

To grieve over sin is one thing; to repent is another.

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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 Real Truth As To Holiness In Life

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We have a large and growing group of people who profess that holiness. Since they are all so good, we should look into their claims and into what the Bible says about holiness.

Their Claims

The holiness people claim that after conversion, one must agonize at an altar, and be prayed for, and finally can receive a second work of grace which he becomes "wholly sanctified." They teach that the Adamic nature is eradicated and that they can now live in sinless life. There are sev-

eral things wrong about these claims, as follows:

1. The Bible does not teach a "second work of grace."
2. It does not teach the eradication of the old nature. In Romans 7, Paul describes the struggle of the two natures of the believer. There would be no struggle if the old Adam were eradicated.
3. The Bible does not tell — it does not give any directions — for getting in this alleged holiness state. No mention is made of agonizing at an "altar."
4. The lives of those who profess the "second work of grace" do not measure up to the claim of sinlessness. We simply do not encounter sinless people in

our contacts, that's all.

What Is The Truth?

1. God's ideal for us is holiness of life. (Note II Tim. 1:9; Col. 3:12; I Pet. 1:13).

He would not set for us an imperfect standard, but in our human weakness we fall below this standard. Then what? Here is the answer: I John 2:1. We are warned against the claim of sinlessness. I John 1:10.

2. It is the will of God that we be sanctified. (I Thess. 4:3). But what is sanctification? Not sinlessness—but set-apartness. We are set apart as God's property forever, the moment we receive Christ as Saviour. Continued on page four)

Even Though One May Believe It, The Teaching Of Annihilation Isn't So

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The Serpent said unto Eve, "Ye shall NOT surely DIE!" He said God had told them not to eat—"lest ye die." What the Lord God had said was, "YE SHALL SURELY DIE!" The serpent lied and made out like the opposite of the Truth was. Eve changed a certainty into a doubtful possibility when she changed "shall surely" to "lest ye die." All Errandists (who all serve Satan) mix truth and error to confuse the human race. They try always to distort the Scriptures as to have them mean just the opposite of their true meaning. You can know Satan's Regions every time because Satan and his servants ALWAYS

appeal to man's intellect and man's reasoning and man's pride in self. STOP! CONSIDER! Does the Bible (which is God's own writing) magnify man? It certainly does not! God does NOT appeal to a man's reasoning power to find the Truth about God. That is foolishness, for it is said "Thy ways are PAST FINDING OUT." If a man is to know God, God must reveal Himself to man. He gave man the Bible, but the natural man having fallen in Adam cannot understand its spiritual contents. Man in his unbelieving state cannot even stand to be around or to hear spiritual things for "they are foolishness to him." Unless ye be reborn by God through the Holy Spirit and belief in Christ as your Redeemer, then you can reason up a storm but you'll be no nearer the Truth.

BOTH GOD AND SATAN KNEW THE TRUE MEANING OF "DIE" AND "DEATH," but Eve did not! Eve was confusing death with a ceasing to exist. When Satan convinced Eve (Continued on page four)

THE BELIEVER IS ETERNALLY SECURE

1. Because Christ did not come to help save, but to save. Luke 19:10: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

2. Because the Holy Spirit abides in the believer forever.

John 14:16-17: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

3. Because the believer has not yet borne the image of the heavenly.

I Corinthians 15:49: "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

4. Because the believer is preserved unto the heavenly kingdom.

II Timothy 4:18: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory forever and ever."

5. Because a sealed and witnessed transaction is final. (Continued on page three)

Some Further Observations Showing The Fallacy Of The Universal Church

More and more popular in many sections of the Christian world is the term "the universal church." We would like to make just a few observations concerning this idea. First of all, the very word "church," as used in the New Testament, begins with the conception of "an assembly," and it is impossible to have a "universal assembly" unless you have everybody in the universe present. Next, if the Lord Jesus did not call out and leave such an assembly when He returned to the Father, then we do not have any "churches of Jesus Christ," but rather "churches of the Holy Spirit." If the church began, as many claim, on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2nd chapter), then it is a "church of the Holy Spirit." If the New Testament assembly, which is called a church in the Book of Acts, has any commission at all from Jesus Christ, it must have received it before He ascended, for we do not find the Holy Spirit giving it any orders on the day of Pentecost, or later in the Book of Acts. But, we do find such marching

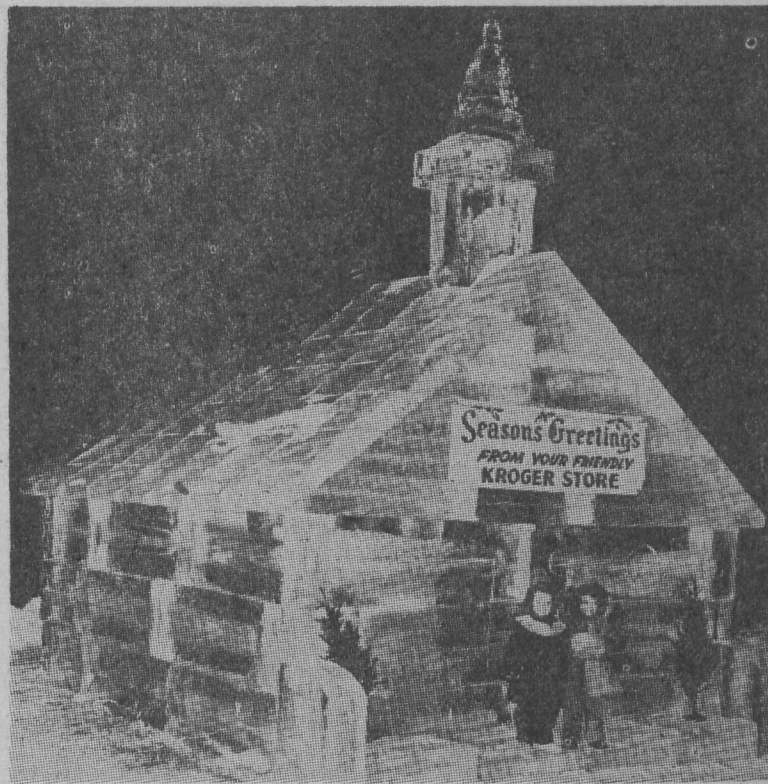
orders given by the Lord Jesus Himself, following His resurrection, in Matthew 28: 18-20. This commission was given to a local assembly, not to all Christians in general. If the Lord had purposed to give a general commission, He certainly would not have had the "brethren" to go all the way up to Galilee to receive it. It was to the eleven, and to the eleven alone, that He gave what is commonly called "the Great Commission." They were His called out disciples. They were assembled. They were visible. They were a local group. All the Lord's people will be called out and together one day (Heb. 12:23), but that is after their work on earth is done. We (Continued on page four)

NEW MAGAZINE OF JEWISH INTEREST

Many of you have known of my long-cherished hope of publishing a small but carefully edited magazine which would be devoted to news and inspirational articles centering about the Jew throughout the world, and which would keep Bible-believing Christians abreast of the unfolding drama of Israel and the Jew as the age marches toward those final stupendous events foretold in prophetic Scripture which shall mark "the fulness of the Gentiles" and the return of our Lord and Israel's Messiah. This vision of mine has at last materialized in this new magazine, which will be published quarterly and will ordinarily contain 12 pages packed with news and articles boiled down to give you the maximum of information in compact, quick-reading, time-saving form.

Please write for sample copy.

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FORT WAYNE, Ind.—This church was built with thirty tons of ice to bring season's greetings to residents from the Kroger Company. Construction on the church, large enough to accommodate several children, was done by employees of three ice companies. It provided a no-doubt unintentional reminder. "Churches of ice" are, unfortunately, nothing new!

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Good News From A Far Country"

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."—Prov. 25:25.

If you have ever been real thirsty, then you know what cold water can mean to you. I rather imagine that there isn't a person here but what some time or other in life has been genuinely thirsty. You know what cold water means when your throat is parched and when you are exceedingly aflame with fever because of your thirst. You know cold water

sounds mighty good, and it tastes exceedingly good when you are thirsty.

Solomon declares that what cold water is to your throat when you are thirsty, so is good news from a far country to you. Most of the older people of this church have moved here from some place else and you have relatives in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio and various places far removed from Russell, and a letter that brings good news from your old home,

or a letter that brings good news from some of your relatives that you haven't seen for a long period of time, is certainly welcome as far as your life is concerned. Now Solomon declares that water to a thirsty body and news from a far country are on the same plane.

May I remind you this morning, beloved, the Word of God, didn't come from this country (that is, it didn't come from man), but rather this Bible, in (Continued on Page Two)

DOZER ON RAMPAGE SMACKS HOMES

A driverless bulldozer went on a spree, terrifying residents in Miami, and causing an estimated \$10,000 damage in a four-block area, according to Associated Press.

Mrs. Goldie Spur and her son, Perry, 26, were in the front room of their home when they heard "a noise like a house being moved up the street."

"I thought the Russians had landed," she said. "I thought it was a tank. The noise was terrific, and our concrete-block masonry house was shaking. I was afraid to go out."

Patrolmen Gulas and Branigan said some boys, who apparently were playing around the engine, then fled, and this is what the bulldozer did:

Plowed through a field for a block, then turned sharply south to bowl over five trees and smash 20 feet of wire fence. Then it smashed 15 more yards of fence, downed five clothes poles, several grapefruit and apple trees, then 10 feet of (Continued on page four)

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"Good News From A Far Country"

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all of its content and totality, came from a far country. It came from God. It is God's own Word to us from Heaven. I don't want you to ever forget that this Bible is the Word of God. I don't want you to ever think that this Bible came from man and that it is a product of this world. I want you to always remember that this Bible came from God and that it is good news to us from a far country. There isn't one word within this Bible but what is God-breathed. There isn't one word within this Bible but what God spoke it, and some individual wrote it down just as God spoke it. There isn't one word within this Bible which has thus come to us from a far country but what is good news to us, just like water is to a thirsty body.

Frankly, beloved, we can start at Genesis and read thru to Revelation and we can find that this Book is nothing more nor less than God's message to us, and every word of it is good news from a far country. All the Bible is good news for us, but there are some parts of the Bible and some teachings in the Bible that doubtlessly are a little bit better news than other portions of it.

I

THE FACT THAT GOD HAS ELECTED SOME TO SALVATION IS GOOD NEWS.

I am glad that God, before the foundation of the world, chose some unto Himself that they might be saved.

"ELECT according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

—I Pet. 1:2.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John 15:16.

"I am sought of them that asked not for me; I AM FOUND OF THEM THAT SOUGHT ME NOT: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name."—Isa. 65:1.

Isaiah declares that He has been found by those who were not even seeking for Him. No better illustration of that can be found than in the experience of the Apostle Paul as he was riding along, going from Jerusalem to Damascus to destroy whatever Christians he might find there. God from Heaven smote him, and when Saul stood upright on his feet, he

stood in the presence of God—a God who had chosen him to be an heir of salvation and upon whom God had just then confirmed the blessing of grace. Saul certainly wasn't seeking for the Lord; he was seeking to destroy Christians, to exterminate Christianity, to root out all the believers and to get rid of all those who were trusting the Lord Jesus Christ. God was found in Saul when Saul sought Him not.

Beloved, let me remind you that through all ages of the past, God has always worked on the basis of election, that He has chosen some and past others by. In the Old Testament we find that God did this consistently, for God chose Abel and at the same time rejected Cain. God likewise chose Isaac and by the same motive whereby He chose Isaac, he likewise rejected Ishmael. God chose Jacob and at the same time rejected his brother Esau. You can turn through the Word of God, from beginning to end, and you will find from one end of the Bible to the other God has always worked on the basis of election—that He chose men unto salvation.

Beloved, it is good news from a far country whenever I read to you from the Word of God that God deals with men and women on that basis, and that God has elected some to salvation.

Listen again:

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

In this verse God tells us that election is not salvation, but rather election is unto salvation, and that salvation comes through the work of the Holy Spirit and the belief of the truth of the Word of God. How I do rejoice when I read it because it is good news from a far country to know that God has chosen some to Himself.

You may say, "If God has chosen some to salvation, where is there any justice in that?" May I remind you that God doesn't deal with us on the basis of justice so far as salvation is concerned. If God were to deal with us on the basis of justice, every last one of us would go to a Devil's Hell. It would be justice for God to pass us all by and let everyone of us go to Hell. That is why it is good news when I read that God has elected some unto salvation.

"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.

Start out yonder in eternity to come, and work back to eternity past, all those glorified in eternity to come are those who have been, in this life, justified by faith, and all those who are justified in time are those who likewise have been called by the Lord in time; and all those who have been called in time are those who also have been predestinated before the foundation of the world, and those who have been predestinated unto salvation are those who were foreknown of God before the foundation of the world; so that from eternity past to eternity to come, through foreknowledge and predestination and calling and justification and glorification, salvation is all of God, so that we can say that it

is truly good news that God has chosen any of us to be saved.

I remember when I was but a boy preacher, when I didn't know much about the Word of God and very, very little about the doctrine of election, that I stumbled on this text of Romans 8:29, 30, and one Sunday morning in a little country church I preached from it. After the services were over, a deacon, who knew absolutely nothing about the doctrine of election and who knew very little about the balance of the Word of God, came to me and said, "Pastor, you turned Hardshell this morning." That was about all he knew about the Word of God. In the course of the conversation he reminded me that if the text that I had read were true, then God was not a God of justice. I reminded him, as I have said to you this morning, that our salvation is never a matter of justice; our salvation is a matter of grace. God does not give us what we deserve when He saves us; He gives us what we don't deserve when He saves us by grace.

I think I can illustrate it like this: Let's assume that at Eddyville there are two individuals who are awaiting execution tonight. Both of those individuals are guilty of the crimes that they are accused of, and both of those individuals have confessed that they are guilty, and both of those individuals have admitted that they have sinned against society and that it is no more than right that society should take their life. At the midnight hour those two persons are to be electrocuted. Five minutes before midnight the governor steps into the picture and pardons one of those individuals, and the other he allows to go to the electric chair. Now, I ask you, which one of those individuals got justice? You say, "Brother Gilpin, the one that went to the electric chair got justice." What did the other fellow get? Beloved, he got mercy—the grace of the governor.

Beloved, I tell you this morning, if God had allowed every one of us to go to a Devil's Hell, we would all have gotten justice. God didn't allow us all to go to Hell, but on the basis of election, before the world was, God chose you and me and various ones of all nations and of all ages to be His elect. Beloved, that is good news from a far country.

Someone may say that that is fatalism. Every once in a while when I make reference to election in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, some critic reminds me that what I preach is fatalism. No, no, beloved, it isn't fatalism, and I'll prove it to you by way of an illustration.

When you start to build a house it is the part of wisdom to have someone draw the plans for you. Whenever you start to build a house if you don't have someone to draw plans for you in advance and you proceed without plans, beloved, your house in all probability will be an absolute architectural failure. It is the part of wisdom for a man to have a blue print and proceed along the lines of that blue print. It is the part of wisdom for any individual to have a plan and build according to that plan.

Beloved, election is God Almighty's plan before the foundation of the world. It isn't fatalism for God to have chosen some, but it would have been fatalism if God hadn't chosen any.

II

IT IS LIKEWISE GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY THAT JESUS CHRIST

GET YOUR



on JESUS AND KEEP THEM THERE

DIED TO PAY FOR THE SINS OF ALL OF GOD'S ELECT.

"For this is the blood of the new testament, which is shed for MANY for the remission of sins."—Mt. 26:28.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished."—John 19:30.

Here our Lord was dying upon the Cross of Calvary, and as He expires He says, "It is finished." The plan of salvation that He has come to work out has been finished. He has died to pay for the sins of God's elect. That blood that was to be shed for the remission of many has been spilt. Brother, that is good news.

I turn again through the Word of God and I hear Paul as he writes to these Hebrew Christians, saying:

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

This morning in every Catholic church in America the Lord Jesus Christ will be sacrificed from one to half a dozen times, starting approximately at 6:00 o'clock and continuing through the noon hour. There have been various masses held in the Catholic churches and if you were to ask a Catholic priest what is the meaning of that word "mass," he would tell you that it means "the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Sometime ago I looked in upon a television broadcast from a Catholic cathedral in which the sacrifice of Jesus Christ took place. The announcer made it clear that what the priest was doing, was sacrificing Jesus for our sins. As I looked upon that television show, I thought of this text in Hebrews 10:10 how that we are sanctified by the offering of Jesus Christ once for all.

Beloved, Jesus Christ doesn't have to be sacrificed three or four times every Sunday morning. Jesus Christ died once for the sins of God's elect. That is good news to me that Jesus died, and paid for, and suffered for the sins of the elect at Calvary.

Sometime ago a man who was stationed here to do construction work for a few months, and who worshipped with us occasionally on Sunday night, said to me after hearing me preach about the death of Jesus, "I just don't see how the death of Jesus can satisfy God and settle for my sins."

Maybe you are saying the same thing. Brother, this country will let another man go to war in your place. This country will allow another man to pay your debt. This country will allow another man to go to prison and suffer imprisonment and execution of the sentence that should have fallen upon you. Beloved, my God in Heaven, who chose me before the foundation of the world, allowed His Son to go to Calvary that He might have the nails to pierce His hands and His feet, that His brow might wear a crown of thorns, and that His side might be pierced with a spear. He let my Jesus go to Calvary to suffer and die and pay for my sins in His own blood.

I couldn't pay for my sins myself. Suppose I were to go sinning as of this morning, twenty minutes past eleven o'clock, February 3rd, 1952, and that I never sin again in all my life. If that were possible for you and for me today, what about the sins of your life and my life that are in the past? The Bible we read that "God requires that which is past." Beloved, if "God requires that which is past," then those of sins would have to be paid for. The past would have to be atoned for. You and I couldn't pay for our sins. We needed some body else who could suffer and die as a substitute and thereby pay the enormity of the sin debt that was resting against our souls, and God sent His Son to the Cross of Calvary and there Jesus Christ hugged to Himself all the sins of the elect of God.

Beloved, to me that is good news. I am glad those sins are paid for. If they are paid for I don't have to worry about them. If my sins are paid for, then, beloved, that is the best news that ever fell upon my ears, just to know that they have been paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ.

III

ALL OF GOD'S ELECT WILL ULTIMATELY BE SAVED.

I don't tell you that a part of those for whom Jesus Christ died are going to be saved, and that a portion of God's elect are going to go to Glory. I don't tell you that, rather on the authority of the Word of God I would remind you that every one that God chose before the foundation of the world are going to be saved.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:6.

"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.

I ought to be ashamed to admit it, and I am, because I have evidences a tremendous lack of faith, but I get discouraged sometimes and feel badly because we don't have more people saved than we do. Brother Overbey was talking about one of his experiences when he was here in our revival meeting recently, how that one preacher called him up and told him about how many people were saved on Sunday and it would make Bro. Overbey feel badly because he hadn't had anyone saved himself. I understood what he meant. My brother all around there are other churches that have great crowds of professions and great numbers who say that they are saved, and I rejoice for their salvation if it be true. It grieves me greatly as I think of it that we go along sometimes for months without anybody making a profession. Then, beloved, I fall back on John 6:37 and I remember my Lord and His experience. A few hours before He spoke the words of this (Continued on page three)

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text He had five thousand men sitting down to dinner with Him, not counting women and children. Miraculously and supernaturally, He fed that entire group, but His feeding their bodies was only incidental. It was only a means to the end, and the end was that He began to preach to them. As He preached to them the great doctrines of this Bible, one by one they began to slip away, until finally all He had left was His little crowd of twelve disciples. Jesus, from the human point of view, must have felt a despondency, and there must have been a sorrow that came to Him because He had a human body just the same as you and I. My Lord comforted Himself by saying, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me." If my Lord could find comfort by falling back upon the fact that all the elect of God would come to Him, then surely you and I could find comfort in the same blessed truth today.

I tell you, beloved, every last one that God chose to salvation and for whom Christ died are going to be saved, and all those that God has given to be saved under my ministry and through the ministry of this church will be saved in God's own appointed time.

sten again:

"And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."—Acts 13:48.

"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.

Everyone will ultimately be glorified that was formerly predestinated and predestinated and elected and chosen unto salvation before the foundation of the world. Now, beloved, that is good news. It thrills my heart and blesses my soul to know that God isn't going to be defeated, and everything that God has planned to do is going to come to pass.

Every once in a while when I think of this I am reminded of the fact that a child may be conceived in the womb and yet never be born—that in the providence of God there may come to pass what we choose to term a "miscarriage." That child that has been conceived may not be brought to birth. Beloved, I tell you this morning there will never be a spiritual miscarriage. Everyone that has been chosen of God before the foundation of the world and for whom Jesus Christ died—everyone of them are going to come to birth.

IV

IT IS LIKEWISE GOOD NEWS THAT WHEN WE ARE SAVED, GOD SECURES US FOR ETERNITY.

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Are you saved this morning? If you are, you are as sure of Heaven as though you were already there. If you have been saved, you are absolutely secure in the Lord Jesus Christ. You don't keep yourself. If it were left up to you to keep saved, you would go to Hell.

Of recent date a man told me that he had, to use his words, "fit the Devil for forty-five years trying to keep saved." Frankly, I doubt if he is even saved now. I think that in all of those forty-five years that he has been fighting the Devil that he has been trusting and depending upon himself for his salvation. When God saves a man it isn't up to the man to keep himself. Thank God, this morning, I have some good news for you. God secures every soul that He saves.

"For Christ is not entered into holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US."

—Heb. 9:24.

"For by one offering he HATH PERFECTED FOR EVER them that are sanctified."

—Heb. 10:14.

If you have been sanctified by the Holy Spirit and called by the Spirit of God unto salvation, you are already perfected in God. You are as perfect in God as you will ever be. That new nature that God put inside you the day that He saved you, is just as perfect today as it will ever be.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

The word "everlasting" that qualifies the life we have in Jesus Christ is used to qualify some other things in the Bible. For example, in Mt. 25:46 the word "everlasting" is used to qualify the duration of the lost in Hell.

"And these shall go away into EVERLASTING punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

In this verse it is the same identical Greek word that we have in John 5:24. If the duration of the lost in Hell is everlasting, then the life we have in Jesus Christ is everlasting.

Notice again: In Romans 16:26 the word "everlasting" is used to qualify the character of God's existence.

"But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the EVERLASTING God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith."—Rom. 16:26.

The word "everlasting" is the same identical Greek word as used in John 5:24 describing everlasting life. Now, beloved, if God's character is that of an everlasting God, then the salvation that saves is the same kind of salvation. If God's character could have an end, then our salvation could have an end.

In II Tim. 2:10 we have the word "everlasting" used again.

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with ETERNAL glory."

—II Tim. 2:10.

This tells us about the duration of Christ in Glory, that just as long as Jesus Christ is in Glory, my salvation is going to last.

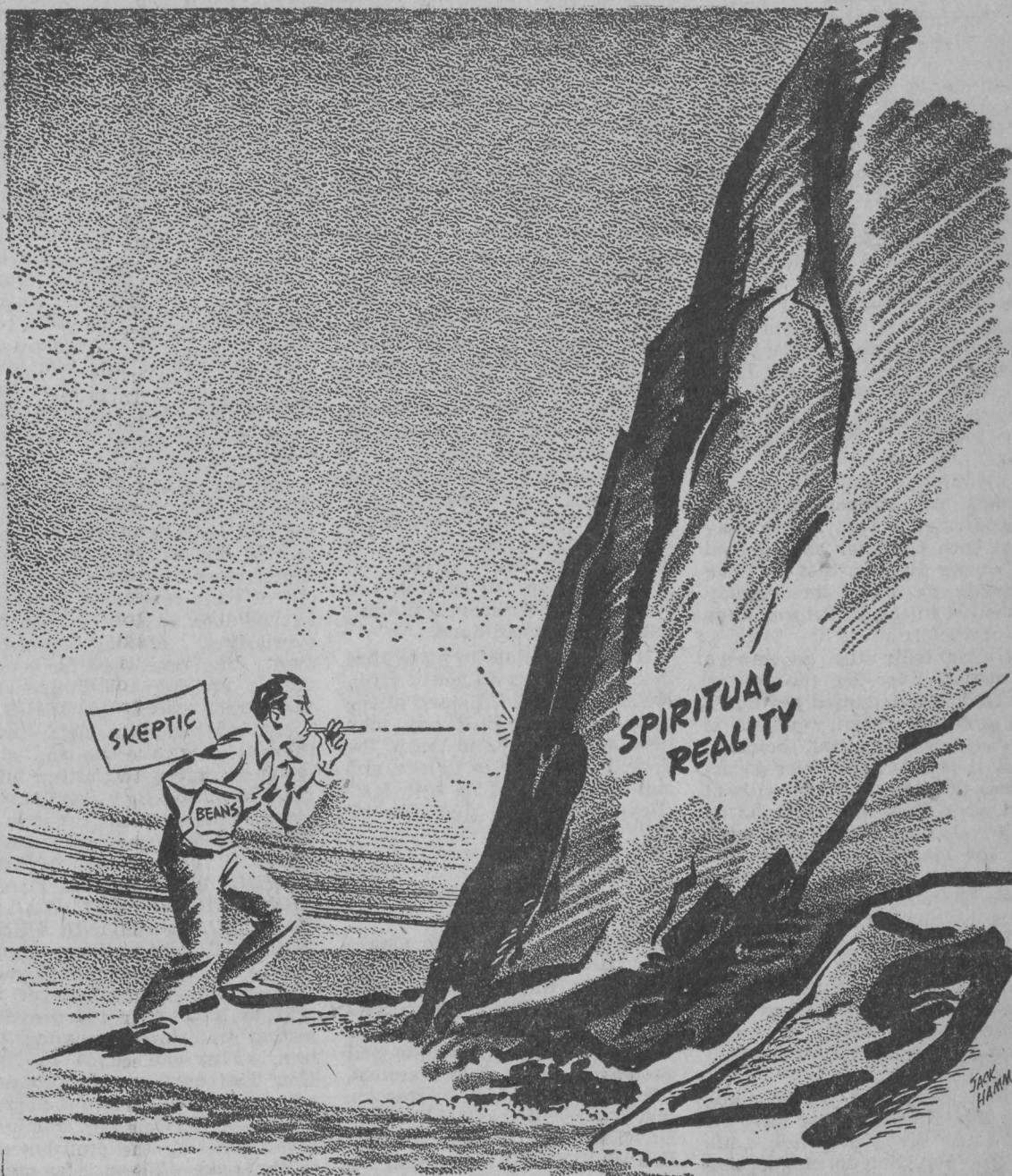
Notice again:

"For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the EVERLASTING kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

—II Pet 1:11.

The word that describes the

THE ETERNAL VERITIES OF GOD'S WORD SHALL ENDURE



FOR WHAT IF SOME DID NOT BELIEVE? SHALL THEIR UNBELIEF MAKE THE FAITH OF GOD WITHOUT EFFECT? — ROMANS 3:3

kingdom of Jesus is the same word that describes our salvation. That is to say, beloved, our salvation is going to last just as long as the kingdom of Jesus Christ shall last.

Now if the punishment of the wicked could have an end, if God's character and God's existence could have an end, if the duration of Christ in Glory could have an end, and if the duration of Christ's kingdom could have an end, then your salvation and mine could have an end. I tell you this morning, until these come to pass, your salvation and mine is everlastingly secure in the Lord Jesus Christ.

As the old song says:

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Beloved, that is good news.

V

THERE IS A HEAVEN FOR US TO ENJOY THROUGHOUT ETERNITY.

Some days the sun shines bright and some days the clouds hang low. Some days you can throw out your chest and thank God you are alive; other days you will wonder why you ever came into this world and, like Job, you will curse the day that you were born. Some days you want to live on and on forever, and some days you wish you could die right then. Maybe I am not talking your language; but I am talking my language; and I am persuaded to believe that it is yours and it is the ex-

perience of all of God's children.

I am thinking this morning of an old preacher friend of mine who has been a stalwart man of God through the years. I am thinking of him in his palsied condition. I think of how he has lived his life. The days of usefulness so far as we can see are over. He can't preach. He can't do anything. He is just waiting for the Lord to take him home. He isn't any blessing to himself, and he isn't any blessing to others. The churches that he has preached to in the days gone by have forgotten him. The older members that he knew have died and passed on and new folk have come on. His name in those communities is but a faint memory to the new ones that have come on the scene. His family has grown up and scattered, and some of them have died until he is left practically alone in life in his old age. As I think of him this morning, there is something better for him around the corner. There is something better for him when his ship puts out for that silent shore from whence no wanderer has ever returned.

Some of these days that is going to be our experience. If God lets you and me live long enough, we will come down to old age, to the same place that this preacher friend of mine is this morning. When we do, thank God, there is a Heaven awaiting the child of God.

Beloved, I am glad that when the sun has ceased to shine and when we are passing through sunless days and cloudless nights, I am glad to know that there is a better land beyond, and some day we are going there.

I hear Jesus say:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

—John 14:1-3.

Beloved, that is good news.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."—Prov. 25:25.

Heaven sent this Book. It didn't come from man or from this world. It came from a far country, and the best news that ever came to any individual is the news that comes out from that far country, from God's revelation.

Oh, might it please God this morning to stoop down and save someone of His elect.

May God bless you!



Security

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Ephesians 1:13: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Sealed by the Spirit.

6. Salvation is obtained, not attained.

Heb. 9:12: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

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Holiness

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(See Heb. 10:10). In practical experience we should as we continue in the Christian life, become more and more set apart unto the service of God. Only when we stand with the redeemed in glory will we be fully and completely sanctified, and all that we should be.

3. Christians can live "blameless" lives, and should do it. Such was the prayer of Paul for some Christians. (I Thess. 5:23). To live blameless lives is to live with the constant motive of pleasing God and doing his will. But there is an immense difference between being blameless and being perfect.

4. Christians can live with no known sin unrepented of and unconfessed. This is the way that each Christian should live. When we discover that we have sinned, we have the remedy given us in the Scriptures. (See I John 1:9).

Undoubtedly the average Christian lives on too low a level. Sin is regarded too lightly, and too little emphasis is placed on practical holiness. But it is a serious error to assume that one is living without sin when that very claim in itself calls God a liar. The truth is, the closer one lives to the Lord and the more nearly he does His will, the more glaring will his imperfections appear. The closer the light we draw, the more glaring the grease spots on our garments. The persons who so loudly profess their holiness, are usually the ones who don't see their own sinfulness.

In talking with people along the line of holiness, we have often said, "Live just as holy a life as you can, but do not deceive yourself into thinking that you are sinless." Jesus taught us to pray, "forgive us our trespasses." Such instruction would be amiss if we could reach perfection. Paul, one of the greatest Christians that ever lived said that he was not perfect. (Phil. 3:13). He was pressing toward the goal. Had he reached perfection, there would have been no goal ahead, he would have already been there.



Universal Church

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submit that the two uses of the term "church" in the New Testament is first and most of all "a local assembly," and second "the church as an institution." It is just as logical and correct to speak of "the universal home," "the universal school," or "the universal legislature," as "the universal church." These are all human institutions, but the only manner they ever operate is in local manifestations.—The Clarion.



Bulldozer

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wood fence and then ripped up 30 feet of water pipe at Mrs. Spur's house.

It crashed through a new \$2,500 chickenhouse at the home of Frank Nowell, crushing \$1,000 worth of equipment inside, then smashed through one wall of Nowell's home and stopped inside!

A bulldozer, like fire, is a good servant but a bad master. It was never intended by its maker that a bulldozer should

be in operation without a driver in the control seat.

The incident reveals that even boys can set in motion a destructive power over which they have no control. This is true morally and spiritually, as well as mechanically.

The Good Book says: "One sinner destroyeth much good." How true! One sinner plunged the world into its most disastrous war. Millions of lives were lost, millions of bodies broken, millions of persons displaced, and billions of dollars worth of property destroyed.

Each person is exerting an influence for good or evil. What about your life? Who is in control? It was never intended by the Creator that man should carry on without Him.

God's desire is that all His lost repent and come to a knowledge of the truth. Have you ever acknowledged Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord? If not, you are without proper control; and only eternity will reveal the full extent of damage done.

It is not too late to place Him in control. It is an act of faith. He says: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20). Let Him in!



Annihilation

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that she really wouldn't die physically, then Eve could SEE NO REASON WHY she couldn't eat from the Tree and get this wondrous godly power to tell good from evil. Eve reasoned, then caused Adam to reason, and the result was TAINING, HORRIBLE, TOTAL SIN AND DEPRAVITY. This should be warning enough to our Christian friends who go about ignoring certain of God's commands because they SEE NO REASON WHY NOT.

To die is to be separated from God! If to die is to cease to exist, then all trace of a dead person or thing would disappear. In reality the death of a thing or a person is but a separation from life in it. A tree still stands though dead; a person's body remains even when life has been taken from it. Even in inanimate objects this idea of separation holds true; such as when a car engine is said to die—meaning the life or the spark has gone out of it.

But as always the best proof in spiritual matters is the Scriptures, see I Tim 5:6—"But she that liveth in pleasure IS DEAD WHILE SHE LIVETH!" Here is a woman who is dead. God says so, yet she is not dead physically because death, dead, and die mean the same thing whether it be physically, spiritually, or whatever the sense—they mean separation. Both life and death are but CONDITIONS OF EXISTENCE. It is possible to live in the sense of being conscious, having animation in existence (which includes having all the faculties) and still be dead for the Scriptures so describe those who are dead in sin. No one can refute

the possibility that this continues to be so after physical death, even though they call Luke 16:23 a parable. See Matt. 8:22; Rev. 3:1; John 5:24-29—"The dead SHALL hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live, For as the Father hath life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself." The dead haven't ceased to exist for they hear the voice of Jesus. Some 7th Day Devils ignorantly try to call the resurrection a recreation, which would mean that God is to remake a man for the purpose of judgment and casting him into the fire. Such is far from the Holy Truth, and nowhere can it be found except in wicked minds.

TO BE ANNIHILATED IS TO ESCAPE EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT! But thanks be to God He will not allow the Christ rejectors to be so easily out of their rebellious position. Let us look at this matter of everlasting, eternal punishment. The word used for everlasting, eternal, and forever is the Greek word "AIONIUS." These evil seducers claim that they believe in Jesus and are going to have everlasting life with Him, and they don't want aionius to have any meaning but everlasting there. BUT LISTEN! THE SAME WORD AIONIUS TELLS THEM THAT THE UNBELIEVERS WILL HAVE EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT. The believer is going to have an aionius (everlasting) life, the unbeliever is said to have an aionius everlasting punishment coming to him. Fifty-one times in the New Testament we are promised aionius life if we believe; two times God is called aionius; seven times it says punishment in the Lake of Fire is aionius, Jesus is said to be aionius, etc. I am joyful that my life shall last every whit as long as GOD IS, and when I stand behind the blessed throne to watch these God-haters thrown into the Lake of Fire, I am told I shall REJOICE that their punishment will last forever, (aionius). Furthermore if they deny everlasting punishment they thereby refuse Jesus the scope and size and value of His Atonement. But that is a long sermon in itself.

IF THERE ARE DIFFERENT DEGREES OF PUNISHMENT TO BE METED OUT, then certainly annihilation is nonsense for there are no degrees of annihilation. There are at least two dozen Scriptures that prove degrees of punishment in the day of judgment. Let's start with II Cor. 5:10 wherein God tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done." Now you can't be annihilated according to what you have done, can you? Mark 12:40—"Which devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation." Which will you have, the greater or the lesser annihilation? Luke 12:47—in the parable of

the stewards, the Lord says that some will be beaten with many stripes and some few because they did not the Lord's will—what does that mean. Romans 2:6 says you will receive a rendering according to your deeds, and verse 8 says if you do not obey the Truth, you shall receive anguish and tribulations upon your soul. Romans further says "Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?" Let not the errorist think all this can quickly be turned to his advantage for it works harmoniously into these other Scriptures—Matt. 11:21; wherein Jesus says that it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for Capernaum. Is one form of annihilation more tolerable than another? II Cor. 11:15 says that Satan and all those who are false apostles, deceitful workers, et al shall have an end according to their works. But Rev. 18:5 goes further and says that you will receive double unto your double according to your works. If you are doubly evil, then the annihilationist would warn you that you are going to be doubly annihilated; you will doubly cease to exist; you will be a double zero and thereby be rewarded for your pernicious sins according to your works. Let the reader be advised we do not attempt levity here, but want him to see just how absurd this annihilationism really is, and how untenable it is Scripturally.

There are many forms of these distorters of the Word—some claim the grave is the end; some say the second death in the Lake of Fire is the end, saying they are then burned up and cease to exist. They would have you believe that this death will be like the death of thousands of martyrs who have been BURNED at the stake for the love of God and Christ. They make a big show of saying God is Love, and make out like there is no abiding Wrath in Him. Yet they profess to worship a God who will punish His martyrs, His lovers, His own begotten children, here on earth with the same punishment that will be meted out to the lovers of Satan, the self-pleasers and therefore God-haters. These counterfeiters of the religion of Christ are clever, and they have confused some believers into a temporary alignment with their position, but the Holy Spirit will lead all the chosen sheep of Christ Jesus from any such Christ-dishonoring belief.

THEY SAY — IF YOU DO NOT CEASE TO EXIST, THEN ANSWER WHY THE BIBLE SAYS THAT YOU ARE CONSUMED! How do we perish, how are we destroyed? Do these words mean annihilation? They will pull out a dictionary and go to work on you if you don't know your subject. HAUL THEM UP SHORT! Every time you see destroy, perish, consume, in the King James New Testament, you will find that the same Greek word is being translated — APOLLUMI. Apollumi is translated destroy 23 times, consume 15 times, lost 28 times, and perish 33 times.

This is one of the worst translations done on any Greek word in the King James. When your annihilationist tells these words—consume, perish, destroy mean to cease to exist, you tell them this: If a word is a good translation, a good synonym, then it means the very same thing and can be substituted for the word EVERY TIME in any sentence. If you substitute hard for rabbit in a sentence, it won't change the sense at all. So take a few Scriptures and see how annihilated can be put in the place of perish, consume, destroy. Jer. 5:3 says the Lord has consumed the Jews yet they refused to receive correction and in fact afterward made their faces harder. Now I wonder if you could refuse anything, or make your face harder, after you had been annihilated. Hosea 13:9 says that Israel has destroyed herself. If they had annihilated themselves to a man, then why did the Lord add that He was their help. John 18:14 says that it is expedient that one man (Jesus) appolumi for the people and in Matt. 27:20 it says the multitude were persuaded to appolumi Jesus. In neither case was Jesus annihilated, for if He was then, you, my friend, have no hope and neither do I.

IF YOU KNOW THAT JESUS DIED, SUFFERING YOUR SINS, JUSTIFYING YOU BEFORE GOD, AND ROSE THE THIRD DAY to sit at the right hand of power to intercede for you, then the Holy Spirit is within you. If you do truly the "Spirit of Him that raised up Christ from the dead" within you then you do not need this article as final proof (for reasoning is NOT the final authority for you or me any more, but Christ is), so go to God through Christ and ask Him to lead you into His Word for the answer, and you shall find it. Remember you must want to follow the Truth wherever it may lead you, even though you must throw down ALL that you believe in obedience to what you find in God's Word. APPOLLUMI actually signifies a taking away of your well-being. When God takes away your sense of well-being you are miserable (a little in this life, unbearable in the next).

IF JESUS FINDS YOU LOST TODAY, FIND HIM AND HE WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO BE LOST AGAIN. IF YOU NEVER FIND HIM, YOU WILL MOST CERTAINLY SUFFER ETERNALLY AND EVERLASTINGLY IN CONSCIOUS TORMENT IN THE LAKE OF FIRE. May His Grace and Mercy be multiplied upon you.

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