

Christian Science As Seen In Light Of The Bible

By A. C. Dixon

A Religion Of Hallucinations

Christian Science is a religion of hallucinations. The belief that matter has no reality is a mental hallucination, the belief that sin has no reality is a mental and moral hallucination, and the belief that God is everything and everything is God, to the exclusion of all evil, is a mental, moral and spiritual hallucination.

A Religion Of Inconsistencies

It is a religion of inconsistencies. It claims that it can heal disease after it has denied that disease has existence. If disease has no existence, there is of course nothing to heal. It claims to give victory over sin and death after it has denied the existence of sin and death, which really means victory over nothing and therefore, a victory which is nothing.

A Religion Of Contradictions

It is a religion of contradictions. It contradicts the experience of all normal, healthy minds by asserting that matter, sin, disease and death have no existence. It contradicts the world of science by denying every fact and principle by which science has advanced. It contradicts the Bible in numerous instances.

For instance:

THE BIBLE

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 1:1.

God created man. Gen. 1:27.

Abhor that which is evil. Romans 12:9.

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God never created matter. Page 335.

Man co-exists with God and the universe. Page 266.

In reality there is no evil. Page 311.

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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 Proper Use Of The Tongue

By ROY MASON
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It is doubtful if there is any thing that causes as much trouble as the human tongue. PROPERLY used. Broken homes, wrecked churches, disrupted friendships, fights, killings and all sorts of tragedies can be traced back to tongues that operated without restraint.

God's Gift Of Speech

The gift of human speech is one of the choicest gifts of God. Instead of just being able to eat, or moo, or yelp like the lower animals, human beings are able to communicate with each other in the most marvellous way. Properly used the power of speech is a great blessing. We can talk to God, we can talk to

our fellow human beings, we can proclaim the gospel of Christ, we can talk in a way that brings pleasure and comfort and blessing to others. Improperly used however, the tongue and the gift of speech becomes a curse instead of a blessing.

What Makes The Tongue A Curse?

1. Generally speaking it is temper. A blazing temper takes all of the brakes off the tongue and it becomes an instrument of the devil to scorch and score and hurt others. Nowhere does the devil operate more freely than through people's tempers. There are professing Christians who abstain from worldly practices,

but who do not consider that their giving way to temper is a sin—so at the first provocation, they turn it loose. Some indeed rather pride themselves on their hot temper. But the Scriptures tell us that "the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

2. The internal urge to gossip. Many have a natural tendency to like to talk about the affairs of others. They enjoy nothing more than a talk fest about other people's business, and nearly always there are rumors circulated for facts. Sometimes without malicious intent, the truth is warped and people are harshly judged, and harm is done. The Bible sternly prohibits tale-

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Recreation In Churches --Sure Sign Of Apostasy

By Charles H. Stevens
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According to a recent Associated Press survey the current trend in the design of new churches is to include game rooms, libraries, kitchens, " fellowship halls" for skating, folk-dancing, social dancing, dinners, banquets, plays and dramas. The word "recreation" has undergone a great change. In its original connotation it means "recreate," "create anew." That is exactly what regeneration is, "a new creation." However, now we employ the same word with a new pronunciation and an entirely different connotation, "recreation," "refreshed in body and mind by amusement and diversion." If we cannot re-create, make anew, and regenerate, at least we can have recreation.

We read in II Chron. 12 which describes the invasion of Jerusalem by Shishak, King of Egypt (II Chron. 12:9-10), "So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. Instead of which King Rehoboam made shields of brass and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard that kept the entrance of the king's house." When the

Temple of Jehovah lost through the apostasy of Rehoboam the shields of gold, Rehoboam substituted "shields of brass." This is ever a human trait. The temple must be decorated and in case we lose the gold of His Presence, we must make for ourselves ornaments of brass that smell to high heaven and speak of judgment. If the fire goes out in the pulpit we can still have fire in the kitchen stove. If we lose our holy enthusiasm for things of the Spirit and the things of God, we can still get excited over our play, dance or game. If we can no longer weep over sin and the lost of the world we can still feel sad over some lonely plot depicted by a church movie. If we cannot draw the world to our way, we can change and adopt its ways. If the world has lost confidence in the church and laughs at our impotency we can go their way and laugh with them at their amusements. If the world will not go with us, we can go with the world.

The trend which is upon us is another mark of the last day's apostasy.

EARNEST PREACHING ALWAYS NEEDED

A minister visiting a penitentiary one Saturday was invited by the Christian warden to speak to the inmates the next day. That evening the minister felt impressed to go to the penitentiary and learn the details regarding the service. Noting two chairs draped in black in the main assembly room, he inquired as to the reason. Said

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OUR WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMS

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God's Providences Always Mysterious, But Genuine

By L. D. GIBSON
North Kenova, Ohio

(Genesis 42:36)

"All these things are against me." Jacob was indeed brought low when he could speak thus; and though we dare not vindicate him for murmuring, we understand his state of heart too well to upbraid him for giving away to his grief. But natural as this outburst of feeling was, we cannot but observe (though we invite judgment upon our own head) that it was essentially atheistic.

1. He makes no mention of God in his exclamation.

2. He had forgotten Bethel's god.

The site of Bethel is described as an unimpressive scene, with nothing whatever to attract the eye or fire the imagination. When we are shut in by the frightful stretches of space, when we lack power of decision and know not which way to turn in an hour like this, let us realize God's presence, to hear God's voice, let this be the aim and discipline of our lives.

The sentiment that, "All things

are against me," was also quite untrue. These things were working for Jacob's good. There are times when we are prone to fall into this despair. What considerations may we draw from this history, wherewith we may fortify ourselves against this temptation?

We have the unqualified assurance that God is the friend of His people, directing and controlling all things for their highest good. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" Rom. 8:28.

1. We have the evidence of God's love to us, in the death of His Son on our behalf.

2. We have the testimony of God's saints to fact, that the things in their lots apparently hardest were after all the most blessed to them. There can be no strength without strain, and the very wrestle of our soul with difficulty, when we wrestle according to the will of God, leaves behind it a residuum of reserve power.

Bethel was truly a place of isolation and desolation. Yet this was none other than the house of God. Why should this one spot be chosen to plant the foot of the ladder which connected Heaven and earth?

The paradox of the gospel is the paradox of God's spiritual dispensation at all times.

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"How God Handles The Sin Question"

"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."—Heb. 9:12.

I would like to remind you at the very outset that the problem of sin is just as old as the human race. In fact, beloved, it began with the first man that God put here upon this earth, even Adam himself; and from the time of the first man Adam, the problem of sin has been a problem that has affected every individual that has ever been

born into this world.

Years ago, even before the birth of our Lord, when men knew not as much as they know today because of the lack of the Word of God by way of distribution, two of the great Grecian philosophers were in conversation about the matter of forgiveness. One of them said to the other, "I know that God can forgive sin, but how, I do not know." Well, this morning, beloved, speaking to those of you who like all the balance of the race of mankind have been affected by sin from the

day of Adam on, this message is to help you to see not only that God can forgive sin, but how God does forgive sin.

I

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR SINS TO BE FORGIVEN.

I may speak to someone this morning who thinks because of the deep dye of his sin, that perhaps it is impossible for him to be saved. There may be within the sound of my voice somebody who may imagine himself hopeless, helpless, doomed and

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WHEN WE CAN EXPECT A REVIVAL

It is good to read and hear about revival in other places and great crowds turning out to hear the "big name" evangelists. More of the Power of the Lord to them all! But—how is revival to come in your assembly?

(1) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse. Do we rob God?

(2) Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest. Where are we found on prayer meeting night? —Selected.

CONGRESSMEN TO GET PRAYER ROOM

Members of Congress soon may have a quiet retreat in which to pray and meditate in Washington, D. C.

The House administration committee approved recently a resolution directing the Capitol custodian to equip as a prayer room a now unused cubbyhole off the rotunda halfway between the Senate and House chambers.

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damned already in the sight of God. If perchance there be such an individual here, let me remind you that there is no one beyond the reach of the saving grace of Almighty God as a consequence of sin. In fact, beloved, the Word of God makes it clear over and over again that irrespective of how deep the dye of sin may be in your life, that salvation may be a reality so far as you are concerned.

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."—Psa. 32:1, 2.

Beloved, you can't read these verses without the realization that it is possible for God to forgive sin. The same thing stands out most clearly when we read:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8, 9.

Then, beloved, perhaps the greatest of all the verses in the Bible which shows us the possibility of your salvation is when Jesus said:

"Verily I say unto you, ALL SINS shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme."—Mark 3:28.

Notice, beloved, our Lord makes a bold, broad statement whereby He declares that all sins and all blasphemies, regardless of what they are, may be forgiven unto the sins of men. You can turn through the Word of God and you will find that there are many individuals who were far from saints, of whom we are told, God saved them.

For example, there was the thief who was saved the same day that Jesus Christ died. You will find that that thief looked up to Jesus on the Cross and said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," and the Word of God tells us that Jesus even stopped dying long enough to say to that man, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Then, beloved, if that individual be not deeply enough stained for you to see that God can save the worst and the vilest, look, if you will, at the harlot Rahab.

"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."—Heb. 11:31.

Go back and read the story of Joshua's entrance into the land of Canaan with the children of Israel. Read the story of the spies meeting with Rahab the harlot, and the story of her life, as it occurred in the long

ago, as it relates itself to the children of Israel. But remember this, regardless of her sin, God's Word tells us that she was saved.

You can turn through the Word of God and you can read the story of Jacob's salvation. If God can save a lying trickster like Jacob, and if God can save any individual who was given over to chicanery and deceit and fraud, like Jacob, then, beloved, God can save anyone and everyone.

But, beloved, perhaps the outstanding sinner of all the Word of God is none other than that woman of whom it is said that out of her went seven devils. Listen:

"And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils."—Luke 8:2.

You can't read these Scriptures without the realization that it is possible for God to forgive sin. The old philosophers before the day of Jesus Christ made talk among themselves and said, "I know that God can forgive sin, but I do not know how." Well, beloved, we know more today than they knew, because we have God's Word as a revelation unto us, and God's Word in this revelation tells us how that man can be saved. I rejoice in the very outset that I can tell you that all sin, regardless of what it may be, and all blasphemy, irrespective of what it may be, and all the iniquities and the transgressions and all the vileness of your life can be forgiven. God's Word gives us reason to shout, and God's Word leaves no doubt, and God's Word gives us ample assurance that every individual in this world might shout His praise today when we read that all sin and all blasphemy may be forgiven unto the sins of men.

My text says, "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." That is why He went to the holy place. He went there to obtain eternal redemption for us.

So I say, beloved, in the very beginning of this message, that regardless of what your sin or your stain may be, it is possible for God to forgive your sin.

II

**NO ONE WAS EVER SAVED
BY THE OFFERING OF ANIMAL
SACRIFICES.**

If you will read this text again, you will find that it says, "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."

If you will go back and read in the Old Testament, you will find that on the day of atonement, or for that matter every day, that the Jew would come with his burnt offering and offer an animal sacrifice whereby he hoped for his redemption.

Now suppose this morning

that you and I take a little visit back to that day of long ago and thus we would see an animal ready for its death on the brazen altar. We see the flames leap up around that body, and we see the blood as it drips out of that carcass. We hear the coals as they sputter as the blood falls upon them, and if I were to ask some Jew standing there as to the meaning of that sacrifice, do you know what he would say? He would say that that was his sacrifice — that that animal was dying in his stead — that that animal was offered for his own sins and as his own substitute. He would say that by that sacrifice he was looking forward to the coming of Jesus Christ and the death of the Son of God on the Cross of Calvary. There was never an intelligent Jew in the Old Testament who thought that he was saved by that blood that was offered on the brazen altar. There wasn't one single intelligent Jew who ever in any wise at all anticipated that he would be saved by that sacrifice itself. He merely looked at that sacrifice and then looked down the avenues of time to see Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, whereby Christ made real the sacrifice which the Jew had offered in type, upon the brazen altar. In other words, that Jew's sacrifice was only a type, a shadow, a picture, a prophecy, and a promise that the Lord Jesus Christ was going to come, and that He was going to die on the Cross of Calvary to pay that sin-debt of the Jew who offered the sacrifice. I say, beloved, it was merely a prophecy of what Jesus Christ Himself was to do.

Sometime ago I heard a Baptist preacher make a most egregious error. In fact, I think it was the worst error I ever heard any Baptist preacher make, for I heard this man, an outstanding Baptist preacher, say that God had two ways to save people — that in the Old Testament He saved the Jews by the sacrifices that they offered upon their brazen altar, but today we are saved in a different manner — that God saves us today by the death of Jesus Christ upon the Cross.

I say to you, beloved, that was the most egregious error I ever heard any Baptist preacher make. That Baptist preacher didn't know half as much as the Jew who offered the sacrifice in the Old Testament, for that Jew never thought for one moment's time that the blood of that animal would blot out his sins. He never thought for one moment's time that the death of that animal was sufficient to pay for his sins. He never for one moment's time thought that by this sacrifice his sins were atoned for. Instead, beloved, he looked beyond the blood of this sacrifice to the blood of Jesus Christ. He looked beyond the carcass of this animal to the body of Jesus Christ. He looked beyond the substitution of the animal in his behalf to the day

when Jesus Christ would die as a substitute for the sins of men on the Cross of Calvary, and he saw his salvation, not in that animal upon the altar, but in the body of Jesus Christ as He would die upon the Cross of Calvary. That is what my text tells us, when it says that we are not saved by the blood of goats and calves, but by His blood.

I have often illustrated it in this manner, and I think it is a most helpful illustration — at least it is one which most of us are able to appreciate personally. Suppose that you owe a note at the bank, and when that note comes due, you are not able to meet the note. All you are able to do, is to get together enough money to pay the interest. You go down to the bank and renew that note, and pay the interest on the same, and bring it up to date, and make it current for the present time. Then some six months pass by and the note comes due a second time and you are still unable to pay it. You go down to the bank and pay the interest on it, and you renew the note and make it current for the time being, and it is passed over until it comes due again. Time and time and time again when that note comes due, it is necessary that you pay the interest, that you renew the note, that you make it current for the time being, but in all the months and years you are unable to pay one penny on the principal.

Now, beloved, that is exactly a similar situation to what we find, so far as the Jew was concerned in the Old Testament, for he was unable to produce a sacrifice that would blot out sin. The Jews were never able to produce a sacrifice whereby their sins would be remitted. That sacrifice never put away their sins. It never in any wise remitted their sins. All that sacrifice did was to acknowledge the sin-debt. All that it did was to acknowledge that here was a man who was guilty of sin and that each one trusted that someday, someone was going to come, who would pay the sin-debt. Someday they looked for a propitiation, someday there will be a sacrifice, someday there will be one who would come, who could pay the sin-debt, and all each did was to acknowledge his transgression and his indebtedness, that he was a sinner by the sacrifice that he made.

Beloved, through the ages of four thousand years of Old Testament history, year by year, and year by year, the Jews offered their sacrifices, knowing full well that they were not saved by those sacrifices, but that they merely acknowledged their sin-debt, merely renewed their note, merely paid the interest, merely acknowledged their indebtedness before God, looking forward to the time when One would come who, upon the Cross of Calvary, would be nailed there for the sins of all the elect of God of all ages,

and when He came that their sins would be paid for, which had never been paid for through all the ages of Old Testament history.

Now, beloved, I don't know whether that is a blessing to your soul, but it surely blesses mine just to see this truth that God never did save anybody on the basis of animal sacrifice. Beloved, if God had saved anybody back there on the basis of animal sacrifice, God would have a second plan of salvation now, or else would have to save men on the basis of animal sacrifices today. Men would be able to by-pass the Lord Jesus Christ. If God could have saved men back there by the sacrifice of an animal, God could do the same thing today. I tell you, it is a blessing to my soul to read this text and see that God never saved men by the blood of calves and goats, but rather by His own blood that was shed on the Cross of Calvary.

III

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
COMPLETED SALVATION BY
ONE OFFERING ON THE
CROSS.**

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, IT IS FINISHED: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."—John 19:30.

As Jesus Christ was hanging upon the Cross, just before His expiration, just before He dismissed His spirit to go back to God the Father, He looked up and with a shout of triumph, said, "It is finished." What did He mean? Beloved, He had finished the plan of salvation. Salvation was completed the day that Jesus Christ died on the Cross. I tell you, beloved, everything that was necessary for your salvation was done the day when Jesus Christ said, "It is finished." There isn't any necessity for anything else being done since that time, and nothing that was done before that time had anything at all to do with it. Instead, beloved, by the one act of Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross He finished, once and for all time, the plan of salvation. That is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said:

"And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God."—Heb. 10:11, 12.

We have in these words a contrast between the sacrifice that the priest of the Old Testament offered, and the sacrifice which Jesus Christ offered. That priest in the Old Testament never could sit down, for his work was never finished. He would offer many times the same sacrifice, over and over and over again. His work was never completed in any wise at all, but day by day he would offer these sacrifices again and again and again. There was no seat, there was no stool, there was no bench, there was no chair among all the articles of furniture in the tabernacle. Why? Because the priest's work was never done. He was never able to sit down because his work was never completed.

The Word of God tells us concerning the Lord Jesus that when He died on the Cross He sat down on the right hand of God. Our Great High Priest did what no priest in the Old Testament was ever able to do. They were never able to sit down because their work was never finished, but Jesus Christ sat down at the right hand of God because His work was fully completed.

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RESERVATION COUPON

I plan to attend the Thanksgiving Missionary Conference at Russell, Kentucky.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____

Will come alone _____ Will bring _____ men with me. Will bring

_____ women with me. Will bring _____ children with me. Will

arrive _____

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MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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3. Talk about it to everybody.
4. Pray that the Holy Spirit may preside over all sessions.
5. Send in your reservation today.

Christ Lives Today



Difficulties Encountered In Peru By Mitchell Lewis

Iquitos, Peru
Sept. 25, 1953

Dear Friends:

We are all well and thankful for the goodness of the Lord. At the church we are having a series of 12 lessons on "Where Are The Dead?" This is a subject of great interest here as there are so many confusing theories as to the whereabouts of the dead. We have to refute the following theories: soul-sleeping, incarnation, annihilation and purgatory.

Last Saturday I went to visit a Senora Juana that attends our services and I met the Jehovah's Witness organizer in her house. Immediately he wanted me to find the word Trinity in the Bible. Of course it is not there, but he would not accept Rom. 1:7, "A Father who is God," Heb. 1:8, "A Son who is God," and Acts 5:3, 4, "A Holy Spirit who is God," as a proof of three Divine Persons distinct in being and yet one in essence. What a perverse sect that denies the Divinity of Christ in the face of Rom. 9:5 and I John 5:20!

I am now teaching a class Tuesday night in the home of a paralytic, prayer meeting Wednesday, a class of men in a carpenter shop Thursday afternoon, a class for children Fri-

day night at the church, a class at the Senora Juana's house Saturday in the afternoon, and of course our regular Sunday services.

Last Tuesday after returning from our class I went to the home of a well educated young man and talked with him until 10:30 p. m. about the Bible and related subjects. It would be next to impossible to describe the confusion that exists in the minds of these people concerning spiritual things. There is a plant in the jungle called ayahuasca which means in an Indian dialect "rope of death." Some people extract the sap from this plant which they drink. It is a powerful narcotic and puts them into a stupor where they see visions of all sorts. There are mediums here in Iquitos that have regular meetings where they use this drug to tell the future such as, what person should someone marry, how many children will be born to a certain family, also who stole whose hog, etc. Now my supposedly educated friend asked me if I didn't think that this was of God. He gave me the following reason why he believed that it was of God. A lawyer friend of his drank some of the drug and saw three great

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In Spite Of All Problems, Calley Keeps At The Task

Royal H. Calley
Manaus, Brazil
Sept. 31, 1953

Dear Brethren In Christ:

We pray that as we write this that all the churches and individuals who support us are prospering in every way. We thank God for everyone.

This last month has been a trying month for us in some ways. We have had sickness and sadness, but everything seems to be getting better, so we are thankful for that. My wife has been sad because her father died Aug. 31st. She has been having trouble with her back for some time now and the last month it seemed worse than usual. When she got the news of her father dying that did not help things any, and two days after she had a miscarriage. My wife was expecting another child, and was about three months pregnant. She is up and around now though, although she appears thin. The children and I have been sick generally so our house was upset for awhile.

The work here is being blessed this month; there were seven professions and seven baptisms.

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Hallum Fellowships With Baptists Of Naborton

607 North Magnolia
Hammond, La.
October 1, 1953.

Dear Brother Overbey:

A few lines to tell you that we are well except sort throats, and about our visit to Naborton Baptist Church the last Saturday and Sunday in September—26-27.

These were days of true spiritual fellowship with a church composed of God's faithful.

I can truthfully say that I have never had better of both Christian and church fellowship at any place where I have been.

Naborton Church is a church that loves the Lord and His word and have the grace of God which enables them to stand steadfast against those that are opposing them.

Elder G. L. Burr, the pastor, is a young man who has been converted about four years, and manifests remarkable consecration and talent, and is a true Baptist without compromise. His address is 210 Murphy St., Mansfield, La.

Elder H. L. Peacock, 504 Topoka, Mansfield, La., is one of the church's staunch supporters and workers. He also manifests much consecration and talent and zeal for the truth. Brother

Peacock was put out of the pastorate of one of the churches of Mansfield, evidently because he does not cooperate with the convention. There is nothing clearer than that the convention folk are drawing a clear line of distinction between convention and independent churches, thereby surrendering their rights to be called Baptist churches, for both New Testament and ecclesiastical history shows Baptist churches (which are New Testament churches) are and have been independent churches.

It is a fact that there is a growing spirit among convention churches which favors Protestantism against true Baptist churches. If anyone disbelieves this you can test it by starting out and telling what true Baptists believe and practice in contrast with what Protestants believe and practice. Many so-called Baptists will take sides with Protestants. Many Baptist pastors are straddlers and many are falling over to the convention. There is a reason.

Nor will I forget Brother Earnest Lord, who is the consecrated clerk and song leader, and his little daughter of ten years who plays the piano remarkably well

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NOTICE

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

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1210 E. Grand Blvd.
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Lewis Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) tapestries, one behind the other, a voice spoke to him from behind the tapestries and said: "If you would see God purify yourself." The next night he took the drug again and saw the same vision. I told the young fellow that if he wanted to purify himself to follow John 5:39. This place is surely the Devil's playground.

I used to think that there was a kind of eagerness on the part of some of these people to know more of God's Word but now I believe that we as missionaries are only another form of entertainment for them. These people have nothing to do most of the time and like one man told me, "I listen to everybody and read everything but I have my own ideas as to salvation." The majority of these people will listen to me as readily as they will to the priest and vice-versa. This is no place for the hot-blooded, high strung go-getter type of preacher but rather for the old plow horse type that can go over the same field (same material) many times. These people learn only after repeated, repeated, and repeated teachings on the same subject. We could faint in well doing if it were not for the fact that we will reap in due time.

I want to thank B. F. M. for their offer to support a radio program here in Iquitos. To have a program I must obtain a written permission from Lima, then I must submit each program written out before hand so that an inspector can give his approval before the broadcast. The rates are \$10.00 for 15 minutes. There is so much to be done here and I would like to have a part in preaching the Gospel by every means available, but at the present time it would be more than I could handle. I thought at first that I could manage a radio program but I would have to give up my river trips to do it or something else. Again I say thanks and the Lord willing we will undertake this assignment later on.

It is impossible to do things here with the speed and ease that we have in the States. For instance, my making a river trip involves hours of preparation. Even a visit to some house to teach a lesson can get pretty complicated at times. If I take the jeep out at night I must take a wrench along to loosen the battery cable in order to keep the children from running the battery down.

In studying to refute the heresies of the Witnesses, God is really blessing my heart, the Word grows more precious and the promise of His coming more delightful.

May God shed abroad His love in the hearts of those who make this work here in Iquitos possible.

By His grace,
Mitchell Lewis

Calley Letter

(Preceding page, Column three) We have also opened a new preaching point, now we have to split up. We already were holding services every night in the week, now with the new

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1953

Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	\$ 5.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Pa.	3.00
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	8.74
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	79.05
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Hampton, Tenn.	11.50
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	34.92
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio (Y.P.C.)	8.24
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	63.86
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	15.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope B. C.)	50.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	34.79
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	20.80
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	28.05
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	12.49
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	25.90
Mount View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	6.25
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	36.65
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	15.74
Immanuel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky.	25.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	16.90
Flat Rock Baptist Church, Flat Rock, Mich.	44.46
Lake Spring Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky.	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Ellaville, Ga.	19.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Harvey, Ill.	200.00
South Road Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	32.45
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.66
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	44.34
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	24.35
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, W. Va.	6.16
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	15.10
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	5.00
Cedar Crook Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	10.00
Mount Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	61.85
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	17.57
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	29.43
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	142.10
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (L.B.C.)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.T.U.)	5.22
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	30.00
Homeacres Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	50.00
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	5.50
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	144.00
Detroit River Association, Detroit, Mich. (L.B.C.)	21.92
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	25.00
Liberty Point Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	31.57
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	20.55
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	54.41
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	183.70
E. H. Lambert, Pennington Gap, W. Va.	5.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	16.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Fayetteville, Ark.	10.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	75.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	25.00
Linwood M. Williams, Baltimore, Md.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mrs. V. L. Banks, Norman, Okla.	2.50
Katie Sparks, Vanceburg, Ky.	1.00
E. H. Lambert, Pennington Gap, Va.	5.00
Friends of Baptist Faith Missions, McLeansboro, Ill.	77.00
Ronald E. Hall, McLeansboro, Ill.	20.00
Edward L. Johns, Richmond, Ky.	20.00
TOTAL	\$2,611.72

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ELDER Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, Baptist Faith Mission,
P. O. Box 551, Evansville, Indiana

one we will have to have two services on one night of the week. We hope to have two more preaching points soon. We have many professions in our work but so few baptisms. Many professions are false, I am sure. One way to find out is to see if they are ashamed to be baptized or not. If they are I do not have any faith whatsoever in their professions. I cannot imagine a true believer being ashamed to be baptized and give testimony that he is a child of God. For this reason I always ask them as to their desire to be baptized immediately on receiving their testimony, if they are ashamed and do not have an obvious desire, I do not even bother to report their profession. The other day I saw one of them that had made a profession, but did not want to be baptized, drunk as could be.

I plan to go up to Cruzeiro do Sul at the end of this month or the beginning of the next one.

We have some of the new chairs in the church now. They look very nice. They are so much more comfortable than sitting on flat benches without any backs. We have twelve of them and they cost three hundred cruzeiros each. That would be about nine dollars in American money; a lot less than I expected to pay in the beginning.

The church here in Manaus, and in Cruzeiro do Sul, never forget to pray for all of you. I wish very much that you could know these people as I know them.

We ask you to remember us in your prayers. May God bless you.

Yours in Him,
Royal H. Calley

A Question To Consider--
Is Your Preacher, Blind?

JOHN R. GILPIN
Russell, Kentucky

If your preacher says that you can join a church and that you can go to Heaven by joining a church, your preacher is blind. Oh, but you say, "Surely there isn't anyone in the world who believes that!" I visited a church some months ago that was pastored by one of these modernists, and I heard this preacher with my own ears, say, "All you need to do is join the church, if you want to go to Heaven." Does your preacher tell you that this is all you need? The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:7). Listen again: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk. 13:3,5).

I mean to say to you, it takes more than church membership for a man to go to Heaven. In fact, church membership does not have one thing to do with a man's salvation. Just because a man goes to the zoo does not make a monkey out of him, does it? Because a man goes into a garage does not make a Ford automobile out of him, does it? Because a man goes into a grocery store, it doesn't turn him into a can of sardines, does it? And beloved, you can join all the churches in this world, and it will never change your nature one particle, for beloved, the church, the local church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the home of saved people, and is not the Saviour.

I remember many years ago reading the experience of Peter Cartwright. He was one of those early Methodist saints who believed a good part of the Word of God. He believed that men were lost and that they had to be born of the spirit of God, or else it meant a Devil's Hell for them. One day he walked into a blacksmith shop and started talking to the smithy. The blacksmith said, "You're a Methodist aren't you?" Peter Cartwright replied that he was a Methodist evangelist. The blacksmith said, "When the Methodists got too thick in Vermont, I moved to New York and then to northern Ohio, and then out here. Now since you've followed me, I guess I'll have to move on." Peter Cartwright said, "You can go out on the prairies and you will find some Methodists there; you can go down to the 'Golden Gate in California, and you will find some Methodists there; you can die and go to Heaven and you will find some Methodists there; and if you die and go to Hell, you will find some Methodists there." Peter Cartwright was right. There will be Methodists in Hell—great loud-shouting, hal-

lelujah swelling Methodists. There will be Presbyterians in Hell—Presbyterians that could swallow the whole of the Westminster Catechism. There will be Catholics in Hell. There will be Campbellites in Hell. There will be Protestants of all kinds in Hell. There will be Jews in Hell. And there will be Baptists in Hell, who thought that all they needed was to join the church and they would go to Heaven when they died.

I mean to say to you if you are depending upon the fact that you have joined a church, God pity your soul. If your religious instructor tells you that that is all you need to do to go to Heaven, your preacher is blind—he doesn't know the first principles of the Word of God.

I go further and say that if your preacher tells you that there isn't any difference between churches, and it doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of,—I say your preacher is blind. It does make a difference! I dare say you didn't select your wife on that basis. I'll bet you didn't say, "Well, they are all women, I'll just reach out and grab one, it doesn't make any difference which one I get." If it makes a difference which woman a man marries, then surely it makes a difference as to what church you are a member of. Beloved, I want to be a member of the church that is after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ left for us.

I went down to New Boston, O., and took dinner with Christian friends a few evenings ago, and my what a fine evening repast it was. In contrast I visited in jail recently for a little while and saw a man with his tin plate and tin spoon scooping up some white beans. It doesn't make any difference? Well, I'll sit down with Christian friends and eat strawberry shortcake and ice cream, and you can go to the jail and eat the white beans. It makes a difference in food; it makes a difference as to the husband; it makes a difference as to the wife; surely, it must make a difference about the church. Beloved, your preacher is blind if he tells you that it doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of. I tell you I would want to be a member of the church that I was sure Jesus Christ established 1900 years ago when He was here in the days of His flesh. If I didn't believe that I was in that Church, then I'd get out and look for that church for Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He guaranteed perpetuity to this church. I say to you, if your preacher says it doesn't make any difference what church you are a member of, he is blind. What do you think about it?

Hallum Letter

(Preceding page, Column three) and promises to be an accomplished pianist. These with the many other consecrated men and women.

The women prepared and spread a fine dinner at the noon meal.

I will never forget the welcome and entertainment given us as well as the good fellowship of these, God's people. I hope that all will pray for them and for the other two of three churches and mission points in the nearby communities that fellowship with them.

Yours as ever in Christ Jesus,
R. P. HALLUM.

IS CHRISTIANITY A FAILURE?

"How is it," asked a man of a minister, "that your religion has been going for nearly two thousand years and has not influenced more people than it has done?" For reply, the minister asked another question: "How is it that water has been flowing for more than two million years and many people are still dirty?" It is not the fault of Christianity that people go without remedy for human ill, but the loss is theirs just the same. Christianity is not a failure. The Gospel is not a failure. Wherever it is preached in fidelity it wins.

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"How God Handles The Sin Question"

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Now, beloved, when I come look at the priest of the Old Testament in contrast to our great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, it helps me to see the fact, that by the one sacrifice of Jesus, He did what the Old Testament priest was never able to do — He completed by that one act what you and I needed to have done for us. Thank God, for this truth! I don't have to sacrifice Christ every day for you. I don't have to have Christ crucified again and again in your behalf. Beloved, He died once for your sins on the Cross of Calvary.

Now let's look at it from the Jewish standpoint. In the Old Testament the Jew offered his sacrifice every day for years and years. Now then, what do they do today? They haven't changed the particle, because they have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. They still offer their sacrifice year by year. They have never accepted the one complete, final atonement of Jesus Christ. Instead, beloved, they offer their sacrifices even unto this day.

In the fall of the year, on the day of atonement, every Jewish home in the country is closed, and the Jews will offer a sacrifice in their own home. In all probability they will kill a lamb for themselves and offer a sacrifice. Now, why does the Jew offer a sacrifice every year, even to this day? Beloved, it is because he has rejected the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the Cross.

The same thing is true so far as the Catholic is concerned. Every Catholic goes to his church for one purpose — to see and to observe the Mass. What do they mean when they speak about the Mass? It means, beloved, that they create anew the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Sometime ago I sat before a television set in another brother's home and I saw a Mass that was being observed in a Catholic church. I saw them as they observed the Mass. The wine was poured, the bread was broken, and the priest spoke in English and offered an explanatory statement saying that this was the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ that had been created in the presence of the viewers of that service.

I tell you, my brother, I thank God today that we don't need in any wise at all to sacrifice Jesus Christ again. Instead, He went to the Cross of Calvary once, and by that one offering, He finished salvation for you and for me. The reason why the Jew goes over his sacrifice year after year, is that he has rejected that one sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The reason why the Catholic goes on every Sunday recreating the Mass, the sacrifice of the Son of God, is because of his ignorance concerning the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. I tell you, my brother, my sister, when Jesus Christ died, He completed once and for all that which was necessary for your salvation and mine.

What a contrast! In the Old Testament the Jewish priest offered a sacrifice that could only look forward to the coming of Christ, that could only be fulfilled when Jesus Christ died. In the Old Testament that Jewish priest offered a sacrifice which had no value at all, except as it looked forward to its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. But today, beloved, we look back to Him who died upon the Cross, with the fullest of assurance that the Son of God then, once and for all time, finished and

completed our salvation by His one death on the Cross of Calvary.

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THERE IS NO SALVATION APART FROM THE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Some people think that they can be saved by their works. Suppose we imagine a man who is a vile sinner, and that individual today decides he is going to reform and change his life, and by being a possessor of a strong will, may change so far as his life is concerned. Whereas he was a drunkard, now we find temperance and sobriety characterize his life. Whereas before, that individual was given over to licentiousness, now he is a man that is characterized by chastity and virtue. You can look at that man who was before a blasphemer and you now hear him as he never uses the name of God except to hold it in awe and reverence. You may think that by the changes that have come over him and by the reformation that has been effected within his life, surely that man will be saved thereby. Listen, beloved, my text says, "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."

How do we have redemption? Not on the basis of our works and not on the basis of our reformation, but we have redemption only on the basis of the finished work of Jesus Christ. His blood was spilled in our behalf. That is what the Apostle Paul says. Listen:

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION." — Heb. 9:22.

Here is a man who says, "I know that I have been rather bad, but I have quit my meanness, I have joined the church, and I have straightened up my life and I am a different person." But, beloved, God says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission."

Here is a man who says, "I know that I have done a lot of things that I know I shouldn't have done, but I quit all those things last year. The first of the year I decided I was going to reform, and I changed my life and I am a different individual now." But, beloved, God says, "Without the shedding of blood is no remission."

Here is a woman who says, "I have lived a life of sin, but I have reformed. I don't do the things that I used to do. I watch my manner and my conduct and my deportment." But God says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission."

Listen, my brother, my sister, I insist that there is no salvation for any individual apart from the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. Lots of people join the church because they reform. Lots of people make a public profession just because they change their way of living. Beloved, God says, "Without shedding of blood is no remission."

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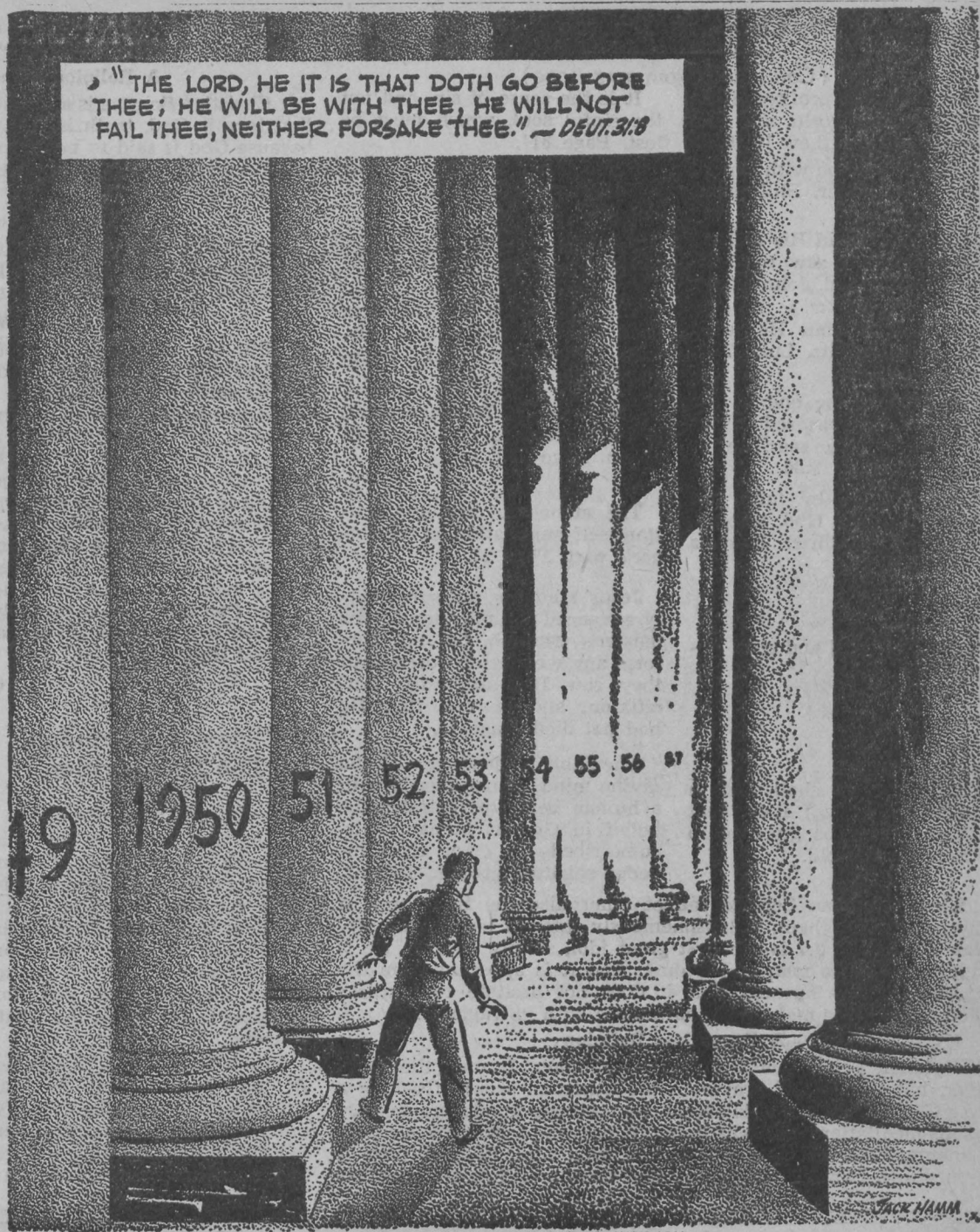
CHRIST OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US.

In the Old Testament the Jew had an annual redemption. Thank God, we have an eternal redemption. The difference between the Jew in the Old Testament and us is that the Jew was saved only in promise for a year's time whereas we are saved in reality for time and for eternity. Ours is an eternal redemption whereas the Jew had an annual redemption.

Listen to God's Word:

Half-knowledge is worse than ignorance.

"THE LORD, HE IT IS THAT DOTTH GO BEFORE THEE; HE WILL BE WITH THEE, HE WILL NOT FAIL THEE, NEITHER FORSAKE THEE." — DEUT. 31:8



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"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ETERNAL LIFE." — John 3:14, 15.

"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.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH EVERLASTING LIFE." — John 6:47.

These verses tell us that God obtained for us, at Calvary, an eternal redemption, and I thank my God that the man who believes in Jesus Christ has today eternal redemption that was wrought out for me in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Listen again:

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having FORGIVEN YOU ALL TRESPASSES." — Col. 2:13.

"Who gave himself for us, that he might REDEEM US FROM ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." — Titus 2:14.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN." — I John 1:7.

Beloved, I thank Him and praise Him this morning from the depths of my heart that we have the assurance today that He has wrought out for us, not an annual redemption, not a redemption for a little season, not a redemption for a little while,

but thank God, we have a redemption for time and for eternity.

I wonder about those of you who are here in God's house this morning. I wonder if you see how much more superior our position is under grace than was the position of the Jew under law. The Jew under law had at best only an annual redemption, in hope, whereas you and I under grace have an eternal redemption, in actuality, in the death of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary. I wonder if I speak to some individual who is here, who today for the first time in his life, sees the truth that Jesus Christ has died for your sins. I wonder if I speak to somebody who never before saw the truth that Jesus Christ literally died as your substitute and that you can be saved by His death on the Cross. Listen, beloved, if you see it, don't tarry, but receive Him as your Saviour.

I can imagine three individuals, who, I would say, are all fools. The first one is a lad out yonder on the Korean battlefield. He has been wounded and he is suffering, having been maimed by a bursting shell. A doctor bends low over that individual, and what do you suppose that man asks the doctor? He doesn't say, "Doctor, I would like to know the seriousness of my injury and the prospect of my getting well." He doesn't say that, but instead he says, "Doctor, I would like to know what kind of a shell it was that struck me. I would like to know the full cause of my injury." You would say that that lad is delirious from his pain and his suffering.

I can imagine a second one, a captain on a vessel, and that

captain sees a storm as it swoops down upon his ship and he realizes that in a little while, unless the storm subsides, that his vessel will be broken to pieces, and the cargo will sink, and the lives on board will be lost. But what does he do? He goes down to his quarters, and he begins to study the cause of certain storms and as he sits there with his calculations, he is debating why it was that this particular wind had to cause this storm. You would say that that man was insane, and that it would be the part of intelligence to take the rudder away from him, and put a man to steer that vessel who isn't insane.

But the third fool sits here in front of me this morning. He is right here in the house of God today. He is more than delirious. He is more than insane. He is more than deliriously insane, if I might use such a term. I speak to him as I have this morning, and he says, "Brother Gilpin, I would just like to know about the origin of sin. I would like to know why it began and how it began, and I would like to know more about how I am affected thereby." Listen, man, you are not delirious, you are not insane, but you are worse.

Oh, might it please God this morning to help that individual to realize today that God has a remedy, and that remedy is the blood of His Son that was spilled on Calvary, and by the death of Jesus, there is salvation for the individual who looks to Him.

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He who is poor in faith here will be bankrupt hereafter.

Christian Science

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What is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Matthew 16:26.

To depart, and be with Christ; which is far better. Philippians 1:23.

Many believed in His (Jesus') name when they saw the miracles which He did. John 2:23.

In that same hour He cured many of evil spirits. Luke 7:21.

Now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Hebrews 9:26.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1.

Christ both died and rose. Romans 14:9.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13.

When Christian Science cannot etherialize the Scriptures, it flatly contradicts them. It blasphemously informs us that the Jehovah of Genesis 2:7 is the first great idol, simply because He is said to have made man of the dust. And it is apparent from the Christian Science Hymnal that it does not hesitate to mutilate orthodox hymns to make them harmonize with its vagaries.

A Prayerless Religion

Christian Science is a prayerless religion. It uses the word prayer, but the fact of prayer in the Christian sense of asking a loving God for something is absent. Its textbook knows prayer only as pious meditation and right living. It uses the Lord's Prayer with the mental reservation that it means what Mrs. Eddy distorts it into meaning. I am glad to believe that there are Christian Scientists

It is the sense of sin, and not the sinful soul, which must be lost. Page 311.

Death is not a stepping-stone to life, immortality and bliss. Page 203.

Miracles are impossible in science. Page 83.

The supposition that there are good and evil spirits is a mistake. Evil has no reality. Pages 70 and 71.

One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin. Page 23.

The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner's part. Page 23.

Jesus' students, not sufficiently advanced to understand their master's triumph, did not perform any wonderful works until they saw Him after His crucifixion, and learned that He had not died. Page 45.

The habit of pleading with the divine mind, as one pleads with a human being, perpetrates the belief in God as humanly circumscribed—an error that impedes spiritual growth. Page 2.

who still pray, but if they do it is because of the orthodox teaching of former years which they have not yet unlearned.

A Religion Without A Personal God

Christian Science is a religion without a personal God. It asserts that love is God, truth is God, life is God, and everything is God because God is said to be all and in all. But it is evident that any number of things, indeed, all things put together cannot make an infinite personality.

A Religion Without Confession Of Sin

Christian Science is a religion without confession of sin, and therefore without forgiveness. It does the very opposite of confessing sin by denying that sin has existence.

A Religion Without A Saviour

But the saddest feature of all is that Christian Science is a religion without a Saviour. It does not shrink from the blasphemy that Christ Himself is Christian Science. On page 242 it says: "There is but one way to heaven and harmony, and Christ, divine Science, shows us the way." It claims again that Christian Science is the Holy Spirit. On page 55: "This Comforter I understand to be divine Science." It also asserts that the blessed hope of the Lord's second coming is Christian Science. On page 96 of her autobiography the leader says: "The second appearance of Jesus is unquestionably the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God in Christian Science." The whole system is Unitarian in theology. It claims that Jesus was a mere man who was crucified, and His dust remains in the soil of Palestine, while the only resurrection we have is Christian Science. It has taken away our Lord, and we know not where it has laid Him.

"How God Handles The Sin Question"

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Long ago, as Lot would flee from the city of Sodom, the angels stood by his side and said, "Flee for thy life." When John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness, he said, "Flee from the wrath to come." Sinner friend, may I urge you this morning to flee from the wrath to come.

Thank God, there is a remedy, and that remedy is Jesus Christ who died on the Cross for our sins, thereby obtaining eternal redemption for us. Oh, might it please Him to save your soul.

Prayer Room

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That is good news. May the Congressmen make proper and frequent use of it. But that does not relieve Christians of the duty to pray for them. (I Tim. 2:1-4).

The Tongue

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bearing. (See Levit. 19:16; Prov. 26:20).

3. Allowing the tongue to criticize and talk about others. A number of times we have heard

people say—and concerning persons whom we considered good Christian people—"I don't like to go to his house (or her house) because they talk about everybody in the church." Evidently they didn't speak about the many good qualities of others. They had a lot to say about the faults and failings and mistakes of fellow church members. "So and so is alright, BUT—" And then they gave the "low down" on his failings. Few things are more unkind and unChristian than that sort of thing. All of us have faults that can be emphasized. Would you like to have YOUR faults enlarged on by your fellow church members? If not—then do you allow yourself to go over the failings of others, when you are in conversation in your home?

Many times children reflect the continual criticizing that they hear at home as parents mercilessly skin other members with their tongues. They have little confidence in the members of the church, because they have been warped by what they have heard the parents say. That is exactly the reason why many children grow up in home un-saved. Parents say, "I don't know why I can't interest my boy, or girl, in the church, and in religion." The reason is, they have talked and criticized most of the members until the child doesn't have any confidence in religion. Now don't be too ready to put this off on somebody else. Are you absolutely sure that you don't allow your home to be a place where other church members get "panned?"

4. Often the tongue is a curse because people fail to pray, and mean it, "Lord help me to keep my big mouth shut, when it ought to be shut." The Bible says that if a person doesn't bridle his tongue, his "religion is vain." (See James 1:26; also read James 3: for a complete diagnosis of tongue trouble).

The first thing is for one to actually recognize his (or her) weakness along the line of "tongueness," then to put a bridle on that tongue and to say "whoa" when it starts running away.

God's Providences

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The incarnation itself was the supreme manifestation of this paradox.

Look at the accompaniments of the incarnation. Could any environment of circumstances well have been imagined more incongruous, more alien to this unique event in human history?

But God's providences still speak to us in mute eloquence, but if the capacity of vision be absent then the Heavens are riven asunder and the glory streams forth in vain. Only the cold bare stones beneath, only the midnight gloom overhead, these alone are visible, otherwise. "Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

Earnest Preaching

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the warden, "Those two chairs are draped for death. Your sermon will be the last that they will ever hear." You can realize that Browning and Emerson figured very little in the sermon that was delivered on the occasion. There are chairs in most audiences draped for death.

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