

He never rises high who does not know how to kneel.

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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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## Various Kinds Of "Christians"

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(John 8:31).

The professed Christian who is baptized, then never shows any further interest in the things of God. We think of the great numbers who were baptized following a certain revival. Many of those baptized never came back to church. Evidently they thought that they were now safe from Hell — so why bother any further with religion? Such is often the fruit of unsound evangelism, where "rake 'em in" methods are used.

The professed Christian who wants to use Christianity for

some sort of personal gain. (See Acts 8:18-23). Simon mentioned here, wanted to make money out of religion. Many have joined a prominent church hoping to profit their business or social standing thereby. Many are in a church for what they can get out of it. They want attention — they want notice — they want to be visited and coddled, and if they don't get it, they are mad and become critics. "I am among you as one TO BE SAVED" is their attitude, rather than having that of Christ, who said, "I am among you as one that SERVETH."

The professing Christian who (Continued on page four)

## Slowly But Surely We Are Getting Ready To Enlarge This Publication

FRIENDS IN PORT NORRIS, N. J. SEND ANOTHER CHECK FOR \$200, MAKING \$400 FROM THEM

From coast to coast and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, our friends show a remarkable interest in enlarging this paper from four to eight pages weekly.

Some of the members of the Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J., have sent us another contribution of \$200.00, which means that this group of faithful souls have sent us \$400.00 within the past month for this purpose. God's blessings on these noble elect of His! Might He raise up many more friends like them.

One letter of this week, that touched my soul especially was from an old saint of God in Louisiana, Bro. R. E. Murphey; in sending a contribution of \$2.00, he said, "In less than a month, I'll be 79 years old. I intend to read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as long as I am rational and can see."

I must say, though, that contributions have slacked off considerably this week. I think I

know the reason. Perhaps it is because I said through this paper recently that we could not get our new press erected until after March 1. Maybe some, who had planned to contribute, have postponed their gift until that date.

Please bear in mind that it will be appreciated any time. However, we can't start moving and installing the press until we have the money in hand.

We need now about \$1,000.00 to reach our goal, which means we are considerably removed from it yet. However, we are sure we will reach it, for He has never failed us. Above all else may I ask that you remember us definitely in prayer. WE NEED THIS MORE THAN WE NEED YOUR GIFTS. Then, as God may impress and enable you, we will be most happy for whatever gift you send us. All of us together are doing what no one of us by himself could do.

## "PLEASE TALK TO ME ABOUT CHRIST"

By HARM RUST  
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(John 6:33). "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35). If we really come to "Christ crucified" and if we really with the heart believe on

### NOTICE

The tract entitled "A Letter To Life As To The Origin Of Baptists" is ready for distribution. You ought to get a good supply of this message and use it widely. They are free for the asking but we will appreciate any contribution you wish to make, as this is the only way we can keep these tracts in print.

Him we have eternal life. There is nothing else which can give eternal life than this. There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. The apostle Peter said, "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner, Neither is there salvation in any other." (Acts 4:11-12). This coming to Jesus and this believing on Him is a work of the Holy Spirit. It is supernatural and not at all as it is often pictured in most evangelistic effort. Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51). When Jesus talked like this the very religious Jews were very much upset. They did not understand Him. Most religious people would not understand this. This is deeper than most people's religion goes. But Jesus persisted.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:53-54). This has nothing to do with the Lord's supper for that is purely in remembrance of our Saviour. This eating His flesh and drinking His blood is a real transaction through faith in which the believer becomes identified with Christ as closely as the food we eat becomes a part of our physical bodies so that we are in Him and He in us.

"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is "the light of the world." "Then spake (Continued on Page Four)

### WHERE ROME PLACES THE EMPHASIS

Frances Cardinal Spellman took off from Idlewild Airport for Korea, where, he said, he will make a tour of the battle fronts, and say three "Masses."

He said he was taking with him 100,000 Bibles? No! Testaments? No! Gospels? No! but cigarettes! And 20,000 religious tracts? No! "religious medals"! To what use will these be put? Possibly each one is to be used as a charm or fetish, to ward off calamity. An any rate each "religious medal" is an idol.

The Cardinal also took with him 1500 holy cards and messages of love from hundreds of American families to their sons and fathers.

What a great difference between a Cardinal and a humble, fundamental missionary, when going to Korea. The latter would carry Bibles, Testaments, Gospels or Tracts. He would see to it that the men facing death and Eternity would receive the Word of God, which would prepare them, if believed, to meet God.

It is easily seen where Rome places the emphasis. Cigarettes and religious medals!

not always easy. How long should our visits be and just what should be our conversation? Recently I was quite a little rebuked when during a very congenial visit with a brother in Christ, he said, "Please talk to me about Christ." I wondered if I had spent too much time talking about other matters. There is no question, "Christ crucified" should be our most important theme. It will not please every person we visit nor all to whom we preach. "Unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are called," from among all people regardless of age or condition, "Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." We do well to take the apostle's way.

"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is "the bread of life."

Our Saviour said, "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "MIRRORS"

"For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." —James 1:23, 24.

Sometime ago I was on a train and a young girl who was seated just opposite me on the other side of the train, had a well-worn New Testament in her hand. I am satisfied from the appearance of it that that Testament had been read and used

many times. I observed her particularly. She would sit for a little while with the Testament open, looking at it and reading it, and then she would look out the window as though she were in meditation. I could see her as she would put her head back on the pillow and close her eyes and move her lips as though she were in silent prayer, and then she would open the Testament and start to read again from God's Word. Several times during the course of a train's journey of a couple or three hundred miles, I observed this girl

go through this routine as she read and meditated and prayed. What a difference between that girl who was seeking to beautify her soul, and the average one who is seeking to beautify the face!

Just about the same time I attended a church service in another church when a girl seated near me manicured her fingernails and looked in a mirror at herself fully eight or ten times during the sermon. She plucked her eyebrows, she painted her face, she put lipstick on her (Continued on page two)

### DON'T BURN THE NEW BIBLE

The following are headlines which appear in various papers throughout the country:

"Baptist Pastor Burns Page Of Revised Bible."  
"Carolina Baptist Rips Page Out Of New Bible, Burns It."  
"Mission Preacher Puts Blow Torch To Revised Bible."  
"Cleric Burns Revised Bible As Protest Over Tampering."  
"200 Hear Pastor Denounce New Bible As Work Of Satan."

We deplore the substitution of "young woman" for "virgin" in Isaiah 7:14, and the use of "You" instead of "Thou" for the Lord Jesus Christ, etc., yet we would not feel justified in burning that Bible.

Reject the new Bible if you will. Say whatever you feel the Lord would have you say against it, but before burning it, read Jeremiah 36:22-32 and seriously consider whether or not you want to put yourself in a class with that wicked King Zedekiah who had leaves cut from the scroll of the Word of God and cast into the fire on the hearth.



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## "Mirrors"

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lips, and that all the while the preacher was preaching from God's Word.

I think tonight of those two experiences—the one was seeking to beautify her soul by looking into the mirror of God Almighty's blessed Word, while the other was seeking to beautify the face by looking into a natural looking glass.

I

### THE BIBLE IS REFERRED TO AS A MIRROR.

It is rather interesting to me, beloved, to notice the various symbols that are used in the Bible to signify, and describe the Word of God.

The Bible is likened unto a LAMP. Listen:

"Thy word is a LAMP unto my feet, and a light unto my path."—Psa. 119:105.

You know what it is, beloved, to try to walk in the darkness. You know what it is to stumble about in the dark without a lamp. The man who is trying to live a life without the Bible is walking in the dark. The only way out of the darkness is to walk in the light of the Word of God, and no man will ever be able to walk correctly or circumspectly apart from walking in the light that is shed upon his pathway with the Word of God.

Then, beloved, the Bible is also spoken of as a LAVER, or a wash basin, for it says concerning the church:

"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."—Eph. 5:26.

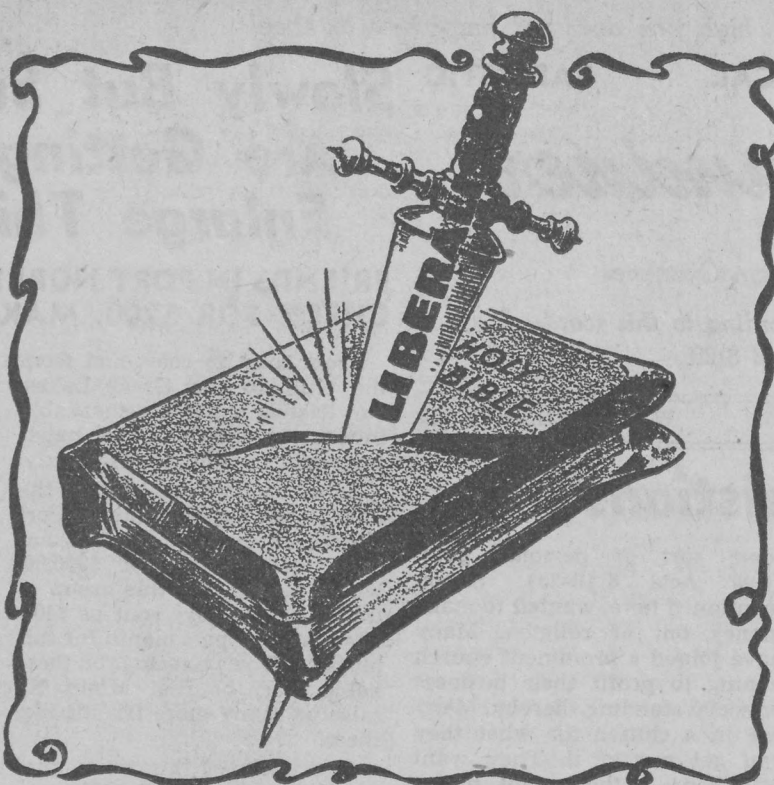
Just as you take soap and water to wash your face in the wash basin, the best wash basin for the soul is the Word of God. Beloved, you can clean up your soul far better with the Word of God than you can clean out the pores of the skin with the finest soap and detergent that was ever made in this world.

Then, beloved, the Word of God is referred to under the figure of MILK.

"I have fed you with MILK, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."—I Cor. 3:2.

This is written to Christian babies — those who had never grown in grace like they ought to, who had never gotten to the place where they could stand a good strong beefsteak of doctrine — who had never gotten to the place where they could stand the great doctrines of the Word of God. There are lots of babies just like that in the churches today. There are lots of folk, who if you will give them a little froth and something easy and light to digest,

# THE LOUISVILLE SEMINARY DOES IT AGAIN!



A Southern Baptist scholar (W. O. Carver, in *The Nature of the Church*, edited by R. N. Flew, p. 293) says, "As a rule we do not think of the church as a local continuation of the Incarnation. Nor do most Baptists conceive of the church (the entire body of believers) as the 'continuation of the Incarnation.' But it is the conviction of an increasing number of us that this is a thoroughly scriptural and highly important way of conceiving the church."

—Southern Baptist Journal, Sept. 15, 1948

## HOW LONG WILL GOD'S PEOPLE KEEP SUPPORTING A SCHOOL OF INFIDELS AND HERETICS?

EVERY PENNY YOU GIVE TO THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM HELPS PROPAGATE INFIDELITY SUCH AS THIS.

and something on the surface, they can get along with it very well. Don't you dare throw out to them, election, or the doctrine of the security of the saved, or the doctrine of justification, or any of the other great doctrines of the Word of God. They would choke on it just like a baby would choke on a piece of beefsteak.

The Apostle Paul refers to the simpler things of the Bible as milk, so you can see that the Word of God is likened unto milk. The best grade of milk that is ever put on the market, beloved, is not what you get that comes in a bottle. It is not that which is pasteurized. It is not that which is homogenized. Beloved, the best milk that can ever come to you is the milk that you get out of the Word of Almighty God.

The Bible is also spoken of as a CRITIC.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a DISCERNER of the thoughts and intents of the heart."—Heb. 4:12.

The word "discerner" is the same word for "critic," so this Scripture says that the Bible which is living and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword, the Bible which is able to pierce and divide between soul and spirit, that is able to divide the joints and the marrow, that that Bible, beloved, is a critic and a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The sad thing about it is that most people have reversed the order. Instead of allowing the Bible to be a critic for them, they try to be a critic for the Bible. There are many people in this world who criticize the Bible. Beloved, instead of criticizing the Word of God, your business and mine is to stand still and listen to what God has

to say and let God's Word criticize us.

Then again, beloved, the Bible is spoken of as HONEY.

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yet, sweeter than HONEY to my mouth."—Psa. 119:103.

You know that honey is a natural sweet, but, beloved, the Word of God is sweeter than the most natural sweet that you can think of.

Here is a lost man who hears the truth that Jesus Christ died for his every sin, who sees that the Son of God upon the Cross of Calvary died for, and paid for in full all of his sins. Beloved, when that man reads that Scripture, "And the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin," and he sees it and it grips his soul and he is saved, it is sweeter than the most natural sweet that you can imagine.

Then here is a man who is a child of God, who is face to face with problems of various types and has many problems which confront him, and he reads from God's Word that "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Beloved, there have been many and many a time in my life when I have pillowed my head upon that text of Scripture, with the realization that it was sweet — sweeter than the most natural sweet that you can imagine. The Bible is honey to a sinner when it tells him about Jesus as his Saviour; it is honey to the saved man who is depending upon the Lord to lead him through his difficulty and to bring him safely through the problem.

The Word of God is also spoken of as GOLD.

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine GOLD: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."—Psa. 19:

10.

The Psalmist is referring here to the Word of God. How few people believe this text of Scripture! When tomorrow morning comes, beloved, the biggest portion of you will get up and start a day's work without even one time reading the Word of God. If you believed that the Word of God was more to be desired than fine gold, before you start out tomorrow in the search of gold by way of your daily occupation, you would find time first of all for the Word of God. I tell you, beloved, God's Book is worth more to you than gold.

I noticed a few days ago that one of these new men who has moved to Washington for residence made an announcement that all the gold at Fort Knox ought to be checked to see if it were there. Of course, that was a "brainy statement" on the part of any representative or senator. It would only take two men a little less than a thousand years to count it. To be sure, beloved, that would really be a brainy suggestion on the part of any new congressman to suggest that a committee be sent down to Fort Knox to count the gold. Now, beloved, even if that senator were sincere, and we will assume that he was, it would be a thousand times better off for the country, if he would suggest that every man in America spend fifteen minutes every morning with his face in the Word of God, studying God's Book rather than counting the gold at Fort Knox. As important as the gold at Fort Knox is to the economy and the financial security of our nation, the Word of God is more important in the upbuilding of the citizens of America. It is better than fine gold.

Then, beloved, the Bible is spoken of as FIRE.

"Is not my word like as a FIRE? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"—Jer. 23:29.

You know what fire does to dross. If you want to purify something, heat it and skim off the dross. Listen, beloved, the thing that will help to bring purity in your life more than anything else is the heat from the Word of God. You let the fervent heat of the Word of God melt your heart and you will come nearer getting rid of the dross of your life thereby and purifying your soul than you will in any other manner.

The Word of God is spoken of as a SWORD.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any TWO - EDGED SWORD, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."—Heb. 4:12.

Can you imagine a sword with two edges so that you can cut a man with either edge of the blade? Well, the Word of God is just that kind of a blade. It is a two-edged sword—it has Law on the one side and Gospel on the other—and it is sharper than any sword that was ever made by any craftsman.

The Word of God is spoken of as a HAMMER.

"Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a HAMMER that breaketh the rock in pieces?"—Jer. 23:29.

You see a great big rock that is in your way. You stand and look at it and wonder how you are going to break it so it can be moved. You bring that big sledge hammer down upon the rock and it doesn't seem to do a bit of good. You hit it again and again and it just doesn't appear that you are accomplish-

ing one thing except wasting strength of your own body. Then, beloved, you will hit again, maybe not as hard as you have been hitting it, and it cracks in every direction. It is the last lick that broke the rock, beloved? No, it was the rest of those licks put together, and finally one lick pulverized in the crushing and pulverizing of the stone.

Many a time it takes a lot of licks to break a stony heart. There's many an individual that comes to the house of God, has to be hit time and time again before the Word of God, as a hammer, breaks the hard heart and reveals Jesus Christ to himself and helps him to see the Son of God as his Saviour. Listen, beloved, this Bible is a hammer.

Notice also that the Bible is spoken of as SEED.

"Being born again, not of corruptible SEED, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."—I Pet. 1:23.

When I was a boy, about the time of year we used to get those seed catalogues from all the seed stores in the country, and we would see the nice, beautiful tomatoes and vegetables that were pictured inside those catalogues in color. The thing that always puzzled me was why it was when I went out the tomato plants and raised the garden, that my vegetables never did look quite as pretty as the seed that was sold to me from the catalogue.

Now listen, beloved, that seed that is sown, grows. It produces something. If you want a son to be born into the kingdom of God, it will come only because the seed is sown, and the seed that can be sown to bring forth a harvest by way of sowing is the Word of God. I tell you, beloved, there will never be a man saved in this world who doesn't hear the Word of God. No man believes the doctrine of election or the doctrine of God Almighty's sovereignty more than I, and I do believe that every one whom God elected before the foundation of the world will be saved; but not one of them will be saved apart from the hearing of the Word of God, for the same Sovereign God who has elected men to salvation has also decreed the way whereby that salvation is to come to them—namely by the seed of the Word of God.

Beloved, here are about a dozen different symbols which the Lord uses to describe the Word of God, but I think probably the one that has appealed most of all to me is the one that is spoken in my text when the Bible is spoken of and referred to as a mirror.

II

## LET'S NOTICE WHAT YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK INTO THIS MIRROR.

You know, beloved, if you look into a mirror you are going to see yourself. If you look into God Almighty's perfect mirror you are going to see yourself, and you are not going to look very good either. There are lots of things about you that you will find when you look into God's mirror that you do not know were there. The Apostle Paul says:

"Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips."—Rom. 3:13.

You didn't know that you were that bad, did you? The Word of God says your throat is just like an open tomb. The Word of God says that with

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## "Mirrors"

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your tongue you use deceit. The Word of God says that you are a poisonous serpent. Beloved, when you look into a mirror you see yourself just like you are. When you look into God's mirror, you are going to see yourself just as you are.

Notice again:

"But the scripture hath concluded ALL under sin."—Gal. 3:22.

Beloved, this is God's mirror. If you want to see yourself, look inside. Whenever you look into the Word of God, you are going to see yourself just exactly like you are. You can go to a side-show, you can go to a carnival, you can go to one of these fun

houses that they have in amusement parks and you can see yourself in a trick mirror in a distorted angle. You may be tall, you may be wide, you may be fat, you may be lean, you may be skinny, depending upon what kind of a mirror you look into. But, beloved, when you look into the Word of God, God's perfect mirror, you are going to see yourself just exactly as you are, and it surely isn't a very pleasant picture either.

Listen again:  
"For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:23.

Some people pride themselves upon their goodness and their morality. There are men in this town who because of the fact that they are good to their wives, their children, their neighbors, their friends, their neighbors and associates — because of their goodness, they think of themselves perfectly all right in the sight of God.

Every once in a while you hear it said concerning a person, "Well, he is a good-hearted person." No, no, beloved, that is a false way of expressing it. No man is good-hearted until he is saved. Listen:

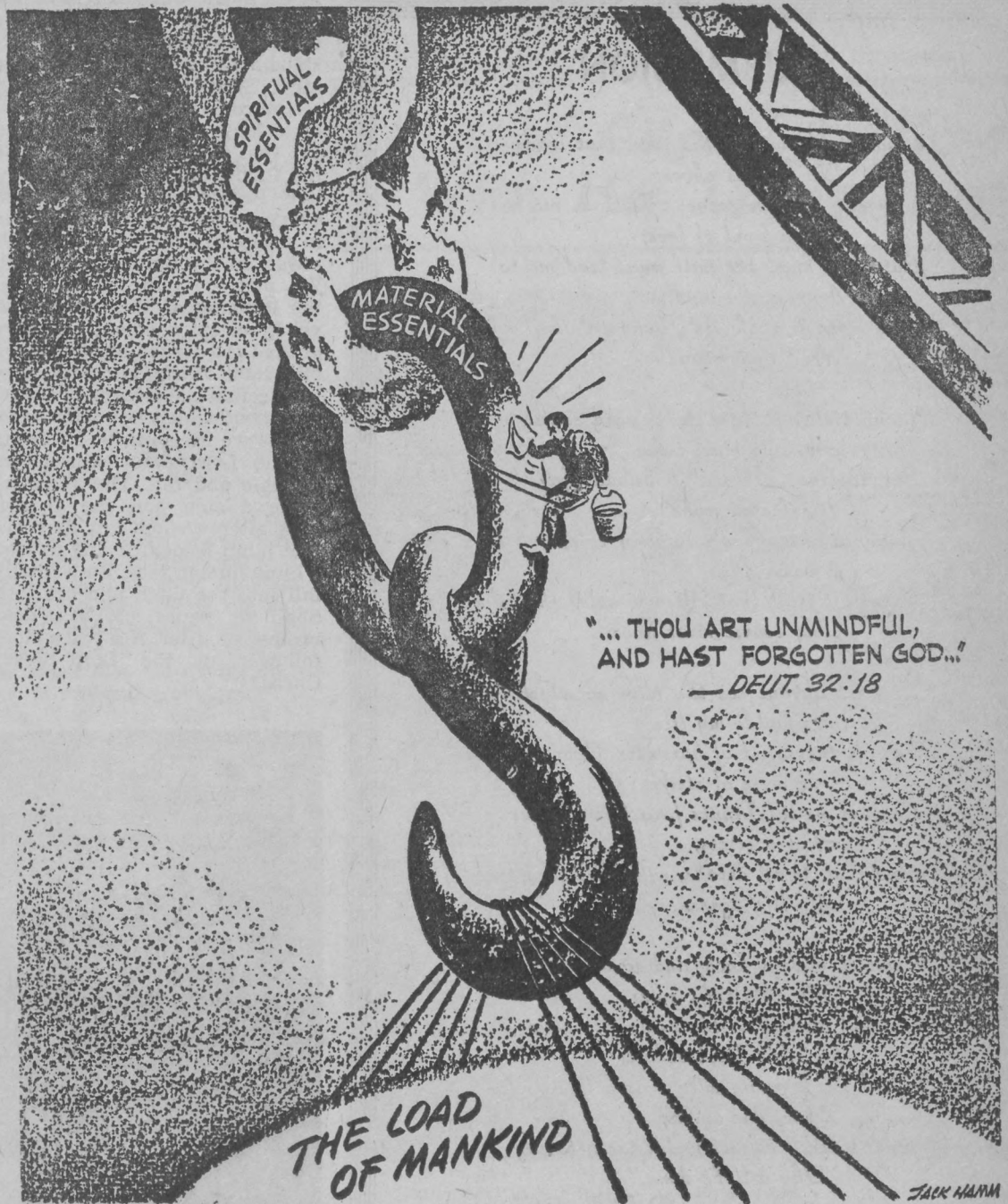
"The heart is DECEITFUL, ABOVE all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it?"—Jer. 17:9.

Listen, beloved, when you look into God's mirror you see yourself just exactly as you are. What else do you see when you look into God's mirror? You are going to see Jesus, for this is His Book. You can start at Genesis and read to Revelation and you will find other things, but the central theme of the Book, is Jesus. It is His Book from beginning to end.

A preacher friend of mine on a rainy day some years ago was trying to prepare a sermon for the coming Lord's Day and at the same time "ride herd" on his three or four children. His wife was away from home and he was trying to study and take care of the children at the same time. Preparing for the emergency in advance, he had gotten a picture puzzle, something like a jig-saw puzzle, and he gave it to them, thinking that it would occupy their time for a little while. In just about ten minutes after he gave it to them, they called him, and he went into the room where they had been working on the puzzle and found that they had it completely put together. He asked them how they had finished it so quickly and they said, "You know, on the other side, there is a picture of a man in bold outline, and we just watched where his head, his neck, and his body and the arms and the legs came together, and the rest of it just fit together perfectly."

The quickest way to get on your feet is to get on your knees.

A CHAIN IS AS STRONG AS...



"...THOU ART UNMINDFUL, AND HAST FORGOTTEN GOD..."  
—DEUT. 32:18

THE LOAD OF MANKIND

JACK HANNAN

"Then, mother, before we lose it, we'd better send it back to God, For you know we never use it."

Beloved, there's many and many a home where they might as well send it back to God, for they never use it. Some people just neglect this mirror. They don't use it.

Then, beloved, some people casually glance at it and read it but just a little. I imagine there are some folk here tonight who this past week just casually glanced at it. You never sat with it upon your lap. You never meditated over its pages. You never looked at it and closed your eyes and asked God to reveal to you what it meant. You just casually, hurriedly, skimmed over it—looked at it, but in a casual way. Even that is better than the man who never reads it at all.

Then, beloved, there are some people who abuse the mirror. They will read in the Word of God, or they will hear it read when they go to the house of God, and they will get mad because of what has been read out of the Book.

Here's a little girl that has been eating jam, and she has jam spread all over her face. She looks in the mirror and she sees the jam on her face, and instead of washing her face she starts to wash the mirror. She is just as intelligent as the man who reads the Bible and then abuses it, for what it says. She is just as intelligent as that individual who reads the Word of God and sees what his duty is and then closes the Bible and lays it down and says "I will not do it." Some people abuse the mirror.

Then, beloved, there are some people who abuse the person who holds the mirror before

the mirror.

## CONCLUSION

Beloved friends, the proper attitude for you and me is this: Just remember that this Book is God's Book. It is God's mirror. Just read it and see yourself in it as you really are, because after all, this is God's way of bringing you to a knowledge of what He wants you to be. Listen:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

I tell you, beloved, the only attitude which you can take as a child of God and be consistent is to take the mirror, whether you read it yourself, or whether it is preached to you from the pulpit, or whether it is taught to you in your Sunday School class—take the mirror as it is given to you, see yourself in it as you really are, that you might be the kind of a person God wants you to be.

If I speak to some unsaved person tonight, let me remind you that the Word of God has your description — SINNER. The Word of God also has the remedy. You can find the remedy in God's mirror — a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. May I plead with you and beg you, knowing the terror of God, that you might see yourself in God's mirror as you are this evening, a sinner, and trust the Saviour that I preach to you to redeem you from your sins.



## SUBMISSION

*I cannot always see the path that leads  
To heights above;  
I sometimes quite forget He leads me on  
With hand of love;  
But yet I know the path must lead me to  
Immanuel's land,  
And when I reach life's summit I shall know  
And understand.*

*I cannot always trace the onward course  
My ship must take;  
But, looking backward, I behold afar  
Its shining wake  
Illumined with God's light of love, and so  
I onward go  
In perfect trust that He who holds the helm  
The course must know.*

*I cannot always see the plan on which  
He builds my life,  
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,  
The noise of strife  
Confuse me till I quite forget He knows  
And oversees,  
And that, in all details, with His good plan  
My life agrees.*

*I cannot always know and understand  
The Master's rule;  
I cannot always do the tasks He gives  
In life's hard school;  
But I am learning with His help to solve  
Them, one by one,  
And, when I cannot understand, to say  
"Thy will be done."*

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## Kinds Of Christians

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is content to ride the rest of the church. There are many such. They are willing for others to pay all the bills and render all the service, while they drop in for an occasional visit. No one should belong to anything unless he is willing to bear his share.

The professing Christian who has to be "warmed over" frequently. This is the kind of person who gets all heated up during a revival. They shed crocodile tears — they go forward and reconsecrate themselves — they show great interest, but when the revival is over, they cool off in about a couple of weeks, and then it is "good bye" until the next revival.

The evergreen Christian. (See I Cor. 15:58). He is the fellow who is saved and who follows in baptism and church membership. He starts in attending the services, and he is eager to learn the Bible. He grows and thrives as a Christian. He readily serves in any capacity. He starts right in putting his money in the cause of Christ. He permits the Word of God to correct his life of any habits not pleasing to Christ. He doesn't have to be "pumped up" like a leaky tube — he continues steadfast, proving by his life, service and behavior that something vital has taken place in his life. One Christian like this is worth a dozen mere professors. Note some things about him—

He doesn't have to be put to work. He FINDS work, as the Lord leads him. Much of the activities around a church is like the government W.P.A. work of depression days. It is artificially made work. The theory is that everybody should be kept busy — even if it is at doing something which the Bible doesn't authorize at all. Any Christian who wants to do something worthwhile can get busy at soul winning.

He isn't spasmodic — he is right on the job all the time. People who attend church spasmodically are not worth much as a rule. Between spasms they do nothing.

He is a fervent Christian. (Rom. 12:11). Enough Christians of that kind make for a live church. Things are not draggy and mopy around a church where there are some fervent spirits. Also a church doesn't grow formal where there are enough people "fervent in spirit." Fervency and stiff formality can't get along together. Fervency disgusts formalists, and formality worse than disgusts fervency.

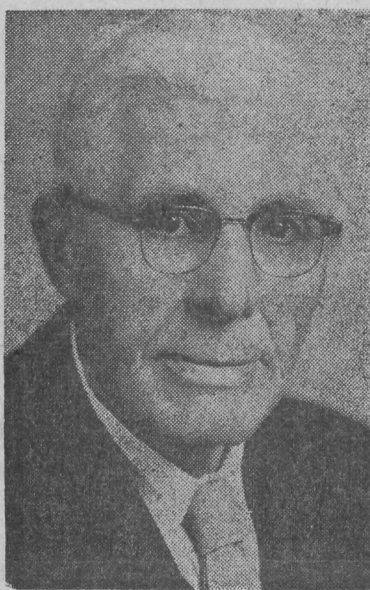
The "evergreen Christian" keeps his experience up to date. He isn't forever going back to his conversion for an experience to relate. He has a daily experience. It takes daily contact with God — daily dependence upon Him — daily help from Him, to lead a vital, fervent, Christian life.



## Christ Crucified

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Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk

in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12). No doubt, the best way to understand what Jesus said, and also other Scripture, is to interpret scripture with scripture. It is dreadful to walk in darkness and yet that is the way all who do not follow our Lord and Master live. People of great ability in every avenue of life continue in darkness unless they are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We may be quite deficient in the learning of this world and yet if we are obedient followers of the Lord Jesus Christ we have "the light of life." Regardless of intellectual ability and wonderful talent which so many have, unless we are faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we stumble and fall. The Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom but they are like blind leaders trying to lead a blind human race. Both finally fall into the ditch and are lost. Shall we pause and ask, dear brother or sister, Are you a close follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?



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"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is "the door." Our Saviour said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:9). In our churches we may have stated times when we say the door of the church is open to welcome new members or the door may be always wide open. But there is only one door we must enter, in order to be saved. That door is not the Church or any ordinance or sacrament, but Christ and Him crucified. The Lord has made this very plain to us and through His servants caused it to be written and preserved. "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1st Cor. 2:2). In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." (Eph. 1:7). It is through this same door we go in and out and find pasture. "Having therefore brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." (Heb. 10:19 to 22). Christ crucified is the door to the holiest, that is, heaven itself. Not only as Stephen saw heaven opened, but to us living saints in our every day prayer life. Through "Christ crucified", Who is the door, we go in and out and find pasture. What a wonderful privilege. We come boldly to the throne of grace. Let

us use the door.

"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is "the good shepherd." Our Saviour said, "I am the good shepherd; which giveth his life for the sheep." "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." (John 10:17-18). Christ gave His life that His people might have eternal life. He said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:28-29). "Christ crucified" is not only the good Shepherd which giveth His life for the sheep, but He is also the great Shepherd Who supplies all our needs. "The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." And so through this whole 23rd. Psalm, we have promise of abundant provision. He is not only the good Shepherd and the great Shepherd, but also the Chief Shepherd, Who will one day come again to reward His faithful servants. "And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." (1st Pt. 5:4).

"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", buried and risen again is "the resurrection and the life." In talking to Martha, "Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:23 to 26). In raising up Lazarus after he had been dead four days He manifested His own power to keep every promise including His promise to raise us up at the last day. "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth in him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:39-40). There has never been a time when people of their own will believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. When Lazarus had died, Jesus said to His disciples, "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe." When Lazarus had been raised, "Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him." Meditating upon this miracle should cause us to have renewed and perfect trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is "The way, the truth, and the life." Jesus said to Thomas and the other disciples, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Of Christ it is written, "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Ro. 4:25). "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (1st Pt. 3:18). "Who his

own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." (1st Pt. 2:24-25). So "Christ crucified", was perfected to become the way to the Father's house to the Father's love, to all the Father's bountiful provision "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is the vine and they are the branches. Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:5 to 8). The fruit in which the Father is glorified is the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit cannot be duplicated by the efforts of the unregenerate. We are thankful for all the effort put forth for the relief of the poor and relief of suffering where ever or by who ever it may be done. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are of Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Gal. 5:22 to 24).

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"Unto them which are called", "Christ crucified", is "The power of God and the wisdom of God." Without "Christ crucified", God the Father would have no authority to save a single sinner and make him free. God cannot be "just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus", except as "Christ crucified", is our substitute. "Whom God hath sent forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, for declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." The true and living God is a just God. Being just every righteous He must punish every sinner. None can be overlooked and be saved. Who can be a worthy and suitable substitute? There is none among men on earth. There is none among angels in heaven. There is only one. "Christ crucified", of Whom John the Baptist said, "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). For sinners to be saved through a sacrifice substitute is a stumbling block to justice and not conformable to human wisdom, but, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." (1st Cor. 1:25). So the question is asked, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." (Ro. 3:31).

Certain Greeks once came saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Our dear brother in Christ requested, "Please talk to me about Christ."