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

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## The Dogma Of Bodily Assumption

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII of Rome proclaimed a new dogma, that of the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. This was the final act in the elevation of what had theretofore been but the belief of a few superstitious people into a pronouncement which henceforth will have for Roman Catholics the same binding authority as has the true scriptural doctrine of the Deity of Christ or the equally untrue

dogma of the infallibility of the Pope.

The American Council of Christian Churches would call the attention of all men to the indisputable fact that there is not one shred of evidence in the New Testament (nor in the Old Testament) for this so belatedly proclaimed dogma that the body of the virgin Mary was taken up into Heaven. Nor is there any other historical evidence. The doctrine rests purely and

simply upon the speculations of a number of Roman Catholic mystics, the recent petitions of what is said to be an immense number of Roman Catholic theologians, and now the magisterial decree of the Roman Catholic Church.

To informed and reasoning minds, therefore, this new dogma can be but a further evidence of the amazing superstition and presumption of the Ro-

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### THERE IS NO HOME LIKE A CHRISTIAN HOME

There's no place like a Christian Home,  
No other home where Christ is welcome;  
No other home of such godly fear,  
No other home for God's word to hear.

There's no place like a Christian Home,  
No other home where Jesus can come;  
No other home of reverence here,  
It's only such homes that God holds dear.

There's no place like a Christian Home,  
Where they look for the Saviour to come;  
Where the house is full of grace and love,  
And faith is strong in the Lord above.

There's no place like a Christian Home,  
Where the Bible's taught at mother's knee  
Where the children learn God's A. B. C.  
And the family's saved eternally.

—Ephraim Field

## Whoever Says There Is Some Good In Every Man Doesn't Know God's Word

By JAY GREEN

Madisonville, Kentucky

Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3).

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6).

"For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." (Romans 7:18).

"For we are His workmanship, CREATED in Christ Jesus UNTO good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10).

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." (Phillip. 2:13).

Now if there were truly a spark of good in every man, as the multitude would have you believe, then it is puzzling indeed that we find here in these verses that we must be born again. Not born of the flesh again, but of the Spirit. Now the reason that we need to be reborn, and the reason we would be no better off to be born of the flesh again, is told us in Romans 7:18. The fact is there isn't a smidgin, a jot or tittle of good in the flesh (not

even after we are regenerated). That this regeneration, renewing, is a work of creation in man, and not in any way a using of what was in man before, is shown us in that 10th verse of Ephesians 2, "Created in Christ Jesus UNTO good works." Now if there were a spark of good in man, why must God the Holy Spirit CREATE a new heart, a new spirit, etc. Why not fan the spark into a flame, for if there is a spark of good it must be because God put it there, and sustains it there. Every good gift and perfect gift are from God—James 1:17,18. If a man has good lying dormant within him, then it would seem to me he needn't be "created . . . unto good works." If it is in you to will to do good, then why must God work in you both to will and to do good—Phil. 2:13. Is it not a good rule to beware of every single idea that God does not mention in His Word? God never tells us that there is a little bit of good in everybody. Here is what he says:

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it." (Jer. 17:9).

"For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their INWARD PART IS VERY WICKEDNESS; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue." (Psalm 5:9).

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## One Magazine Actually Declares That It Is Really Getting Safer To Sin

Let no one be deceived by that title. That is only what some people are imagining. Ere long they will be disillusioned.

Some years ago we quoted in "Prophecy" from a Los Angeles judge who had come to feel that there must be a goal of iniquity—some limit to which civilized man could go in his quest for thrills and self-enjoyment. He felt that sooner or later something must give way, when the gifts of science were being so largely turned to the purpose of enabling human beings to escape in large measure the natural consequences of sin in order to satisfy the desire to "get a kick out of life."

The April issue of "Christian Victory" quoted a Mayo Clinic medical man, Dr. Paul A. O'Leary, showing that the fears of syphilis may soon be dismissed, due to new treatments discovered. The "great scourge" is practically conquered. To many people this means one thing: adultery is now safer. The laws of nature and of God can be given the run-around.

Bible history shows us what happens when men reach the point where they think they can boast that it is safe to sin. He puts forth the strong arm of judgment and wipes men out. (Gen. 6:5-8; Matt. 24:37-39). Prophecy shows that the present age will reach a consummation of evil that will call down the

worst tribulation of all time.

Men will not learn from history, nor will they pay attention to object lessons as to the damning effects of sin. God must eventually send the "seven last plagues" which no science of men can conquer, in order to fill up His wrath. (Rev. 15:1).

Not until these recent years has God permitted men such free scope in prying into the secret powers of nature. The great basic forces of the universe have become known in our generation and men have explored them to a point where they know how to release powers that could in a matter of hours wreck the earth. The prophecy of Dan. 12:4 has certainly seen its fulfillment and scientists now are sighing for new worlds to conquer, even planning taking off for the moon.

Sad to say, every fresh discovery of nature's powers seems to lead to a new moral debauch. Men are bound to turn every power they can to the averting of the natural penalties of sin insofar as they can do so. They also seek out anything that can be used for human destruction.

Thus, "they are defiled with their own works and go a whoring with their own inventions." (Psa. 106:39).

A few years ago a well known medical man in England

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### WHITCOMB RILEY FIRED A DUD

Judge Noble Johnson, U. S. Court of Customs, tells the following of James Whitcomb Riley's early days. Before he became famous, Riley made a living painting signs on fences and rails for a patent medicine firm at Greenfield, Mass. Coming to a farm owned by a Christian farmer who had painted on his fence "What Shall I Do To Be Saved?" Riley painted underneath it "Try Carter's Little Liver Pills," then hurried off to hire a photographer to take a picture of his smart sign. The farmer got there first and added a third line to the sign, (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "Taking Things For Granted"

"But they, supposing him to have been in the company."—Luke 2:44.

I believe that one of the greatest curses in the world for any individual is to take things for granted. That is true in the material world, but especially is it a tragedy when we come to discuss and consider spiritual verities.

It was true in the experience of Jesus. His mother and His

foster father, Joseph, took for granted that He was in their company when they left Jerusalem and started home. They took it for granted, and thus it was that they journeyed for a day without Jesus and didn't realize that their son was remaining in the city of Jerusalem. They supposed that He was going along with them.

I say to you, beloved friends, I know of no greater curse than the curse of taking things for

granted. Just as an example, may I suggest this: We assume folk are saved and never witness to them, and never speak to them relative to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This morning as I was preaching, I was smitten with the fact that there was one woman in the service who has been attending services here repeatedly for months, and yet I had never one time spoken to her as to (Continued on page two)

### WHY WAS THIS LAW EVER REPEALED

The following, copied from "Mutual Moments," is an old English law enacted in 1770: "That all women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, who shall, after this act, impose upon or seduce and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's male subjects by virtue of perfumes, paints, cosmetics, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, bolstered hips or high-heel shoes shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and the marriage under such circumstances shall be null and void." After you have read this you will doubtlessly say "Why was it ever repealed."



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## "Taking Things For Granted"

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her spiritual condition. As soon as she came to the door this morning, I asked her if she were a Christian. She faltered, as most people do, and said that she was trying to be. I told her that trying to be a Christian doesn't amount to a thing. She then plainly said, "I am lost." I said, "God bless you. I will be more in prayer for you now than before."

Beloved, what was true with me in her experience has been true of me hundreds of times in the experience of others, and likewise has been true of you hundreds of times in the experience of other folk. You have just taken for granted that somebody was saved and failed to witness to the individual concerning the truth.

Or, I might suggest this: We accept all that has been taught us, and we never question whether or not it is true. We just take for granted that it must be all right.

The majority of church members remind me of a baby bird being fed by its mother, for the majority of people come to church and just accept and swallow everything that is given to them through the preacher. They never question it; they never consider it; they never analyze it; they just take it for granted that it is all right or the preacher wouldn't have said it.

I tell you, beloved, it is a fearful thing to take things for granted in the realm of the unsaved, among our friends. We ought to be certain as to their spiritual status. We ought to be certain as to what is taught or preached. We ought to be mighty sure that it is of the Lord before we accept it.

Let me give you some examples of some false statements that are taken for granted without ever pausing to consider whether or not they are true.

### I

#### "GOD LOVES EVERYBODY."

The majority of people have come to the conclusion, as a result of the preaching that they have heard, that surely it must be true that God is something like a great big granddaddy, who just loves and embraces everybody. My brother, it isn't so.

I remember when I was just a boy preacher that I heard a preacher preach one evening on the love of God, and in the course of the sermon he gave this little illustration: He told of a mother who was dealing with her little boy. He had been playing and his face was terribly soiled, as well as his clothing. When he came in, she wanted him to wash, and she

If a preacher listens eagerly to all the gossip, his mind will soon become a garbage heap.

said, "Now mother doesn't love a dirty boy." This preacher said that that mother didn't literally mean what she said. What she meant, so he said, was she loved the boy, but she didn't love his dirt. He said, "That is exactly the way with God. God loves the sinner, but He doesn't love the sinner's sinful ways."

Beloved, I thought maybe this was right, but the very next day in the study of God's Word I came across a verse of Scripture which says that God hates all workers of iniquity. Listen: "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity."

Somebody may say, "Brother Gilpin, don't you remember John 3:16—'For God so loved the world?' " Yes, beloved, I remember John 3:16, but if I believed that John 3:16 meant every unsaved person as well as the elect of God—if I believed that, I tell you frankly, I would take my Bible to the trash can, for it would be the worst mixed-up jumbled mess I ever saw.

The Word of God tells us of one individual specifically whom God hated.

"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."—Rom. 9:13.

When I was in college I came across this passage of Scripture, and I went to the professor of Bible and asked him what it meant. He said, "That is talking about the nations. Esau gave rise to the Edomites, and Jacob gave rise to the Jews. God hated the Edomites and loved the Jews." I said, "Thank you, but I don't believe it."

A short time later I went to another preacher and I asked him for an explanation of it, and his explanation was just as far-fetched. He said that the word "hate" didn't mean hate, but that it meant "love less," so that it really says that "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I loved less." It so happened that that man was a Th. D. and a Ph. D., and I said to him, "Will you please tell me on what authority the English language can be twisted so that the meaning of a word can be changed like that?" Beloved, he hasn't given me the answer yet.

God doesn't love the world. If God loves the world, would He send lost people to Hell? No, beloved, it just doesn't make sense. The God that I preach to you is a God of omnipotence. Someday we are going to stand in His presence, and we are going to face a God of Sovereignty—a God who loves whom He will, and a God who hates whom He will.

"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."—Rom. 9:15.

### II

#### "WE SHOULD PRAY THAT THE WHOLE WORLD BE SAVED."

I'd be mighty happy to see the whole world saved. I'd be mighty happy if God would save everybody in Russell, but, beloved, there isn't a word of truth in it. There isn't one time in the Bible where we are led to believe that we ought to pray for the world at large. Even Jesus Himself never prayed for the world at large. Listen:

"I pray for them: I pray NOT FOR THE WORLD, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."—John 17:9.

Jesus Himself said that He didn't pray for the world at large, but prayed for the elect of God who had been given Him as a love gift from God the Father before the foundation of the world. God will

save the elect, but He will not save the whole world.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, maybe Jesus didn't pray for me." Maybe He didn't, brother. Maybe He didn't, sister. Maybe the reason why you are so indifferent and so careless and so calloused to the things of this world is because you are one of God's non-elect. It may be that God passed you by and has never prayed for you one single time.

Beloved, God will not save the world, but in His own appointed time everyone of His elect shall be saved.

### III

#### "JESUS CHRIST ON CALVARY'S CROSS DIED FOR EVERYBODY."

A Baptist preacher called me up a short time ago and he was as much excited as anyone I ever talked to. He said, "It is utterly impossible for me to conceive that my Lord and Saviour did not die for everybody." Listen to God's Word:

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom FOR MANY."—Mt. 20:28.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for HIS FRIENDS."—John 15:13.

Christ laid down His life for His friends, and those friends are the ones who do what He commands. That unsaved person who has spurned the Gospel of Jesus Christ and who has no place for God within his life, who lives his life in utter rebellion to the things of God and dies and goes to Hell—he is not one of God's friends.

I tell you, beloved, Jesus Christ died for the elect of God and not for the whole race of Adam's fallen descendants.

Here is a fellow who is wealthy—wealthy beyond our comprehension. He can do anything for his children to make them happy. In the providence of God he has one blind son, who has never been able to see. Not one time has he opened his eyes and looked upon the things of this world. That father wants to show his love for that son, so one day he buys the most expensive picture and hangs it on the wall. It is a beautiful picture, an exquisite painting, costing thousands of dollars, and it has the most marvelous frame, costing, likewise, many, many dollars. Would you say that that father is showing his love for his blind son in buying for him a wonderful picture and hanging it on the wall? No, no, beloved, that is an expression of insanity instead of love.

If God gave Jesus Christ to die for everyone of Adam's descendants, and if thousands of them die and go to Hell, yet He gave His Son to die for them, that isn't an expression of God's love. To me that is an expression of insanity.

### IV

#### "IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO PUT OFF HIS SALVATION UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE."

## THE WORK OF JACOB GARTENHAUS

We receive good reports from time to time of the work that is being done by Jacob Gartenhaus and the International Board of Jewish Missions of which he is the head. Our church contributes monthly to this work. If we believe the Bible, we are bound to interest ourselves in the salvation of Israel. How can a church take no part in evangelism when the Bible plainly says "to the Jew first?" We know of no agency so reliable as the one created by Bro. Gartenhaus, nor do we know of any Jewish leader in whom we have so much confidence. We are always glad to forward any gifts to Bro. Gartenhaus, or he can be addressed direct in care of the International Board of Jewish Missions, Atlanta.

—Faith and Life



JACOB GARTENHAUS

### LATE."

You may ask, "Can a man sin away his day of grace?" Listen, beloved, an unsaved man has never had grace, and he will never have the grace of God until he is saved. An unsaved person is under law and he can't sin away his day of grace, because he won't have any grace until the Lord Jesus Christ becomes gracious to him and saves his soul.

I have heard people pray for God to save someone before it is too late, lest that one be lost. I want to read you from God's Word to show you that every one of God's elect will be saved in God's own appointed time.

"All that the Father giveth me SHALL COME TO ME; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."—Rom. 8:29, 30.

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED."—Acts 13:48.

Christian friend, the only reason why you believed and are saved is because God made an ordination in regard to you. Before the foundation of the world He foreordained your paths. May you realize that the only reason that you believed, the only reason why you are saved, the only reason why you are a child of God and someone else isn't, is because that you were ordained of God before the foundation of the world.

### V

#### "A MAN MUST SEEK THE LORD UNTIL HE FINDS HIM."

Someone may say, "Doesn't the Bible say to seek the Lord while He may be found?" Yes,

it does, and it is a glorious passage of Scripture, but to whom was our Lord speaking? He was not speaking to the unsaved, but rather he was speaking to the saints of God. Christian people need to seek the Lord. They need to draw nigh to Him day by day.

Talk about a sinner seeking the Lord, it isn't the sinner that seeks the Lord. The sinner is dead. Every unsaved person is spiritually dead and is spiritually unconcerned unless the Spirit of God has begun to trouble his heart. A sinner will never seek the Lord until the Lord Jesus Christ seeks him.

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it?"—Luke 15:4.

If a man has lost his sheep, does the sheep seek the shepherd, or is it the shepherd that seeks the sheep? Beloved, a sheep never seeks to come back home. It is the shepherd that seeks out the wandering sheep.

Brother, sister, you and I were but wandering sheep, and if the Holy Spirit of God hadn't sought us out, we would have gone on and on and on, along the road to Hell.

Listen again:

"Either that woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?"—Luke 15:8.

Who does the seeking? Does that coin seek the woman? No, no, beloved, it is the woman that seeks the coin.

If there is one here who thinks that he might seek the Lord and thereby be saved, listen to this Scripture:

"There is none that understandeth, there is NONE THAT SEEKETH AFTER GOD."—Rom. 3:11.

There isn't a lost man in all this world who has ever sought after God one moment of his life, and he will never seek after Him. I believe the Bible, (Continued on page three)

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Parrott Gives Report As To Services  
Held And The Professions Made

September 14, 1951

Dear Brother Overbey:

Our work is going along well now. The church is having a week of prayer services. I am concerned about the coldness prevalent in the church. The attendance has been very poor for some months and doesn't seem to be getting any better. The only consolation is that the other churches are reporting the same thing. I suspect it is because of the activity among the Catholics now. There has been a lot of campaigning against the Gospel work and these people being mostly Catholic of course accept the word of the priests law. I will give you our report for the past month. It is rather small on the surface but in our next report you will get the results of our work which will explain our short report this month. Report for August: Myself, Manoel Pinheiro and Laudomiro Lopes. Houses visited, 217; tracts distributed, 100; present in services, 345; professions of faith, 6; number of services, 11; sermons preached, myself, 4; Manoel, 3, Lau-

domiro, 3, visitors, 3. Average number present 31.3. One night in the month we had some trouble with some ruffians throwing rocks at us. Two women were hit by the rocks, one of them since has been saved, although neither was hurt seriously. We were told that we were to be run out of the area and not allowed to preach there any more, but we are still here and are establishing a permanent work here. The Pentecosts tried it here once but it was too hot a spot and they finally got out. We had six professions of faith for the month. There were two young women, an older woman, a man and two boys. The Lord is blessing and it has been several months now since we turned in a blank month without any professions being made. The Lord is good to us and we give Him the honor and glory because we had nothing to do with those professions, except preach the Word. It was He who gave the increase. The report of the church with pastor Santiago and John

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CHURCH BUILDING  
AT CODAJAZ IS  
BEING REBUILT

The mission has sent \$100.00 to help complete the church building at Codajaz which is about 300 miles up the river above Manaus, Brazil. This is the church that Brother Smith visited and helped them to tear down the old building. Brother Smith helped them some financially before he left. This church was taken away from Brother Brandon in 1939 and recently they voted unanimously to come back into BFM. Their pastor, Oscar Braga is working and preaching without pay. As soon as the building is completed they hope to support him full time.

OUTBOARD MOTOR  
FOR MIGUEL IBERNON

Brother Roy Mason reports in his paper, FAITH AND LIFE, that the Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church of which he is pastor, has sent \$325.00 to Brazil to purchase an outboard motor for Miguel Ibernón. Praise the Lord for Brother Mason and Buffalo Avenue church.

Brother Brandon Writes As To His  
Experiences And Work In Leprosarium

Dear Brother Overbey:

Your letter of recent date at hand and I will try to give you an account of myself, after having talked with the doctor. I have shown such remarkable progress that it hardly seems possible, in fact the only explanation is by the grace of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. This malady is very slow to overcome. The feelings that I describe to them as having been so painful in the past and at times yet, they say is the leprosy. I feel safe in saying that it is 75 percent or more better than when I came here. The doctor speaks very encouraging and says that by the end of next year or perhaps sooner, he thinks I will be able to be discharged. At present I do not have any negatives. I was talking with the doctor who examines the skin, or takes the smears and he said not to become discouraged that when they started (negative tests) they would come right along. The head doctor said that when discharged I could return to the mission field, in fact recom-

mended to do so, because the climate there is in my favor. The doctor said that they might scrape my skin all over my body and not find a germ, so there is indeed very little if any danger of giving the malady to another. They say I am safe to associate with older people, but not children 12 years or younger. I might have had a vacation this summer but the law forbids one to travel when they are positive and if you have one germ you are positive. I am still very nervous, and they demand that I spend much time in bed. However, I am still unable to sleep as well as others do. The treatment makes one gain in weight. I now weigh more than I ever did, 181 pounds. I take as much exercise as possible and my muscles are strong. I feel well most of the time, but take a lot of aspirin and of course the Sula-phone drug. I spend hours out of each 24 in reading and study and prayer, and the Lord is blessing me. I am deeply grateful to Him and His people who

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Hallum Perseveres  
In His Labors

Dear Brother:

Fraternal greetings in His name, the name of Jesus. This is to advise you that both your letter with enclosed checks and the letter or rather papers in the other envelope and the Constitution of the Mission and Power of Attorney have been received. These papers have been translated and placed in the hands of the lawyer who has this matter in charge. A few days will be required to get the matter through. The Baptist Faith Missions will then be the owner of the church property here. The lawyer thinks that in case the "Powers that be" tried to take it from us they would have less chance to take it than from property in the name of an individual. The check for Don Tomas was forwarded to him. I am enclosing his report for July. This leaves all well physically. We have not made any trips for several weeks, partly because of having the making of a trailer for the Jeep to be used for the benefit of services here, and partly because of low water which makes it very difficult to get out on the river. Here is a brief report of the work for the month of August done by Brother Juan Castro and Simon Gaima: visits, 335; religious conversations, 76; times preached, 34; Bibles sold, 14, New Testaments sold, 7; tracts distributed, 2178. As ever your co-worker,

R. P. Hallum

## Furlough Time For Hallums

Marguerite Writes  
As To Their Return

Dear Brother Overbey:

Father has not been able to use the typewriter for the last week or so, so I am answering your letter of September 11. For sometime he has had a breaking out on his legs, and under the doctors treatment it has kept spreading. The medicines used have caused a reaction on the rest of his body, including his hands. The doctors call it nettle rash, but now he says the breaking out on his legs and feet—from knees to toes—is eczema. At first they treated it as fungus, and just made it worse. Now it seems to be responding to treatment. He has been in bed most of the time for the last week. The reason we were thinking it would be

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It will soon be five years since the Hallums left the U. S. for Peru after their last furlough, and it is getting near the time for them to come home again for a time of rest and visit to loved ones and friends. They plan to come early in the spring of 1952, the Lord willing. By that time Brother Lewis will be able to carry on with the language while they are away. It will take money to bring them home. Ask the Lord how much He would have you to give to help out in this matter and then send your offering to the mission treasurer in the regular way.

CALLEYS WANT TO  
LEAVE SOON

The Calleys are hoping to go to Brazil as soon after the Starlings go as possible. They are

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It Is Time To Send  
Starlings To Brazil

In a short time the Starlings will have their needed things together and be ready to go to Brazil. They are buying their own things as do all the missionaries now. But we need the money to send them out. They plan to go the same time that Brother Smith returns which will be a big help to them in getting through the custom officials, etc. If every supporting church would take a special offering to help in this matter the funds for sending them would be taken care of very easily. This is a faith work so all we can do is to tell you the need and ask the Lord to lead His people to give. Now will you ask the Lord what He would have you give, and then do as He gives answer?

Bro. Lewis Making  
A Good Beginning

Dear Brother Overbey:

Received the checks, numbers 648 and 650. We are all well and rejoicing in the Lord's goodness. Am glad to know that the Smiths arrived home safely and that Mrs. Smith is regaining her health. Am glad to see the name of Emmanuel Baptist Church among the new supporters of Baptist Faith Missions. I have many dear friends at Emmanuel and I know that they love mission work. We have the trailer completed and it will seat 20 adults. It is an easy manner to get folks to ride but getting them to stay for Sunday School and church is another matter. Brother Juan Castro and myself will go over the bus route and select those interested in coming to Sunday School and church. Sunday the ninth is election day here in Iquitos and all worship services will be closed in the morning. We visited the cemetery the other day while taking some pictures for Mr. Edwards the druggist who gave us so much medicine. They have vaults built above the ground four and five feet high. People pay rent on these vaults and if they get behind in their payments the facts are published in the paper. If this does not bring forth the desired results the bodies are taken from the vaults and thrown into a hole with other bodies.

Your Friend,  
Mitchell Lewis



## NOTICE

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

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

## Brandon Letter

(Preceding page, Column five) have been kind to me in the midst of my affliction. I teach the Bible class, a study now in Exodus, each Sunday evening. It is well attended and the people seem to enjoy it. I have done quite a bit of preaching for the Chaplain this year. He has been away a good deal and I have supplied for him. We have four services a week. The chaplain is being removed from here next month. Before another was arranged, they invited me to take over the work, and when I rejected it, they offered me the place as Chaplain in Portugal, where there are over three thousand afflicted ones, I also rejected that. I have a nice room, well furnished and comfortable. The food is good but often badly prepared. The doctors are as good as can be found anywhere, however the two leading ones have been transferred this year. We miss them. They were really good doctors and Christian men. I am acquainted with two other Christian doctors who work in connection with this hospital. One is located in California and the other in Texas. These attend church and lead in prayer as did one of the others. I love them in the Lord. The new chaplain will come in November, or is supposed to come at that time. There will be a month or more between the ministry of the two chaplains, so I will fill in for them, the Lord willing. The work is strenuous but I can do it. You see there is a lot of visiting to do, that I feel I should do. As a matter of fact the old chaplain did very little of it. There is much visiting to be done in the hospital, and when he will let me I visit them and read to them from the Bible and pray for them. When he is here he does not like for me to do this, so I refrain from it. I think the people are glad he is going to be changed, and I frankly believe it is of the Lord. The enclosed (article on leprosy, Editor) was written after talking to many, some doctors, patients and nurses. Recently when a Brazilian doctor was here, he assured me that it was alright to publish. So if you would like to, you may. I have nothing more to offer but I will not be offended if you should reject it. Much more could be said but I think that is plenty for the time being.

I hope all of you are well and enjoying the sacred nearness to the Lord and that the better blessings are overtaking you as your soul prospers before the Lord. Please express my best wishes and Christian greetings to all the brethren and your church, the Harmony, and your family. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

J. F. Brandon.

## Parrott Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) Dias is as follows: Houses visited, 482; tracts distributed, 76; present in services, 624; professions of faith, none; number of services, 30; sermons preached, Santiago, 17, John Dias, 8, B. E. Parrott, 2, others, 3. Other

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	\$ 48.51
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky. (Ladies Bible Class)	5.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	4.40
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	14.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	82.92
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	68.93
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Ky.	6.19
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Center Line, Mich.	50.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	25.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	15.52
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	62.28
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	13.12
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	27.47
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	26.31
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	47.26
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Va.-Tenn.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	30.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Jr. Class)	5.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	29.57
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	2.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	80.45
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	100.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	41.70
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (For Starling's trip)	15.00
A Mission Center, Lesage, W. Va. (By Clyde Nance)	43.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B.T.U.)	5.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	17.50
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	19.26
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	3.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	50.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	35.00
Suwanee Furnace Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky.	34.50
Harbor View Baptist Church, Harbor View, Ohio	47.91
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	11.24
Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	64.00
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	33.88
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	9.10
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	1.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	59.96
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B.T.U.)	9.79
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	52.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	15.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
Liberty Point Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	44.04
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	100.00
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	34.60
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	13.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	19.57
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	21.35
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	70.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	17.75
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	131.71
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.T.U.)	4.36
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (L.B.C. for Starling and Calley)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	21.11
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	5.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bellamy, Orlando, Fla.	10.00
A Friend in Worthington, Minn.	5.00
Rosetta Causey, Coffeen, Ill.	1.00
Floyd Williams, Owensboro, Ky.	5.00
Jim Blair, Karlstad, Minn.	14.90
Fred Saulsbury, Jeffersonville, Ind.	15.00
Eustace Adkins, Ceredo, W. Va.	2.50
W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Mrs. C. W. Scheermeyer, Louisville, Ky.	100.00
Elder and Mrs. C. W. Howell, Columbia, Tenn.	2.00
R. E. Adkins, Lexington, Ky.	20.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cade, Wayne, W. Va.	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2619.16</b>

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for missions to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. Address all offerings to

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky.

services, prayer services, business meetings, 5. These figures include all the services in the church as well as outdoor services. Will close for now requesting the prayers of all the brethren. Yours in the service of the Saviour.

Billy E. Parrott.

## Marguerite's Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) better to come home by boat is that it would involve much less red tape and also everything considered it would be as cheap

if not cheaper. By plane to make a stop-off in Columbia, we would have to get a special visa. The trip would have to be broken in two and we would have to get off the plane in Cali, go either by plane or train to Buenaventura, about a days trip by train, having several days hotel bill, go back to Cali, etc. The minimum time would be a week as the planes that make the trip do not travel as fast as through planes. On the boat the only expense involved would be the original ticket, and no Columbian visa is required. A special permit is given to passengers in transit

## Parrott Buys A House For Use As A Church Building And Plans A School

Dear Brother Overbey:

In the area where I have been working we have tried for a long time to rent a house and begin services regularly with a Sunday School, etc., planning as soon as the Lord gives the increase to organize a church in His name. We were never able to find a house for rent, but found a lot with a building started that was for sale. It is a small lot 27 feet wide by 55 feet deep and only had the frame work up with a thatch roof on it. I talked with a Christian friend about it and got him to lend me the money to buy it. We bought it and are to pay back 555.50 cruzeiros per month (about \$17.30 per month at present rate). Altogether it cost me a little more than 6500 cruzeiros (a little over \$200). There is only one room now measuring 15'4" by 24' 8". The way we have fixed it up it will seat about 90 people. I built it myself with the help of two boys who are working with me. We dropped all services which we were having, to build it and even worked some at night by lantern light to get it done. The only thing it lacks now is the painting and we are in the process of painting it now. We have already had two services in it even though it is not completely finished. September the ninth we had the first service in the afternoon and 16 members from the church went over to help us in the first service. There were 45 present and I preached the first message. We were blessed in the fact that the wife of the man we bought the house from professed faith in our Saviour. I felt that that was proof of the Lord's pleasure in our work in that through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit a soul was saved to His honor and glory. I don't remember if I told you before or not but in one of the services in that area in which there were 64 present, more than half of them were children and most of them don't go to school because they don't have money to buy the uniform that is required to go to the regular established school here nor to buy their books. I have promised

to go ashore and do what ever they want to. It would involve much less effort and worry on our part and very little more, if any expense. The average time for the boats from Callao to New Orleans is ten days. The documents you sent have been turned over to the Notary Public who is handling this matter for us. The last we heard, he had requested the court here to name official translators. Things move slowly here, and one has to have patience. We are looking forward to seeing your new church building as well as the many others in the Association which have been built since we left.

Yours in His service.

Marguerite Hallum

## Calleys

(Preceding page, Column three) making plans as fast as possible and will be taking the shots and vaccinations soon, the Lord willing, and then it is up to us who love the Lord and His church and the mission work He gives His churches to do, to give the money to send them and support them.

them that, if I could, I would start a school there in that building for them which would cost them nothing at all. I know a woman who is a Christian and a teacher. She has a class of this type in her home in the mornings and would like to teach our class in the afternoons. It would take about 600 cruzeiros (approximately \$20) per month to run the school, paying the teacher 500 cruzeiros and 100 for expenses. I expect that from the very beginning we would have 30 or more children in the class. One day a week would be devoted to the Bible lesson and teaching them music and they would be required to attend Sunday School. This is the most effective way there is of reaching these people because they are getting something out of it. In other words we will be helping them and in return they will from time to time attend our services and of course by the grace of God some of them will be saved. Not only that but the children will be taught from youth up the Word of the Lord. The only way that I hope to do this is if I can get about \$20.00 a month from some other source. We are praying that the Lord will provide it for this end. I know of no better way of getting people interested in our work and also it will provide a school for children of our members so that they will not grow up filled with Catholicism. I believe that in time we could have a large school and a large church. One thing I have learned here is that these people don't at first understand how much they are being offered when they are offered the Gospel but they do understand being helped materially through medicine or through the education of their children or something of that sort. Realizing that they are receiving something beneficial to them they will then become interested in our Gospel work after deciding that the believers are not great beasts as the "padres" have led them to believe, but are pretty nice people after all. Pray with us about this for at least a dozen children have already said that they want to come to our school.

Billy Parrott



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## "Taking Things For Granted"

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and I'll take what it says as final instead of what many preachers say.

### VI

"A MAN CAN BE SAVED WITHOUT KNOWING IT, AND WITHOUT KNOWING WHEN IT TOOK PLACE."

I have heard it said many times that nobody can know that he is saved until he gets to Heaven. Brother, what is your salvation worth if you do not know you have it?

I may have a million dollars in the bank, but I don't know it. It isn't helping me one particle. I may be the owner of a Cadillac automobile, but I don't know anything about it. It may be that I have a race horse that is capable of winning many races, but I don't know anything about it. It may be that I am the owner of an oil well, a regular gusher, but I don't know anything about it. Listen, beloved, the value of any article depends upon the knowledge of the possession of it, and the value of your salvation depends upon the fact that you know you have it. If a man tells me that he doesn't know when he was saved, I'll tell you honestly, I just don't believe he has ever been saved.

I heard a Baptist preacher years ago say that he didn't believe that any man could say definitely when he was saved. He said, "I don't know when I was saved." That man has preached from this pulpit and has been an active contributor to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for a number of years so far as his articles are concerned. He has spoken in many Bible Institutes and revivals, yet only a few weeks ago he claims that he was saved.

When Naaman, the Syrian leper, was healed of his leprosy, he said:

"Now I KNOW that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel."—II Kings 5:15.

When the apostle Paul wrote young Timothy, he said to Timothy:

"For I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.

Brother, sister, if you don't know that you are saved, I just doubt seriously that you are saved. You ought to know the time, the place and the spot where Jesus Christ became real to you and when the light of Heaven and the peace of God broke over your soul. It is wrong for us to say that a man can be saved and not know it.

### VII

"I'LL NEVER SEE MY LOST LOVED ONE AGAIN."

Maybe a mother, who is a Christian, has lost a son, who has made no profession of faith and for whom there was absolutely no hope that he was saved. As she stands beside his casket and looks down into his face, she says, "Goodbye, son, I'll never see you again."

Beloved, we just take for granted that it is so, but it isn't. She will see her lost son again. She will see him at the Judgment Bar of God when she stands there as a witness against him to testify against him. She will see him when he is cast into Hell, and she will shout and give God the praise when she sees her own offspring cast into Hell.

The Word of God tells us that

The Gospel not only saves from hell, but saves from that which takes people to hell.

God's people will shout over the damnation of the lost.

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, ALLELUIA; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, ALLELUIA. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying Amen: ALLELUIA. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, ALLELUIA: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."—Rev. 19:1-6.

A lot of people have missed the mark when it comes to exalting God as a Sovereign God. Most of us have allowed sentiment to play a bigger part in our lives than the Scripture, and most of us have allowed our sentiments to sway our belief. Don't tell me that you won't see that loved one who has died in his sin. Sad as it is, God's Word shows us that we will stand in judgment with our Lord Jesus Christ and we will shout over the damnation of those that are lost.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, I couldn't shout over the damnation of my lost friend or my loved ones now." I couldn't either now, beloved, but in that day I will have a nature wholly like unto God, and God is going to be glorified in the life of every man, whether he glorifies Him through the salvation that is his in Jesus, or whether he goes to Hell and vindicates the righteous judgment of God. In either case, God is going to be glorified.

Brother, sister, I know not whether you are one of God's elect, but I have a message for you. I want this message tonight to cause you to search your heart.

A man said to me, "I just don't believe in preaching Election to lost people." I said, "Brother, it is the one message that a lost man needs above any other, for a lost man needs to realize that he is dealing with a God of sovereignty and a God of justice. He needs to realize that He isn't a God that can be kicked around down here in this world, and then when he comes to die, say, 'All right, Lord, I am ready to die. Open up and let me in.'"

A few days ago my mother went to visit my brother for the summer. When she comes back, I imagine that she will come on the train. Suppose that when she gets ready to come, she will send us a message, telling us on what day and on what train she will arrive in Russell. I am a busy man and I have a lot to do, and I think most of you will admit that your pastor tries to keep busy in the service of the Lord. When the day arrives for my mother to come home, I am just too busy to go to the train to meet her. After a while I notice a taxi driving up outside of the house, and a taxi driver gets out and helps an old eighty-one year old woman out of the taxi, and sets three or four bags down and drives away. I look out and see her out there, but I am busy. I haven't time to be bothered

with her. She picks up those bags one by one and carries them up to the front porch. When she comes up to the door I tell her to go on around to the back door, that I am just too busy and can't be bothered; that after a while, when I have time I will come out and let her in.

Listen to me, lost man, lost woman, that is the way the majority of you are trying to treat God. You just haven't time to be bothered with Him now. After a while, after you have drunk all the liquor that you want, and have sowed your wild oats, and have robbed God and desecrated His day, when you come down to die, then you will have time for God.

Sinner friend, you may think you have a God like that, but the God of the Bible is a God of sovereignty, and that God is on the throne, and He will run this world and dictate the time and the terms of your salvation. Your business is to listen to what God says in His Word.

### CONCLUSION

May it please God to wither your fleshly nature and cause you to realize what a helpless, undone wretch you are in the sight of God. You don't like to realize that you are a sinner, but before God ever saves you, God is going to bring you down to the dust where you will realize how helpless you are in His sight.

When I was first married I held a revival meeting for a church here in Kentucky where the accommodations were the poorest of any place that I was ever in. I think I have a pretty good stomach, but, beloved, the food and the accommodations were nauseating from the beginning to the end of that meeting. I had had a few experiences like that before, but Mrs. Gilpin had never had any. I can remember how that both of us, she especially, drew back at the thought of the nauseating filth and the unsanitary conditions that surrounded practically every home in that community.

Listen to me, beloved, if a woman of refinement can't tolerate the filth and unsanitation of mortal human beings, how can the Holy Spirit of God put up with the moral filth within your life and mine? Sinner friend, before the Lord Jesus Christ will ever save you, He will wither that old nature of yours and make you realize what a desperate, despicable wretch you are.

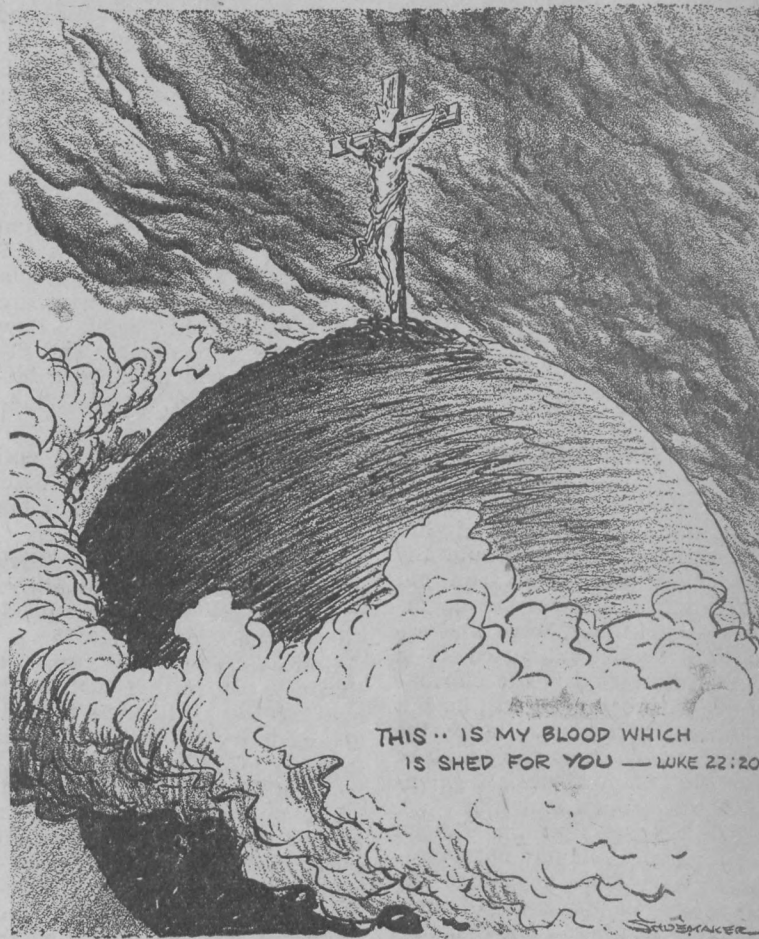
Once upon a time this country was in the possession of the Indians. When the white man came, he found that before he could take possession of its resources that the whole reign of nature had to be disturbed. The woodman's axe had to fall against those mighty trees until the trees themselves were felled to the ground. The stumps and the roots had to be removed before farming operations could begin, and before houses could be built and cities constructed. The whole reign of nature had to be disturbed.

My brother, before God will ever build in your life, and before Jesus Christ will ever come and dwell within your soul, the whole reign of your natural estate is going to be disturbed. God is going to wither you.

May it please God to take this simple message and humble your soul and cause you to realize that you stand as a helpless wretch in God's sight. May you see Jesus who died to pay for the sins of all of God's elect, and may you trust Him and be saved.

May God bless you!

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## "Safer To Sin"

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wrote a magazine article called, "After Civilization—What?" His name was Dr. Edward G. Rowland. He said that modern medical methods were undeniably under-mining the physical stamina of mankind. He saw his fraternity giving itself largely to the task of trying to keep society from reaping the natural results of sin. Doctors were working desperately, he said, to brace up the tottering structure of decaying humanity—patching up the least desirable portions of society and making it possible for them to continue in their evil ways.

As the son of a Christian doctor, the editor well remembered his father's concern over the same problem and how, again and again, he refused to accept as patients persons who merely wanted to be patched up in order to pursue their evil ways.

Dr. Rowland was alarmed at what was being accomplished along this line, feeling that eventually there must come a final desolation proportionately the more disastrous. He could not believe that nature itself would make it possible for youth to sow its wild oats with a freer hand, without setting up a roadblock sooner or later. He felt that medical science would be faced with demands that it could not meet as some tragic physical collapse came upon the race—the result of tampering with the laws of God and nature.

God's Word certainly makes it clear that there is a GOAL of human wickedness which, on being reached, will cause the Judgment Angel to "thrust in the sickle and reap for the harvest of the earth is (lit.) over-ripe." (Rev. 14:15). The patience of God can be exhausted.

At the very moment, our boasted civilization hangs by a thread as a result of the discoveries of atomic power. And at the same time medical scientists work overtime either to patch up and paint up the effects of evil doing or make it comparatively safe to commit adultery.

How far can all this pro-

ceed? Men "provoked God to anger with their inventions until the plague brake in upon them." (Psa. 106:29). "I have a long time holden my peace," saith the Lord, "now will I destroy and devour at once." (Isa. 42:13).

—Prophecy Monthly

## Good In Man

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"Be we are ALL as an unclean thing, and ALL our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." (Isaiah 64:6).

"Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." (Job 14:4).

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE." (Prov. 4:23).

"For the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." (Gen. 9:21). See also Gen. 6:5,8.

"Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5).

"The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray AS SOON AS THEY ARE BORN, speaking lies." (Psalm 58:3).

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable (the Greek word meaning disgusting), disobedient, and unto every GOOD WORK REPROBATE." The Greek ADOKMOS for reprobate means void of judgment.

This, by no means exhausts God's Word on the extent of the depravity of men. However, a close study of these verses will soon show everyone spiritually searching for the truth, that there is not an atom of man that is not vitiated and poisoned; not a single faculty that is free from bondage to sin and Satan; not even a small sur-

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## Whitcomb Riley

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"And Be Prepared to Meet Thy God." That farmer stuck to his guns, and was certainly not "asleep at the switch."

## Lawmakers

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## Assumption

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man Catholic hierarchy; it has the same weight as would the statement that rivers run not down into the ocean but up into the mountains, were that assertion to be submitted to a vote and carried in the affirmative. In theology it will be but another barrier to keep the souls of men from the Lamb of God in Whom alone is forgiveness, restoration, and life.

We believe that the Roman Catholic Church has not in recent years done anything better fitted to prove to all men, its own members included, that it is a fearful mixture of truth and error of fact and superstition, of faith and presumption that usurps the very prerogatives of God, than has the proclamation by Pius XII of the bodily assumption of Mary.

—The Evangel.

## Good In Man

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rounded island of purity which is yearning to do good, but for the moment cannot. In fact these verses show that man's heart is wicked, his mind is evil, his conscience is defiled, etc. We need not employ OUR reasoning powers as to how these terrible statements affect all mankind. God does not trust the sin-ruined human mind to come to the truth apart from His revelation (and it written so that we can search the Record daily). God applies these verities and tells us that it is from the heart that the issues of life flow (Prov. 4:23), and this is a signal lesson to those who are guilty of will-worship. The will is nothing but a reflection of the heart, nor can the will at anytime go counter to the desires of the heart—for it is out of the heart that the issues of life flow. Out of this unclean heart, then only can come unclean desires, unclean thoughts (Gen. 6:5,8), works that are detestable, disobedient, and thoroughly displeasing unto God—"unto every good work reprobate." "So then they that are in the flesh CANNOT please God." All the unsaved have a malevolent, malignant, vindictive attitude toward God, are in fact enemies.

"Because the carnal mind is ENMITY against God, for it is not subject to the law of God. Neither indeed CAN be." (Rom. 8:7).

That word enmity will be shown by any good dictionary to mean all these things I have stated—malevolent, malignant, vindictive hatred. This being so, is it possible for good deeds to crop out, or perhaps some good to be buried deep beneath the filth of human nature? Thus

Wouldn't it be fine if we looked for the good in sinners, rather than for the faults in saints.

saith the Lord.

"A good tree CANNOT bring forth evil fruit, neither a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matt. 7:18).

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin; or the leopard his spots; then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." (Jer. 13:23).

"What is man that he should be clean? and born of a woman that he should be righteous? Behold, He putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water." (Job 15:14-16).

"They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit." (Job 15:35).

"They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no not one." (Psalm 14:3).

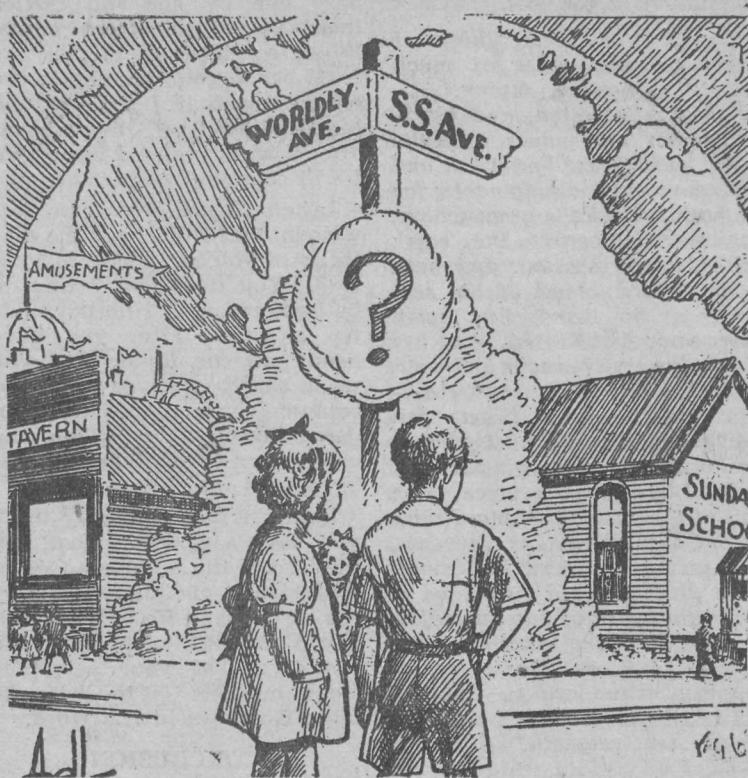
God's Word can very easily be shown to say further that fallen man has lost all likeness to God, all communion with God, all love for God, all true knowledge of God, all delight in God, all favour with God, all power toward God, and has thrown off all subjection to God.

We are now ready for a definition of "good." When you say there is some good in every man, a spark of good, what do you mean by good? If you mean the "so called milk of human kindness" then you and I cannot get together. I heartily agree that it is possible for parents to love their children; for children to obey their parents; for some men to have a spirit of benevolence and kindness toward the poor and suffering; for employers to be fair, for workers to be honest; and the many other things that the world, the flesh, and the Devil call moral goodness. Those who do THESE things, like the rich young man, think that they are fulfilling the Ten Commandments. The fact is they do these duties WITHOUT any love for God, any subjection to His authority, or any concern whatever for His glory. Man's chief obligation, and the greatest commandment, is to love God with all his heart, all his soul, all his strength, and all his mind. His fallen and evil nature is such that he will not do this, neither can he do so morally. He has the natural power; no one is preventing him, no external force applied to stop him, but his nature and heart and mind prevent him from honoring God. So long as man is unrenewed, he has not the least spiritual, holy, true love toward God. That's why he never does anything for the purpose of glorifying God. But for grace, I would be like this—

"Because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise they became fools." (Romans 1:21,22).

This failure to do all to the glory of God is what makes all our righteousnesses as filthy rags; that is why we cannot please God. I say there is no goodness (Agathos) in man, nor does he render any good (kalos) deeds which are pleasing unto God until he does that first thing—honors God as God, glorifies Him—and how shall he do this except he believes God and His Gospel—unless he rests upon Jesus as his only righteousness? If man were not unholy and ungodly, God need not have become incarnate and die a cursed death to redeem him. This trusting Jesus though is a clean act, a good act, a state and its resulting actions which

## TAKE THEM TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

is pleasing to God. You say, "Oh, well, then all any man need do to be good and to do good is to open up his heart and let Jesus come in." That is a common invitation nowadays. But I would have you ponder prayerfully both the fact that all good acts must come from goodness within the heart (none can then come from man by nature); and the Scriptures which say that man must be born again of the Spirit, drawn by the Spirit. A close reading of such passages will clearly show that this regeneration is in God's time and at the good pleasure of His Will, not man's will. In proof whereof, and ending our discussion, we offer

God's Word:

"No man CAN come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." (John 6:44).

"Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of My Father." (John 6:65).

"The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." (John 5:25).

"But unto them WHICH ARE CALLED, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (I Cor. 1:24). See II Tim. 1:9; II Thes. 2:13,14; Acts 13:48; Romans 8:30.

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