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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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## Two Natures Possessed By Every Believer

By Roy Mason  
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tures along the same line: Psalms 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:10-12; Mark 7:21-23.

### Why Education and Culture Is Not Enough

Some hold that a child can be so taught and trained that it will never need conversion—it will just continue on a child of God. There are two fallacies here, as follows:

1. A child is NOT born a child of God. It is born a "child of wrath" as the Bible puts it.

2. Culture, training, education will not change the nature. The new birth is necessary if one is to ever have spiritual life.

Take a tiny rattlesnake, and raise it ever so carefully and

that does not keep the poison sacs from forming. It is the nature of such a snake to be venomous. Human nature is likewise venomous, and will manifest itself no matter what the training.

### What Happens When One Is "Born Again?"

Not only is the Holy Spirit given—not only does He come in to indwell, there is likewise a NEW NATURE given. Note the following Scriptures: II Pet. 1:4; I Jno. 5:11; Gal. 2:20. The old nature is NOT removed as is taught by some of the Holiness groups. The saved person has two natures—the old Adam

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## Editor John R. Gilpin To Speak At School's Opening

TRI-STATE BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA TO OPEN SEPT. 22

On September 22, 1952, at 7:30, TRI-STATE BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE will officially open for its second year. Elder John R. Gilpin will bring the message in that service, and those desiring to attend the school, either day or night classes, should be present. Night school classes will begin on September 29 at 6:00 p.m., and day school classes will begin on October 1 at 7:30 a.m.

On August 8, 1951, the Temple Baptist Church of Evansville-Indiana, voted to establish a fundamental, missionary, evangelistic, and premillennial school to be called Tri-State Baptist Bible College. When the vote was taken, Temple Church had nothing with which to build such a school except the belief that it was the will of God that the Tri-State area have a Bible school and the faith to believe God would supply all of the needs. God was pleased to bless this venture of faith during the first year of operation in spite of all the opposition of Satan. During the year 1951-52, over

200 people attended the night classes and 18 students registered for the full time day classes. The students attending represented 3 states, 8 cities and towns, and 16 churches of 8 denominations. During the year some 16 preachers attended the school, at least 6 of whom were pastors of churches. One transfer student from Carson-Newman College completed the requirements in the first year and was granted the Graduate of Theology Diploma.

The president and trustees of the school figured at the opening of the first semester that \$1200 would be needed to complete the year. When the first classes were held there was just a little over \$100 in the treasury. All needs were met and God paid all the bills during the year. At the close of the first year on May 30, 1952, the total income for the school had been \$2617.14, and the total cash on hand was \$17.47. Truly God had done above all that we asked or thought!

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## Was The Church Built On Peter Or Jesus Himself?

"Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church."—Matthew 16:18.

Peter was not the rock. The Greek word Petros, or Peter, is not the word translated rock. That word is petra.

It is manifest that if the Saviour meant Peter to be known as the rock upon which he was to build His church that He would have said, "Thou art rock and upon this Petros I will build my church." But instead of that he says, "Thou art Petros, and upon this petra I

### HOW LONG WILL YOU BE IN PURGATORY?

Purgatory is a source of fear to Catholics and a source of revenue to their church. No one can say how long each individual will have to suffer in purgatory; it may be millions of years. Father Louvet, however, in his book "Purgatory According to the Revelations of the Saints," concludes after much calculation that a Christian of more than usual sanctity, who has never committed a mortal sin, who has carefully avoided all the graver venial sins and has satisfied by penance for three-fourths of the lighter sins and who human frailty has not made him, must expect to spend in purgatory 13 years, 3 months and 15 days. "A truly terrifying state of soul results," says Father Louvet, "for if it is so with righteous souls, what will become of poor sinners like me?" Father Louvet did well to compute the purgatorial sentence of a virtual saint. That of a Catholic gangster would be apt to involve higher mathematics.—Converted Catholic.

Ed. Note: If the above is true, then a Catholic priest never would get to Heaven. Regardless of whether this be true or not, a Catholic priest, nor any-

will build my church."

Petra is a Greek noun in the feminine gender, the pronoun "this" in the Greek text is in the feminine gender, agreeing with the gender of the noun petra. Petros, or Peter is in the masculine gender. Petra then MUST refer to something other than Peter. There would have been Petros on two occasions in this verse instead of Petros and petra if Peter had been the rock.

Besides, Petros is a movable stone; petra is a rock, a mass of rocks, a cliff. The one is such a stone as a maidservant in the Hall of Judgment might upset. The other is the Rock of Ages.

"The church does not fall," said St. Augustine, "because it is founded on the rock from which Peter received his name. For the rock is not called after Peter but Peter is so-called after the rock just as Christ is not so denominated after the Christian but the Christian after"

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### HOW A CHRISTIAN FINDS VICTORY BY WAITING ON GOD

Wait on the Lord, thou contrite one,

In penitence draw near;

He will His pard'ning grace bestow;

Your cry for mercy hear.

Wait on the Lord, thou tempted one,

Beset by hosts of sin;

Sufficient will His grace be found

The victory to win.

Wait on the Lord thou weary one,

When cares of life oppress;

In Him find ev'ry need supplied;

In Him find quietness.

Wait on the Lord thou saddened one

That grief and sorrow knows;

He shares the measure of your need;

His heart with love o'erflows.

Wait on the Lord, in confidence

And expectation wait;

His promises are ever sure;

His mercy truly great.

## When Will The Rapture Of Our Lord Jesus Take Place?

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This is a question that is discussed in many circles. There are at least two or three schools of belief concerning this important event, that is yet to take place in the end of this present age. There are those who deny teaching concerning it, and say, all the scriptures used by pre-Tribulation rapturists, are misinterpreted—that the passages referred to only lead them on by inference. One nationally known writer says, "There is not a single dogmatic statement in Old or New Testaments, that God is going to remove from this earth the saints of the present dispensation, before the great Tribulation."

We are sure that conclusion is not well founded. We believe there is a great body of scripture, both in the Old and New Testaments, that teach that very thing. Enoch and Elijah are types of it. If space permitted, we could give chapter and verse,

in many Old Testament references. But when will it occur? There are those who believe it will occur before the Tribulation, and we think they are correct in that conclusion. There are other sincere believers who believe there will be a partial rapture; that those ready when the Lord comes for His own will be taken up, and those not ready will be left behind. Now let us see why they take that viewpoint, and is it scriptural?

The partial rapture theory is based on the statement of Paul, (Continued on page four)

### HOW TO KEEP FROM GOING CRAZY

James H. Sims

1. Be a born-again Christian—and KNOW it. (I John 5:13).
2. Study your Bible, pray, and witness for Jesus Christ.
3. Maintain good physical health—take care of your body.
4. Keep your attitude objective—be able to "put yourself in another's shoes."
5. Seek to maintain insight into your own conduct—take personal inventory often.
6. Maintain a confidential relationship with some other human being.
7. Keep your attention on the present situation—"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." Let tomorrow care for itself.
8. Maintain a sense of the ridiculous—laugh at your own mistakes.
9. Plan your activities—seek to follow a schedule so that you will not be a victim of your circumstances. Be victorious over your circumstances.
10. Engage in work that is satisfying to YOU—that brings peace to your own heart.
11. Get as much rest and recreation as you can.
12. Engage in normal social activity with a group—preferably a group of Christian people in a church.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "The Conqueror From Edom"

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the vinevat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."—Isa. 63:1-3.

In I Samuel 30:1-18, we find one of the most interesting and illustrative passages of Scripture in all the Old Testament. Ziklag was the town where David lived when he was fleeing from the presence of King Saul. On one occasion when David and the men of the town were away from the city, a group of Amalekites swooped down upon the city and carried away the women and the children and all of the possessions of the city, and burned the city itself to the ground. When David and the men of the city returned home and found the village

in complete ruins and their wives and their children and their possessions carried captive by the Amalekites, their first thought was to stone David as their leader, assuming that in some manner it was his fault that they had been brought to such loss, and that such calamity had befallen them. However, before they could complete their plan of stoning him, David called for a young priest by the name of Abiathar, and David and Abiathar in communion with the Lord asked God a definite question. The question (Continued on page two)



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was: "Shall we pursue this enemy of the Amalekites that we might be able to overtake them?" and God seemingly indicated to David that he was to pursue the Amalekites and the victory would be his.

Accordingly, David and these men of war set out in pursuit of the Amalekites. When they came to the brook Besor, they had been traveling so long that some two hundred of their men were faint and weary and were unable to travel further in pursuit of the enemy, so David left two hundred men on that side of the brook Besor and crossed over with the balance of his army in pursuit of the Amalekites. God, miraculously and, seemingly, supernaturally brought an encouraging experience in the life of David and this little group of men who were with him, for they found a young Egyptian slave who, three days before, had fallen sick and was abandoned by his Amalekite master because he felt that he was sick and worthless and of no further value. When they gave this young man food and water to drink, his spirit revived within him, and on finding that he was in the hands of friends and realizing that his Amalekite master had forsaken him three days before and left him to die — this young Egyptian servant became so talkative so far as David was concerned that he told him he could bring David down to where the Amalekites were in camp. The Word of God tells us that David swore peace and safety to this young man and promised him he would see to it that he would not be delivered into the hands of his former master. Accordingly this young Egyptian man lead David and his army straight to the place where the Amalekites were in camp.

The Word of God tells us that David struck a surprise blow. Those Amalekites were rejoicing. They had won victory after victory. They had destroyed a number of cities the same as they had destroyed Ziklag. They had taken many women and children captive. They had carried away much possessions from these towns that they had ransacked, and they were feasting and dancing over the victories that had been theirs. But as they were feasting and dancing, David and his men, in a surprise attack, swooped down upon them, and the Word of God tells us that the only ones who escaped of the Amalekites were four hundred young men who rode on camels and got hurriedly away. Of the rest of the Amalekites, the Word of God tells us that they were all killed, and David recovered his wives and the men that were

with him recovered their wives and children and recovered all of their possessions. In fact, beloved, the Word of God says, "David recovered all."

Now, beloved, in view of this Scripture, just remember that David is a type of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and that as it was in the days of David when the enemy had carried away all the spoils of the city of Ziklag, so has our arch-enemy, the Devil, done likewise unto us. Just like David was able to destroy the enemy and recover all of his possessions, so the day is coming when the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be, finally and completely, the conqueror of all. Some day the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be conqueror of all and is going to recover all that was lost in the Garden of Eden. He is going to recover all, just like David recovered all that was lost in the hands of the Amalekites. In other words, if you will study carefully this sixty-third chapter of Isaiah, you will find that it presents to you a picture of one who is the complete and final and ultimate conqueror—the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### I

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO BE THE CONQUEROR OF EVEN NATURE ITSELF.

The Word of God tells us that when Jesus was here in the days of His flesh, He was then the conqueror of nature. Look at Him on that occasion when He walked upon the sea. As He walked, Simon Peter said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water," and Jesus gave him permission to do so. Beloved, I say to you, Jesus was the conqueror of nature even when He was here in the days of His flesh.

Or look at Him again when He was asleep in the vessel, as recorded in Mark 4, when the waves lashed the little Sea of Galilee into a fury, until it would appear that the vessel in which Jesus and His disciples were riding would be sent to the bottom of the sea. When the vessel was fast filling with water and the disciples were unable to still the storm, they came to Jesus and cried out that they were perishing, and the Lord Jesus arose and rebuked the waves and there came a calm over all the sea.

Beloved, I say to you, you can't read instances like this where Jesus walked upon the water and where Jesus stilled the waves and where Jesus took possession of even the elements of nature, without realizing that the Son of God, when He was here in the days of His flesh, was actually the conqueror of nature.

But, beloved, what Jesus did in a small way when He was here in the days of His flesh, is only a shadow of the good things that are to come. Do you realize that some of these days Jesus is going to completely conquer all nature? Do you realize that some of these days He is going to be the absolute conqueror of all this world? Do you realize how much of this world today is wilderness, how much of it is desert, and how much is infested and infested with weeds; and do you realize how little of it actually produces that which would glorify God and bring honor to Him? Well, beloved, some of these days the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be the complete conqueror of nature, so that everything in nature is going to glorify God. Listen:

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." —Isa. 35:1.

Some of these days I am going to have a garden, and there won't be a single weed within that garden. Do you realize that thorns and thistles are here in this world today all because of the presence of sin? They came as a result of sin in the Garden of Eden. Some day the briars and the thorns and the thistles are going to be taken away, and even the desert is going to rejoice and blossom like a rose garden.

We have another prophecy of like nature. We read:

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."—Isa. 55:13.

Yes, beloved, I thank God that some of these days Jesus Christ is going to take possession of this natural world. Just like, in a little sense, He took possession of the Sea of Galilee and walked upon it, just like He stilled the waves of that sea, so some day He is going to take complete charge of this world and take complete possession of all nature, and all nature is going to glorify Him.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope; Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."—Rom. 8:18-21.

Beloved, even this whole creation some day is going to glorify God. I thank Him and I praise Him that when the Lord Jesus Christ takes possession of this world, He is going to be able to recover everything back to God that was lost in the Garden of Eden, to the extent that He will actually be the conqueror of nature, and that even nature then will surely bring honor and glory to Him.

#### II

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL THEN BE THE CONQUEROR OF DISEASE.

It is rather interesting to read through the Bible to see how many times Jesus is spoken of as conquering various diseases when He was here in the days of His flesh. As an example, do you remember the time when Jesus came to the home of Simon Peter and found Simon's mother-in-law sick with a fever? The Word of God tells us that as soon as Jesus Christ was told about her sickness, He healed her. So complete was her healing, that she arose and ministered unto their wants by cooking their meal that day.

Now, beloved, what Jesus did in the case of Simon Peter's mother-in-law, He did in behalf of many, many others when He was here in this world. Do you remember how He cast out devils, how He healed lepers, how He healed those with the palsied hands, how He healed the blind and the halt and the dumb, until He received the name of the Great Physician? We sing of Him when we sing:

"The Great Physician now is near,  
The sympathizing Jesus;  
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,  
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus."

Beloved, He was the Great Physician, and there was never a case that came to Him but what Jesus Christ was able to (Continued on page three)

## WHAT EVERY GENTILE SHOULD KNOW

By Benj. F. Dotson, and Betty Moreland

There is much hatred of the Jew  
By Gentiles and some Christians too,  
They surely do not know God's Word,  
To be like that seems so absurd;  
Awful are the aspersions made  
'Twould lay old Satan in the shade;  
They say the Jews have all the wealth,  
Obtained it by their cunning stealth.

The informed know this is not true,  
The millionaires are very few  
As compared with other races  
Just count the number of such cases!  
Bernard Baruch is one exception,  
In his way there's no deception;  
Among great statesmen of our day,  
Serves for gratis the U. S. A.

Look at others, review the past,  
On hist'ry's page let eyes be cast,  
And see whose names are written there,  
Look at the roll with greatest care!  
Were old John D. or Henry Ford  
Jews? Now be honest with the Lord!  
Were Andy Mellon or Rascob,  
Walter Chrysler or Charles M. Schwab?

Now look to source we get our meat,  
Be just and fair—don't be a cheat!  
Armour, Wilson, Swift and McNeill,  
No drop of Jewish blood reveal.  
And, for instance, take the bankers;  
Look through names of highest rankers!  
Morgan, Lamont, Chase and Sloan,  
They all are Gentiles—we must own.

We could name two dozen more  
Among Gentiles who once were poor  
Who worked and schemed to get their "dough"  
Amen! Amen! Is that not so?  
Sons and daughters in Jewish race  
Like Schumann-Heink take worthy place,  
And who of Gentiles dares to scoff  
At such as David Rubinoff?

In fields of knowledge they excel,  
Most Gentiles know that all too well,  
A Jew discovered T. N. T.  
And brought First World War victory;  
In World War II which now is past,  
When deep'ning shadows overcast,  
And hearts were anything but calm,  
He helped perfect atomic bomb.

Why curse and damn the thrifty Jew?  
Just work as hard—be thrifty too!  
It isn't just luck we know, but care  
And patient labor—all so rare.  
A few Jews may have their millions,  
While the Gentiles count their billions,  
By constant plodding and much thrift,  
Success attends them sure and swift.

But read your Bible what prophets say  
God gave through Jews, and—by the way,  
The world is yet to see its King,  
A Jew—'twill be a marvelous thing.  
Down through ages Jews heard God's call,  
Moses, Isaiah, prophets, all;  
In fact, you'll find on ev'ry page  
Jewish apostle, priest or sage.

Turn to Genesis, chapter twelve!  
Let Gentiles into Scripture delve,  
You'll find there if you curse the Jew,  
God's judgments then will fall on you.  
Jewish hatred's of the devil,  
Drags you down to his own level;  
The Jews gave us the oracles,  
The story of Christ's miracles—

How He healed the sick, raised the dead,  
And how the multitudes were fed;  
How He opened the sightless eyes,  
And hushed the suff'ring leper's cries.  
But let me explain, my friend to you,  
I am a Gentile, not a Jew:  
But, since a Jew is my dear Saviour,  
He demands my good behavior.

So I treat God's chosen race  
As I would be—if in his place;  
Jew and Gentile both the same,  
Need salvation through Christ's dear name.  
There are good folk in ev'ry creed,  
Most ev'rybody is agreed,  
So let us Gentiles watch our step,  
Wake up a bit, and get their pep.

No fault we'll find in brother Jew,  
That he can't find in me and you;  
We'll not protect him in his sin,  
But try his precious soul to win.  
For in the BOOK of books we find  
To Jew and Gentile God's so kind;  
A Korban for our sins was riv'n,  
God's love to all was freely giv'n.



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deal that individual. The Son of God is just as able today to handle any disease as He was then. The Word of God tells us that He is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever," and I am glad to say to you, on the authority of God's Word, the time is coming when Jesus Christ is going to be the ultimate conqueror of every disease.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be NO MORE DEATH, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be ANY MORE PAIN: for the former things are passed away."—Rev. 21:3, 4.

Notice, Jesus is spoken of as being the final conqueror of sickness, disease and pain.

I was impressed this afternoon after I came to the study when reading an article concerning cancer in one of the modern periodicals. I noticed that it said concerning cancer that there had never been any remedy for it, and that there is nothing offered yet by medical science that is a guaranteed antidote against cancer. I thought of so many other diseases that I know little about today. I thought of so many other diseases that ravage the human body, that doctors and medical science are unable to combat. But thank God, even cancer will find a cure, even every disease will be no more, when the Lord Jesus Christ, as the conqueror of Edom, takes over and recovers all back to God as this world was in the beginning when God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. I tell you beloved, as He will be the conqueror of nature, so Jesus Christ will then be the conqueror of every disease.

### III

JESUS CHRIST WILL THEN BE THE CONQUEROR OF SATAN. In the very Garden of Eden, God declared war against Satan, and He said:

"And I will put enmity be-

tween thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." — Gen. 3:15.

Here is a prophecy concerning Satan—a prophecy which tells us that though the Devil is going to bite mighty deeply into the heel of Jesus, that ultimately Jesus Christ is going to bruise the head of the Devil. Some day that prophecy is going to be gloriously and finally and completely fulfilled. The Devil hasn't as yet been conquered. He is still our ancient enemy; he is still our desperate foe.

In the third chapter of Genesis when Jesus announced that the seed of woman was going to bruise the head of the serpent, it was then that the Devil stirred up Cain to kill Abel, thinking that perhaps Abel was to be the seed of the woman that was to bruise his head.

Notice, beloved, how the Devil has fought against the Lord Jesus Christ all down through the ages. You will find in the early chapters in Genesis that he stirred up the sons of God to marry with the daughters of men—that is, the godly line of Seth married the ungodly line of Cain, thus producing a race of physical and spiritual monstrosities that almost destroyed this world, to the extent that God finally salvaged out of the wreckage Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives—eight in all that were saved. Beloved, the Devil almost succeeded in that day as the enemy of God.

A little later God made another revelation that Satan's destroyer was to be born of Abraham's seed, and hence it was that the Devil moved upon Pharaoh to issue an edict whereby that all the male children of Israel were to be slain.

Still later, God made known the fact that the Messiah was going to be born of the tribe of Judah, and then it was that the Devil divided the kingdom into a northern and a southern kingdom, to the extent that he determined to destroy and exterminate the tribe of Judah so that Jesus Christ could not be born.

At a later date, it was the Devil who caused Haman to make a plot against the Jews, and at a still later date, it was the Devil who caused Herod to seek to destroy all the boy babies of the city of Bethlehem in an effort that the child Jesus

might be destroyed, and that Herod's fancied enemy, Jesus, might not be able to grow to maturity.

If you will notice, in all the ministry of our Lord in this world, it was the Devil who stirred up the enemies of our Lord so that those enemies sought to take Him out to the brow of the hill and cast Him headlong from the brow of the hill whereupon the city was built.

The Devil is spoken of as the Prince of the Power of the air, and once it was that he, as the Prince of the Power of the air, lashed the little Sea of Galilee into a fury, that he might be able to sink the boat and thus drown the Lord Jesus and put an end to the Son of God.

When Jesus made a revelation concerning the building of His church, then it was that Jesus perceived that the Devil had taken possession of Simon Peter, so that he said to him, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

If you will come to Calvary, you will find the tail of the Devil wrapped all the way around the Cross of Calvary.

I say to you, beloved, as surely as God lives, the Devil has been the foe of God and Jesus Christ and God's people, all the way down through the ages. I thank God for this fact, that the Devil has been defeated in every attempt he has ever made and that some day he is going to be completely and gloriously and finally defeated, and ultimately cast into a Devil's Hell.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." —Rev. 20:10.

There is a time coming, beloved, when there will be a world in which there will be no Devil. We are so used to rubbing shoulders and brushing elbows with him, we are so used to seeing evidences of the Devil here within this world that it is hard for us to even imagine that there will ever be a world without a Devil. Beloved, some of these days the Devil is going to be cast down into Hell, and Jesus Christ, whose heel was bitten into deeply by Satan at Calvary, is going to bruise the head of Satan. The Son of God is going to be conqueror completely over Satan and over all of his cohorts.

### IV

JESUS CHRIST WILL ULTI-

MATELY BE THE CONQUEROR OF DEATH.

If there is any one enemy that you and I dread, it is the enemy of death. If there is any one enemy that you and I would rather not meet, it is the enemy of death. Beloved, some day death is going to be abolished. Listen:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be NO MORE DEATH, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." —Rev. 21:4.

"But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: NEITHER CAN THEY DIE ANY MORE: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." —Luke 20:35-36.

Beloved, thank God, death is going to be conquered ultimately in the Lord Jesus Christ. I rejoice that through His own resurrection the Lord Jesus Christ has taken the sting out of death.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." —I Cor. 15:55-57.

Beloved, death had a sting until Jesus came, but by His own resurrection He took the sting out of death. Death is still an enemy to you and to me, but it doesn't have the sting that it had before the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead.

I'll never forget, years ago as a boy preacher in my first pastorate, a man who was a keeper of bees. He had a large number of stands of bees, and I remember how that one afternoon I visited him, and very unusual for him, he had suffered the misfortune of being stung by a bee. His face was all swollen until you could hardly recognize him. I remember that as I talked to that man, he seemed to comfort himself with this fact more than anything else: He said that when that bee put his stinger in him, that it would never be able to sting anybody else—that it only produced one stinger and that it would never be able to produce another. It might be able to light upon thousands of people later, but it would never be able to sting anyone else.

After I had left that man, it came to my mind how that death lighted upon Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ took the sting out of death. Death has no sting in it now because Jesus Christ took the sting out of death. Because He arose, death is defeated, and because of His resurrection, Jesus Christ has given to us a victory thereby. We have no fear of death because the Son of God took the sting out of it for us.

We are living in a world where we see death on every side and where we come in contact with death from day to day. The insurance tables tell us that in this world 138,000 people die every day, 6,000 die every hour, and 108 die every minute, but beloved, there is a day coming when there shall be no death.

As the song has said:

"A land by faith I see, Where saints shall ever be, Free from mortality, No dying there, no dying there! For thee, sweet home, I wait, Come and my soul elate; Welcome, O deathless state, No dying there, no dying there!"

I am glad and I thank God that some day as David recovered all, so Jesus is going to recover all; as David recovered everything that was lost in the city of Ziklag, so Jesus is going to recover everything in our behalf. He is going to be a complete conqueror so far as death is concerned.

### V

JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO BE THE CONQUEROR OF SIN.

Sin is a terrible plague. The Bible uses many illustrations to picture sin thus. It is pictured as blindness; it is pictured as insanity; it is pictured in many ways, but I think the most horrible picture of sin that we have in the Bible is the picture of leprosy. As leprosy grows and increases, sin grows in the individual and sin develops in the life of the person. It grows worse and worse as the days come and go and we ask the question, "How can it be cured?" The old song answers back:

"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood."

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## The Two Natures

(Continued from page one) nature, and the new divine nature given in connection with regeneration.

### What Happens Between The Two Natures?

A conflict goes on all the time. The nature of the flesh inclines toward that which is evil, and the new nature tugs and pulls in the opposite direction. Paul describes this struggle in Romans 7. Read it and you will find described there just what you have experienced if you are a Christian. Formerly, as a lost sinner, one went on and sinned without being troubled anything about it—but now that the new nature lives within, there is a disturbance such that one can't live in sin without a sense of deep condemnation.

### Is The Struggle A Hopeless One?

No—one can live a life of victory. How? By feeding the spiritual nature and starving down the nature of the flesh. (Note Galat. 5:16-17). If the fleshly nature is starved and the spiritual nature developed, then it is not hard to follow the leading of the Spirit. Right here is the great argument against worldliness of life. When a Christian lives a worldly life he is not doing a thing but FEEDING THE OLD NATURE, and making it more powerful in its fight against the new nature. It is like a man feeding a tiger so the tiger can claw him to pieces. Let us note some Scriptures along these lines: Rom. 6:6; Phil. 3:3; Rom. 6:11; Rom. 13:14.

A happy, successful Christian life can only be lived as we yield ourselves to God to be led by Him, and as we refuse to "make provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof." A life in which one tries to satisfy the impulses of BOTH NATURES is bound to be a miserable life, for it is a life of contradiction, and utterly lacks consistency.



## Purgatory

(Continued from page one) one else, will never get to Heaven except through personal faith in the atonement of Jesus.

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## Conqueror From Edom

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What can pay sin's old back debt?  
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood.  
What can make me a Christian yet?  
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood."

Beloved, I am glad that every person outside of Jesus Christ can find safety and salvation and security in the blood of the Lord Jesus Himself, but even then when you are saved, you haven't gotten full victory over sin. You still have an old nature that is carnal. You still have an old depraved, carnal nature that has been inherited from Adam, and that old carnal nature is still going to give you a lot of difficulty. Thank God, some of these days Jesus Christ is going to get a final victory over sin, and when your body is raised out of the ground, or if you are alive when Jesus comes and you are caught up into the air in His presence—whether you be dead or alive when the Son of God comes, thank God, your old nature is going to be laid aside and you will have gotten a complete victory over sin. Beloved, thank God, He is the conqueror of sin itself.

Oh, doesn't it bless your soul tonight just to know that there is one who some day is going to get victory over the things that you haven't been able to get victory over—even sin itself? Only God knows how many times you have attempted to live right and to do the things that you ought to do. Beloved, in spite of all that you have done, your old nature continues. You have a battle day by day, right against wrong, good against evil, sin against sainthood. You have a battle day by day as you would try to live for the Lord Jesus Christ. That old nature of sin persists, but some day the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be conqueror.

When God put Adam within this world, Adam didn't have a sinful nature. He didn't have a nature that inclined toward sin. As David recovered all, so Jesus is going to recover all, and He is going to have a race of men and women living here within a world that will be just as perfect as Adam was—only with a different kind of nature. Adam, at best, had a perfect human nature, but you and I, at best, will have a perfect divine nature—the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Oh, it thrills my heart to know that I am on the side of Him that is bound to conquer in the end. Beloved, He is going to be a complete conqueror. He is going to finally and ultimately conquer the sin in my life that I haven't been able to conquer. Thank God, beloved, He is the conqueror of sin.

### IV

JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO BE THE CONQUEROR OF THE UNBELIEVING WORLD.

Oh, the men and the women of this world who don't believe in God and who are not believers in Jesus Christ! Just think, beloved, of the thousands who would say, "No God; no Heaven; no Hell; no Christ; no salvation through the blood." Think of the thousands who know nothing about the Lord Jesus Christ. Some day this Godless nation that doesn't believe in Jesus Christ is going to be conquered by the Lord Jesus Himself.

I often think of the individuals who have come down to the end of the way to find that the Lord Jesus is the conqueror of them. I think of Voltaire, the

French skeptic, who, at the end of his life, looked up into His face and said, "I am abandoned of God and men."

I think also of Queen Elizabeth of England who had lived her life in frivolous ways and had thought nothing of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, who came to the end of her days and said, "All my possessions for one moment's time."

I think of that man of the early days following the death of the Lord Jesus Christ—Julian, a Roman emperor, who, because of his hatred of Jesus, earned for himself the nickname, "the Apostate," and who has gone down in history by the name of Julian, the Apostate. I think of him who, in battle one day, was wounded and who reached up to his own side and caught a handful of blood and flung it toward the sky, and in his dying agonies said, "Thou hast conquered, O Galilean."

Brother, sister, listen to me tonight, Jesus Christ is going to be the conqueror of this unbelieving world. There is not a man nor a woman who is an unbeliever but what some day is going to be conquered by the Son of God. It will be too late for you if you have died without Jesus as a Saviour, but though it is too late to do you any good, every unsaved person some day is going to bow his knee and with his tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ, to the praise and the glory of God the Father.

I tell you, beloved, Jesus Christ is going to be the conqueror of nature, the conqueror of disease, the conqueror of Satan, the conqueror of death, the conqueror of sin, and even, beloved, the conqueror of this God-forsaking, Hell-bound generation who in their sinfulness and in their sinful ways go on disbelieving, refusing and rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

### CONCLUSION

I wonder if I speak to some individual who knows that some day Jesus will be conqueror. I wonder if in this hour it might be that the Spirit of God is speaking to your heart and telling you that the time to meet this conqueror is now. Oh, may the Lord Jesus Christ become the conqueror of your sinful nature now as He becomes your Redeemer in the sacrifice and the atonement that was made at Calvary.

Sometime ago I saw two pictures side by side in an art museum—two pictures which illustrated two individuals. Both of them were pictures pertaining to the sea. The first of them showed an old sailor with a wrinkled face, mussed-up hair, no smile upon his face, and with his teeth and his face firmly set. He was standing before the helm of a ship, and as he stood there at the pilot's wheel, a storm was rolling all about him. The artist had pictured the lightning flashing, the thunder rolling, the ship lunging, and the masts and the rigging of the ship breaking as the waves were rolling high. This old sailor stood there at the helm of the ship and said:

"Out of the night that covers me  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul."

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud;  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the horror of the shade;

And yet the menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishment the scroll;  
I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul."

As I stood before that picture, I said to myself, "That picture refers to every person outside of Jesus Christ." There isn't a man in this world outside of Jesus Christ but what will try to say, "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."

Side by side with this picture was another. A tidy, sweet-smiling, clear-faced, bright-eyed young sailor in a clean white uniform, lifted his hand in a salute to say, "Aye, aye, sir." Underneath it were these words:

"Out of the light that dazzles me,  
Bright as the sun from pole to pole,  
I thank the God I know to be  
For Christ, the conqueror of my soul."

Since His the sway of circumstance  
I would not wince nor cry aloud;  
Under the rule which men call chance  
My head with joy is humbly bowed.

Beyond this place of sin and tears—  
That life with Him! and His the aid,  
Despite the menace of the years,  
Keeps, and shall keep me unafraid.

I have no fear though strait the gate,  
He cleared from punishments the scroll;  
Christ is the Master of my fate,  
Christ is the Captain of my soul."

Oh, may it please God tonight to help you see this truth, that Jesus Christ is the conqueror of your soul. May He become your Redeemer by His sacrifice at Calvary, and may you recognize Him as the captain of your soul.

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## The Rapture

(Continued from page one) in Hebrews 9:28: "Unto the that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Those who are looking for Him, will be raptured, they say. But think the exegesis is faulty, that, the Greek word for look (EKEDECHOMAI) is capable of other translations, and in the New Testament is translated "wait," "tarry for," "expect." So the same scripture might be translated, "Unto them that wait for him (or tarry for him) shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." There is a sense in which every born-again believer is waiting and expecting Him, who has never been taught the truth of the rapture. It was so with the writer. Many years he did not know the truth of the rapture but was saved and would have been in company of the redeemed had the rapture occurred before he learned the great truth of it.

Then, there are those who believe the rapture will occur near the close of the Tribulation. That when Christ comes to Olivet with His angels and in great glory, then the saints will rise to meet Him, "out of the great Tribulation." The base that belief on the "last trump" of I Cor. 15:52. This identifies the rapture with the last trumpet judgment of Revelation.

Again, we think this is faulty exegesis. The "last trump," which Paul refers, is undoubtedly linked with Numbers 10:1-5, chapter. There God orders Moses to make two silver trumpets calling the assembly and sounding an alarm. The first blast signaled the elders and leaders to the entrance of the tabernacle for God's instructions; the second or "last trump," ordered a march. This fits exactly into the typology fulfilled in the rapture. The first blast summons the sleeping dead from their graves, the second or "last trump," orders their march, companies, living and resurrected, to the sky, where they are to be "ever with the Lord."



## On Peter Or Jesus?

(Continued from page one) Christ, for it is on this account our Lord declares, "On this rock I will build my church," because Peter had said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," "On this rock which thou hast confessed," he declares, "I will build my church," for Christ was the rock on whose foundation Peter himself was built. This same view was taken by Chrysostom Theodoret and other leading fathers of the church. And, outside of Rome, for the first five centuries of our era no Christian father of any note dreamt that this saying gave Peter the sovereignty of the church.

The rock on which the church was built was not Petros (Peter) but petra, the Rock of Ages, the Divine Son.



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