Jesus Christ." That was the

kind of Christian Gaius was.

Gaius was walking in the truth. I imagine that if we knew what Gaius stood for that we would find that he was a strong believer in the doctrine of the sovereignty of God and the doctrine of election. I am sure that he was a believer in salvation by grace and in the security of the saved. I am sure that he was a strong believer in everything that you and I as Baptists hold dear today.

There are very few today who walk in the truth. The majority of people who are Missionary Baptists by name, are definitely weak as to the truth of God's Word—weak because they have never been taught God's Word, and weak because what little they have been taught, they just don't live up to it.

I like to meet men and women who walk in the truth and who prize the Word of God and rejoice that they can take God's Word as final so far as their lives are concerned.

Gaius brought joy to John, who evidently was his spiritual

father, for John says:

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."—III John 4.

In all probability Gaius had been saved under John's ministry. The Word of God doesn't say so, but John uses the word "my children" in such a way that I am led to believe that Gaius was one of the spiritual children of the apostle John. He brought joy to John.

Beloved, it brings a joy to your pastor when he hears that you walk in the truth. It makes me swell with pride when I hear someone say, "Brother so-and-so really walks with the Lord," or, "I tell you, Brother Gilpin, that woman really loves the Lord. She shows it by the way in which she lives." Your pastor swells with pride when he remembers that he is the one who teaches you, and preaches to you, and brings you God's Word as food for your soul.

Gaius also was missionary minded. When the missionaries came to the church where Gaius was a member, Gaius was hospitable to them and wanted them to come into the church and preach. Though Diotrephes, the church boss, refused to allow them to do so, Gaius and other members of the church still supported them. Gaius was missionary minded.

Beloved, I believe in missions. Let me ask you, where would you be if it hadn't been for missions? Do you realize that the church at Jerusalem was missionary minded and that they handed the Gospel over to Antioch, and that Antioch was missionary minded and they handed the Gospel on to others, until ultimately the Gospel came to you and to me? Do you realize that every book in the New Testament was written by a missionary? Do you realize that everyone of the apostles was a missionary? Do you realize that every one of the books of the Bible that was addressed to a church was addressed to a church that was established by a missionary? I tell you, beloved, I believe in missions.

As I have often said, a lot of Missionary Baptists remind me of that candy which is called "Chicken Dinner." It is not a chicken, and it is not a dinner. It is just the name that it goes by. There are a lot of Missionary Baptists like that. They are not missionary and they are not Baptists. That is just the name they go by.

Notice Jesus' last words that He spoke in this world, when He said:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

Someone may say, "Brother Gilpin, I believe that the heathen will be saved whether they ever hear the Word of God or not." Beloved, if that be true, then let's not send them any more missionaries, because we are doing them an injustice by doing so. If they will be saved without hearing the Word of God, then let's burn down the church buildings, fire the preachers, and tear up the Bibles, and don't preach the Word to them, because when they hear it, they are not saved.

I remember a dear man who, during the depression, lost everything that he had. When I was talking to him one day after he had lost all of his property, he said, "Brother Gilpin, the only thing that I have left is the money I spent for missions for the last twenty years."

He had liberally supported the cause of Christ. He had been a great believer in missions.

Gaius was a hospitable man, for God's Book tells how he entertained these missionaries that came to his church.

Did you ever read Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," how Bunyan had Pilgrim, when traveling toward the celestial city, to spend one night with Gaius and one night with Mnason? They are the two perfect hosts that are spoken of in the Bible. They are the two who stand out for their hospitality.

Beloved, if Bunyan were to visit this church and rewrite "Pilgrim's Progress," I wonder if he would have Christian spend the night with you. Are you hospitable? Gaius was.

Gaius was a man who was willing to suffer for Jesus' sake. When Diotrephes refused to allow the church to have anything to do with the missionaries, Gaius didn't pay any attention to what Diotrephes said. He went right on and entertained and supported them just the same. What was the result? Diotrephes cast him out of the church. Gaius was willing to suffer for Jesus' sake.

How many people are there today who are willing to suffer for Jesus' sake? I am sure that you will agree with me that there are mighty, mighty few. Most people are not willing to suffer in any respect. I tell you, beloved, I like to see people who are willing to stand for the things of the Lord regardless of what it costs, and who love the Word of God to such an extent that they are willing to suffer for Jesus' sake.

II

THE SECOND OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS DIOTREPHESES.

He was an individual who was possessed with an unsanctified human ambition.

God pity the church who has members who are possessed with such an unsanctified human ambition. The Word of God tells us something as to how you and I ought to react toward God.

"And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all."—Mark 9:33-36.

The disciples were disputing among themselves who was going to be the greatest when they got to Heaven. Jesus told them that the man who is going to be the greatest, is the man who is willing to be the servant of everybody else down here.

Diotrephes wasn't willing to be a servant; he wanted to be boss.

I am reminded today of a church that I organized since I became pastor of this church, which has been controlled and domineered by a "Jezebel" all through the years. The church has never prospered for more than a very short season of time, and will never prosper as long as that woman controls the church. Whenever you find a "Diotrephes" or a "Jezebel" in a Baptist church, you have a person in the church that has just as much business there as the proverbial bull in a china shop.

Diotrephes was not missionary minded. When the missionaries came to the church of (Continued on page three)

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which he was a member, he wouldn't have anything to do with them and when Gaius did so, he turned him out of the church.

I have never seen any individual yet who had an unsanctified human ambition who had in any wise at all a missionary spirit. Those two things just don't go together. A man who is missionary minded is sacrificial so far as his own personality is concerned.

Diotrephes was a man who talked about the preachers, for John said:

"Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, PRATING against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church."—III John 10.

That word "prate" means that he just talked when he didn't have anything to say.

I think back across the years that have gone by and I wonder how many people that have lived in Russell, if you were to name them rightly, would have a nickname Diotrephes — people who persisted in prating and manufacturing things about a preacher.

Diotrephes went so far as to exclude Gaius and other members of the church in an illegal manner, for we read:

"Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and CASTETH THEM OUT OF THE CHURCH."—III John 10.

Several years ago, in the back side of Greenup County, there was a so-called Baptist church. One Saturday afternoon "Bro. Diotrephes" went over to that church and sat down out on steps. As he sat there, he said, "I think we will have a business meeting this afternoon if nobody objects." Of course nobody did, because he was the only person there. He said, "I think we ought to have some church discipline. I think we ought to exclude some of the folk if nobody objects. I'll call the meeting to order and we will exclude them." Of course nobody objected. Beloved, that one individual made the motions, seconded them, and proceeded to exclude members from the church without any service or business meeting having been announced. You say, "Brother Gilpin, that is ridiculous." That is exactly what took place in this church of which Gaius and Diotrephes were members.

Diotrephes' works proved that he was an unsaved man.

"Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."—III John 11.

What kind of a man was this man Diotrephes? Beloved, he was just an unsaved church member.

Mark it down, beloved friends, regardless of what church an individual might belong to, if he does evil, he "hath not seen God." Some people come to church with a song book under one arm and a Bible under the other, and they sing sanctimoniously in the choir and sound like angels in the church and live like devils on the outside. God says of them that they are lost—"hath not seen God."

III

THE THIRD OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IS DEMETRIUS.

"Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true."—III John 12.

Demetrius was the man whom John sent to straighten out the difficulty in this church of which Gaius and Diotrephes were members.

Demetrius wasn't always the kind of man as spoken of here. The first time we hear about him we hear of him under adverse circumstances. Listen:

"And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at naught, but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth. And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying Great is Diana of the Ephesians."—Acts 19:23-28.

Forty years before John wrote this Third Epistle, Paul went into the city of Ephesus to preach. Demetrius, who was the head of the union of the silversmiths, realized what Paul was doing and said to his fellow craftsmen, "It is our business to make silver images of Diana of the Ephesians. If we allow this man Paul to go on as he is, he will not only hurt our business, but he will cause Diana to be brought into disrepute."

Forty years pass by and we

find Demetrius under different circumstances. This man who was responsible for all the difficulty that came to Paul when in the city of Ephesus, is now associated with John.

I like to read about Demetrius because it shows what can happen when the grace of God comes into a man's heart. He was a man who one day stood up in rebellion against the preachers. Forty years passed by and in that period of time the grace of God became real to him and he was saved. Now John sends him to this church to straighten out their difficulty.

CONCLUSION

Lost man, lost woman, you may be a Demetrius today. You may be in opposition to God, to His Word, to this church, to this preacher, and to all the things of God. Forty years from now, sinner man, you may be in the pulpit preaching the Word of God. Demetrius was a miracle of grace. You can be a miracle of grace too. God may reach down and touch your heart and save your soul, and the Devil that has incited you to rebellion against the things of God, may find his defeat in the grace of God becoming real in your life.

Oh, may you trust my Jesus this morning, and may you go out from this house today, not to be a Diotrephes, but go out to be a Gaius, to stand up for, and contend for, and to even suffer for, the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!



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evangelists. Without a doubt he is preaching this false and utterly misleading doctrine of his (and a great host of other people) up and down and across the nation.

A person does not "accept Christ"; one receives Him as his Saviour. A person does not "choose to follow Jesus"; God the Father "hath chosen us (those for whom Christ died) in him before the foundation of the world." See Eph. 1:3-7. And God's choosing is, or was, "according to the good pleasure of his will." We are saved, therefore, because we were elected to salvation "before the foundation of the world." "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

O wonderful salvation! All of grace, from the heart of God! "... accepted in the beloved!" From all eternity, God who was absolutely sovereign and independent of any counsel from any source other than the God-head, elected a certain number of Adam's fallen race to eternal life, justifying them through Christ Jesus who died for them, and leaving the rest of Adam's fallen, sinful race to be justly punished. And Jesus Himself said: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me." And these are those who were "chosen in him before the foundation of the world." All others will be lost. And no man has any right to find fault with God. All men deserve to die for their sins. But God through His mercy and His grace hath exercised His sovereign will to choose Him a family from among fallen men, and they are "accepted in the beloved," and no other way.

"O come, let us worship and bow down..."

—Stanley Neuman

A PAGE FROM "MUSED UNCLE MOSE"



Peoples think Sunday mawnin' is de time to ketch up on dey sleep. You jes' wait: some mawin' de Lawd gonna blow he hawn on dat bunch, an' bruddah, you gonna see de covahs a-flyin'.

"Mused Uncle Mose" is a 64-page book, of over 200 philosophical sayings, similar to the above, containing 20 full-page pictures. It costs \$1.00 postpaid, and is worth every penny. Order from us.

SECULAR NEWS WHICH SHOULD ENGAGE THE ATTENTION OF EVERY CITIZEN OF THE U. S.

It is common knowledge that the recently appointed ambassador to Mexico has been badly tangled up with the crime investigation committee. Here is an excerpt from the "Prophecy Monthly" of Los Angeles, Calif.:

"There should be prayer that justice may be done in this case. Ambassador O'Dwyer, a rabid Catholic, has long been a useful servant of the Vatican. In Mexico he has, according to reliable information given us, left no stone unturned to influence Mexican officials against Protestant activities. Mexican officials recently have been favorable to Protestant leaders, even to paying for a plane to be used in the work of a Protestant organization engaged in Scripture translation work. The plane was recently scheduled to carry workers to Peru. Our U. S. ambassador seemed to consider it part of his duties to prevent this plane from taking missionaries to Peru. Our information is that he sought to get assistance from our State Department to bring influence upon Mexican officials to refuse permission for these flights. This is but one of Mr. O's efforts to block Protestant work. Is this what ambassadors are for? And why are Catholic leaders working so feverishly to get Mr. O. cleared?"

If it was necessary for the president to recall MacArthur for overstepping his authority (if he did), I think it is more necessary that O'Dwyer be recalled. The Pope has spoken in favor of peace, and thanked the president for his efforts in that direction. Does O'Dwyer's action spell peace? Does O'Dwyer's action represent the U. S. government?

THE SICK SHEEP FOLLOW HERETICAL LEADERS

A man who was traveling in the East heard that there was a shepherd who still kept up the custom of calling his sheep by name.

He went to the man and said, "Let me put on your clothes and take your crook. I will call them and see if they will come to me."

He called one sheep, Mina, Mina! but the whole flock ran away from him.

"Will none of them follow me when I call them?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the shepherd, "some of them will. The sick sheep follow anybody."

You may make the application.

—Moody Monthly



Liquor Dealer

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Very, very few saloon keepers are that sensitive to moral responsibility.

If they were, they would not be or remain liquor sellers.

And if every liquor seller could legally be held jointly responsible for crimes committed by men and women under the influence of liquor they sold, that would speedily become the world's most hazardous occupation.—Clarion-Ledger

DO NOT SUBSTITUTE

Good for God	Pep for Prayer
Play for Praise	Goodness for Grace
Theories for Truth	Programs for Power
Feelings for Faith	Paralysis for Peace
Politics for Precepts	Benevolence for Blood
Science for Scripture	Reason for Revelation
Culture for Conversion	Speculation for Salvation
Profession for Possession	Sociability for Spirituality
Reformation for Regeneration	Jubilation for Justification

—Selected

Friend Of World

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Translation.

The world, the flesh, and the Devil will tell you this message is a lie. They will say that it is quite possible for you to be godly and at the same time associate with and mingle among ungodly people. The Devil is the father of lies, and the unbelievers are children of the Devil (John 8:44), so you may expect them to lie to you about God's Word. If you are in doubt as to the success of Satan in confusing Christians in this important matter, just look about you and see the havoc that he has wrought. People who count themselves consecrated to Christ will tell others to walk among the ungodly, to win them by friendship. You will hear them point to someone who earns his living in the flesh-pots such as entertainment establishments, movies, etc., of the world and say, "Is he not a godly man? Does he not tell us that God is everything to him? He never misses a church service." Yes, Christians who are blind to the Scriptures will tell other blind Christians to keep their head high, their thoughts above those of the carnal nature, and it is all right to go into their company. The object of this article is to lead these saints out of such an unscriptural position. We take the position of Galatians 6:1; we, in meekness, hope to serve Christ by lighting up your darkened understanding with the light of God.

Why do you hate to withdraw from "every appearance of evil?" (I Thess. 5:22). It is because you have two natures! "This I say then, walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. 5:16-17. When we were born in the world we were born in sin (Ps. 51:5), born with a corrupt, fallen nature, at enmity with God, wicked of heart and mind, not subject to the law of God (Gen. 6:5, Jer. 17:9, Eph. 4:22, Rom. 8:7), and we were unable to please God in any manner or aspect (Rom. 8:8). No matter how gentle, kind, gracious, benevolent, personable, desirable, or amiable they may be; whether it be your mother, your sister, your brother, your son, or your daughter; unless they have been born anew of God, they cannot please Him and are an abomination to Him as long as they reject Jesus Christ.

"But as many as received Him to them gave he power (authority) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in his name; which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." This birth of God implants a holy nature within us and it is of this new nature from God that John speaks when he says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." So if you have been raised to life in fellowship with Christ, keep on seeking the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Practice occupying your minds with the things above, NOT the things of the earth . . . put to death your lower, earthly nature . . . and

whatever you say or DO, let it all be done with reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, and thru Him continue to give thanks to God the Father.—Third chapter of Colossians. Please look it up and read it all!

Now how do these two natures affect us and our subject? Take a hypothetical case of a man talented in ways that can be turned to great financial gain in the entertainment world. If this man be of the world, he will find it no hard thing to climb to the pinnacle of worldly success. BUT if this man be a Christian led by the Holy Spirit, he will show his love of Christ by obeying His commandments (John 14:15), and Christ commands His sheep to occupy their minds with things that are above, and not things of this earth, or else they shall be His enemies as we have seen. You cannot obey by doing all things in reference to Jesus Christ, and still seek to be popular with the world, for if you truly do all things for the glory of Christ, the world will hate you—John 17:14. So this man who is rich in talent by the grace of God is forbidden to seek after the riches of this world, but shall set his mind above and seek to use his talent for the glory of Christ. To seek to please the world then by entertaining it is to walk according to the course of this world and to be captured by the Prince of Darkness. Amos said, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Listen! "Keep on abstaining from the evil desires of your lower nature, because they are always at war with the soul." "Keep on living upright lives among the heathen, so that, when they slander you as evil-doers, by what they see of your good deeds they may come to praise God on the judgment day."—I Pet. 2:11.

Yes, we are permitted to go among the heathen, even commanded to go among the wicked, the unclean, the worldly unbelievers to witness, teach, preach, and hold forth Christ to all for the saving of souls, or in condemnation of souls as the case may be.

Why should a Christian refuse to separate himself from the worldly? Why does man foolishly contend that he must keep one foot in the world and one foot in the service of our Lord? The Devil, posing as an "angel of light," is the one who convinces you that you cannot afford to offend your worldly friends, your employer, your teacher, or other influential persons by insisting upon living a godly life. It is Satan who tells you that God expects you to take care of yourself and your financial future; who assures you it is all right to act a little deaf when you hear filth, blaspheming talk, to be blind in the eye which sees a fellow Christian prostitute his faith, to act as if his tongue were tied down when someone mocks his God. I dare anyone to face this Bible and say that he can go to a place of worldly entertainment (choose movies or dance, night club or theatre, concert or burlesque, classical or popular), without hearing the name of God taken in vain continuously; without hearing the evil whispering of an evil heart; without seeing the revelings and carousing, the lusty, sexy lasciviousness that marks the entertainment world from top to bottom; without finding himself following his lower, earthly nature into dishonoring Christ even if it be only by mealy-mouthed words of compromise. If you, like Si-

THE BELIEVER

1. Dead to sin (I Peter 2:24).
2. Saved from wrath (Romans 5:9).
3. Near to God (Ephesians 2:13).
4. Free from judgment (John 5:24).
5. No longer blind (II Cor. 3:16).
6. A child of God (Gal. 3:26).
7. Eternally saved (John 3:16).
8. Certain of Heaven (II Tim. 4:18).
9. Awaiting glory (Titus 2:13).
10. Gloriously assured (I Peter 1:3-5).

mon Peter, persist in going to a place where Christ is being tried and found wanting, then you must be prepared without compromise to either deny Him (as Peter did thrice) or contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints, even the love of Christ the altogether lovely one.

Oh, but you say you would never deny your Lord to the unbelievers? Are you greater than Peter? That is what Peter said. Hear what Paul says (the most spiritual man ever born of woman must have been Paul or John): "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that which I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." If you don't want to do evil, then don't go near those places where God is held to be of little importance. To do so is to be tempted beyond your power to resist. On the other hand, develop your spiritual nature by the Word of God, by exercising your new nature in good works, and thereby lay hold of the POWER OF GOD who will give you strength to resist, and new desires to follow.

Thus saith the Lord (II Cor. 6:14-18): "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, . . ." Even tho you be a saved person, there is no communion with the Lord as long as you have communion and traffic with the unclean infidels who trample the Son of God underfoot daily (Heb. 6). See Ezra 9:11 for definition of unclean.

It is not that I would have you do something, or abstain, but God. He tells you with whom you shall associate and in what manner you shall remain in this world. Read John 17 also I Cor. 15:33. "Evil companionships corrupt good character" and you see He desires us to have fellowship with God-loving people. We should say like David "I am a companion of all that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts."

Why must we search out godly companions for our associates? The Devil and his agents will tell you it is all right to take pleasure in pursuits and entertainments which have

nothing illegal about them, that it is permissible to delight in the company of those who do not walk the righteous path. If you have a little of God's Word hid in your heart, you will know that to be a lie; but then Satan will give you excuses and exceptions by the score that you can follow the desires of your fleshly nature. For example, "It is all right to go where God is ignored, so long as you do not approve of such an attitude toward God." They twist God's command to love your neighbor into saying that you should treat everyone alike, with respect, and in friendly non-critical manner. We will show that this is just another of Satan's ruses to trip the follower of Christ into disobedience.

What says the Scriptures? We are to have good will toward, desire and seek the best interest of everyone (Gal. 6:10), but we are not to be yoked with (II Cor. 6:14), nor to have any fellowship with (Eph. 5:11) unbelievers, nor should we delight in or have complacency toward those who despise our Master — "Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord?" II Chron. 19:2. "The wicked is an abomination unto the righteous"—Prov. 29:26. Now I come to a place where you may not follow any more. Who are the wicked, when are they wicked, evil, unclean? "Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things." This shows that we are not to take the judgment of the world as to what is right or wrong, or what is clean or unclean. The wicked are those who seek their own pleasure and glory (Jas. 4), and the righteous are those who seek the will and pleasure and glory of God Almighty and Christ. There is no middle ground! Hear David again, "Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am I not grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with a perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies." Try to win them, we must; but hug them to our bosom or even be in their company in other than Godly pursuits, we must not. Nor is it only the openly lawless, criminal, or vicious people who are to be avoided, but especially those professing to be Christians yet who do not live the life of Christians. Beware of those who say one thing but do another, who talk piously, act solemn on occasion, but who walk so that you cannot tell them from a non-professor of faith in Christ. The Word of God is plain and positive on this point: "Having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." Make no mistake, this isn't just good advice, it is a divine command which we disobey at our own peril. Pay no attention to a pleasing personality. Be sure

THE UNBELIEVER

1. Dead in sin (Eph. 2:1).
2. Under God's wrath (Eph. 2:3).
3. Without God (Eph. 2:12).
4. Under condemnation (John 3:16).
5. Blinded by Satan (II Cor. 4:4).
6. A child of Satan (John 8:44).
7. Eternally lost (John 3:36).
8. Certain of Hell (Rev. 21:8).
9. Awaiting judgment (Heb. 9:27).
10. Solemnly warned (Rev. 20:15).

that what draws you to another is his love of and likeness of Jesus Christ, not the love and kindness to you. Shun as you would a deadly disease all those who have no fear of and care not whether they offend Christ. "Be not deceived."

Why should you withdraw from worldly conceptions of entertainment, pleasure, popularity? I Peter the 4th chapter says, "For the time that is past is enough for you to have accomplished what the heathen like to do, leading lives that are steeped in sensuality, lustful desires, drunkenness, reveling, revelry, banqueting and idolatry that leads to lawlessness. They are astonished that you are not still rushing hand in hand with them into the same excesses of profligate living, and they abuse you for it." These are the things the world loves to do, they are the things you are urged to do, and the vast majority will laugh at you for not doing so. Satan whispers "What's the harm in it? Listen to me and I will show you how to be popular with men and with God too." The harm is in doing what God commands you not to do. "And who is it that will harm you if you are enthusiastic to do right? Instead you are hanged even if you should suffer for doing right. Never be afraid of their threats and never be disturbed but in your hearts be consecrated to Christ the Lord."—I Peter 3:13-14.

Existence Of Wicked

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buried? Body. The spiritual part persisted. That of the saved went to a place of conscious happiness. That of the unsaved to torment. (It says so here.) All acrobatic juggling with this, and all epithetic denouncing it as a "parable" does not remove the truth of its teaching.

4. Matthew 22:32. (Also Luke 20:38). This teaches that the saved of the centuries before were not unconscious in the grave, but LIVING.

5. I Peter 3:19. Whatever this passage means, it certainly does not mean that "unconscious spirits" were in "prison" or "under guard."

6. II Peter 2:4. This is a sockdolager for those who hold Adventist heresy.

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