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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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NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE POURING IN

Our campaign for new subscriptions—5000 before the end of January—is getting away to a grand start. Every week we are continually adding new names to the ever-increasing mailing list.

Why, from the state of Tennessee alone we have received 325 new subscriptions!

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TBE For The Saved!

Pastor, you love your flock and you want them to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Sa- (Continued on page six)

"I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW"

1. Should a preacher be disturbed over anonymous letters?

Over 25 years ago, I adopted a policy of reading my mail from the bottom of the letter up. If there is no name signed to the letter, I dispose of it hurriedly—in the waste basket. I refuse to allow any one to insult me, without signing his name to the insult. I say frankly that there has only been one exception to this. I read an anonymous postal card which I received a little over a year ago. While it was addressed to me, it was written about a man in Russell. Since it was a card, I read it without realizing that it was anonymous. This is my only exception to my rule. I'd tell our queriest and all our readers that my rule would be a good rule for all preachers to adopt. It would save lots of worry and aggravation if you did.

2. In the November 15th issue, you had a picture of a clock. Above were these words, "In the average life, the hour hand will travel around this clock less than 48,000 times." Are these figures of 48,000 correct?

This picture was taken from one of Jack Hamm's religious mats.

We buy this service from week to week and I am not in a position to say whether Mr. Hamm is correct in his figures or not. Actually, 48,000 hours is a little less than six years and I am sure that the life expectancy in America is much greater than this. However, considering many foreign countries and taking into consideration the population of the world, it may be that Mr. Hamm is correct.

I do know that sometime ago, facts and figures were furnished to me which did purport to show that at least 80 per cent of the earth's population die before they reach the age of accountability.

At any rate, considering the whole world, I expect that Mr. Hamm's figures are just about correct.

3. Somewhere, I read a description of the anti-Christ that he would have a patch over his eye and a withered arm. Is this in the Bible?

I am rather of the opinion that your description came from some pirate story. In all probability whoever thus described the anti-Christ was evidently thinking of Captain Kidd, Long John Silver, (Continued on page eight)

Some Hidden Treasures Worth Searching For

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Col. 2:2b,3

"... Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Colossians 2:1-3: "For I would that ye knew what great conflict have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Hidden treasure! The very idea of a horde of gold and silver and precious stones in a seaman's chest hidden away in a cave or sunken in the sea—the very idea of such a thing gives most people a thrill. And when a man gets the idea firmly fixed in his mind that there is a hidden treasure, and he knows where it is, wild horses couldn't keep him from going to search for that treasure. Some fortune hunters have spent thousands of dollars for ships and sailors and deep-sea divers to search the slimy sea-bottom for sunken pirate ships. I remember

the newspaper story some years ago of the treasure hunter who proposed that the main street of a large Florida sea-coast city be torn up to open the way for digging out the treasure horde that he was sure was buried underneath the modern pavement. What makes men go to such lengths and to such expense of time, energy, and money to seek for hidden treasure with no real assurance that any such treasure will ever be found? Well, such actions might be explained on the basis of two motives shared by almost every natural man: first the love of prestige—that is, the desire to be famous, to be richer, smarter, higher in position than anyone else; and second, the love of adventure—or, we might just call it, natural curiosity. These motives send some men seeking for lost treasure on the sea bottom, in caves, in the mountains and canyons of the West, and in the islands of the sea. Others seek for their treasures in the business world of buying and selling—others in the realm of art, of drama, of politics, and so on. And there are a few who seek for the hidden treasure of wisdom and knowledge.

I believe most any of us would like to have more; and if we can't have more, the next best thing is to know more. And if a man can neither succeed in having more or knowing more, then he will usually convince himself that he knows more anyway and so go on through life a mis-guided, unenlightened nincompoop. It is (Continued on page three)

The Name Which Outshines Them All—The Name of Jesus

On the walls of the assembly hall of a great public school are inscribed many names. They are those of former students who have attained to a high place in the service of their fellow-men, thus bringing honor to their old school. There are names of great statesmen, soldiers, scientists, explorers, authors, artists, and the like. One of these names is written in letters of gold and shines brighter and more distinctly than all the others. If we enquire the reason, we are told that it is the name of a boy who by his remarkable gifts and amazing scholastic achievements, stood far above all others. His contribution to modern scientific research has been so exceptional that his name has been recorded in golden letters.

So on the perishable walls of time there stand the names of thousands of the world's great men. They are justly honored by their fellows for their valued services to man. But there is one name that outshines them all—the name of Jesus. When all these (Continued on page six)

Here's Satan's Old Scheme To "Bring In the Kingdom"

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It is in the plan and purpose of God that Jesus Christ shall rule and reign over this earth until the will of God shall be done on this earth as completely as it is done in heaven. In the second Psalm we are given a glimpse of something that happened back in eternity. God the Father said to the divine Son, "Ask of me and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance—the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." (Psa. 2:8). We know in the light of the Scriptures that this kingdom will come in connection with the death of Christ and His Second Coming. It involves rejection, crucifixion, long absence from the world, and return "in power and great glory to reign."

The first one who planned to "bring in the kingdom" prematurely. Satan presented a plan to Jesus whereby he could "bring in the kingdom" in short order, and not have to go to the cross. (We read of that plan in Matt. 4:8-9). It involved that Jesus should form an alliance with Satan, and should worship him. That's the first effort we have on record to "bring in the kingdom."

Baptists and others have a plan that runs the Devil a close second. Leaders in the big denominations of today talk much about "bringing in the kingdom." Post millennialism always envisions a kingdom "brought in" before the King returns, and post millennialism furnishes the philosophy that inspires Baptist ecclesiasticism.

Many individual pastors among Baptists are pre-millennialists—we believe that the majority are—but they are geared onto a post-millennial "Program" in their ecclesiastical affiliations. In attending the Southern Baptist Convention for years, we never remember having heard a strong pre-millennial sermon or speech of any kind, but we have heard of "Bringing In the Kingdom" over and over again.

A scheme that is more absurd than the one that was proposed by Satan. The devil had the power to put over his scheme had Jesus been willing to cooperate. He could have made Jesus the ruler of the world. But this scheme born out of post-millennialism, which Baptist and other leaders of denominations propose, is an absurd, and unwarranted thing that can never come to fulfillment.

What is this scheme to "Bring in the Kingdom?" The idea is to build up a huge ecclesiastical machine that will "bring in the kingdom of God" on this earth by means of missionary work, the building of hospitals, churches, colleges, etc. In short, through the things included in the denominational program. Christianity (of that sort) is going to eventually conquer the world, such that (Continued on page six)

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

WTCR—1420 ON THE DIAL
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IS THIS THE GREAT COMMISSION?

PHOENIX, Ariz.—In a move to sponsor family participation in church activities, St. Thomas the Apostle Church here holds family square dance instruction classes each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30.

Capacity crowds attend, and instruction is for everyone 8 to 80. Younger members of the family watch, or invent some dance steps of their own.

Children 8 to 10 years old learn in a group of their own, but when the dancing begins daddies swing their daughters and the whole crowd joins in.

For refreshment, pop is sold and there's free candy for the kids.

The instructor is Henry Wasielewski, a young seminarian studying to be a diocesan priest for this area, under Bishop Daniel J. Gercke. Now 25 years old, he has been instructing square dance classes for young people since 1949. His present schedule of eight classes per week totals more than 700 students, with the biggest group numbering over 200. (Continued on page eight)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"How God Is Made A Stranger"

"O the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night."—Jer. 14:8.

A preacher friend of mine, who loves me for the message for which I contend, said one day that I could find more unusual texts from which to preach than any of his acquaintances. Whether that be true or not, I confess to you that this is an unusual text which I have read to you. In fact, I imagine that each of you would confess that this is an unusual text also, for I doubt if

any of you have ever heard a sermon preached from this text before. I preached on it once about eighteen years ago. At that time, I asked the congregation if they had ever heard a sermon preached from it, and not a single person lifted his hand to say that he had. I was rather surprised when I looked through the books in my library to find that none of the writers had ever preached, or discussed this subject in any way. Surely, it is an unusual text—how that God's people make a stranger out of God.

If you will study through the Word of God, you will find that the children of Israel were truly

God's people. They were the apple of His eye, so that when He led them out of Egypt, no foe could harm or beset them. In fact, they were so much the apple of His eye that when they came out of Egypt, no foe could beset them, no drought came upon them, no famine ever struck them, and no sickness ever befell them, as long as they were faithful to God. If you will read the early chapters of the book of Exodus, concerning their leaving the land of Egypt to go out toward the land of Canaan, you will find that these people were blessed. They were invincible. (Continued on page two)

IS THIS THE GREAT COMMISSION?

In the April, May, June issue of the magazine, Your Church, there are stories telling of the "Recreational Ministry" of two of the largest Baptist churches of the Convention. The First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City opened their "Youth Activities" building in 1954 at a cost of \$1,200,000. I quote a part of the description of this building: "A dining room seating over 600 people, and a stainless steel kitchen from which meals can be served cafeteria style. Formal banquets delight the young people. A theater section with a fully-equipped stage seats 340 . . . There is a full-sized basketball court, ball and badminton . . . The floor is regularly converted into a roller-skating area. Soft music is played over a public address system; through this system, direct play is made possible. Two locker and shower rooms are located underneath this bleacher section . . . Table games such as dominoes and checkers can be played. Adjacent to this are facilities for playing shuffleboard, ping pong, and five- (Continued on page eight)

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We have a note on our large printing press, which is due the 27th of June, 1956, amounting to \$1000.00, and interest, and looking forward to that date, we have a fund which has been slowly accumulating since last June 27, which will be used for the payment of this note.

It was suggested by one of our faithful readers that we ask all of our readers to contribute \$1.00 each month toward this fund. A few have done so and still others give in a lump sum as the month of June approaches. However, from time to time, we hold this matter up before our readers, that if nothing else, they might remember us in prayer, concerning our needs in meeting this obligation.

At this time last year, I told you that we would need an average of \$43.00 per week for this fund in order to have sufficient money with which to pay our debt. As it stands at present, we will need about \$40.00 per week this year in order to pay our note when due, June 27.

When the note is paid in June of 1956, we will have just one more of these notes to meet—June 1957—and then, we can thank God that our press is paid for, in full and that we have a very expensive and fine piece of equipment which God has given us at only a fraction of its worth.

Truly, then, you and I can sing the doxology with gladness, rejoicing for God's goodness to this, His servant, and to The Baptist Examiner, and to our readers, whom we serve, as well.



BOUND VOLUMES

The bound volumes for 1955 will be ready to mail within just a few days. These bound volumes include all the issues of this paper for 1955, bound in an attractive cloth binding, which means a permanent way to preserve the paper for future reference.

We will only have about 50 of these and in all probability, they won't last very long. Several orders are on hand for them already and we would suggest that if you desire one of these copies, you place your order with us at once. They sell at \$5.00 postpaid.



"A Stranger"

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None could stand before them. No enemy, in any wise at all, was able to contend against them. They were an untrained army that was absolutely invincible so far as the foe was concerned, and God's blessings were poured out upon them, as long as they were in the center of God's will.

As an example, look at the children of Israel just after they left the land of Egypt and came to the Red Sea. The Word of God tells us how with the Red Sea in front of them as an impassable barrier, and with the army of Pharaoh pursuing behind them, it looked as though the children of Israel would be wiped out of existence. When it looked as though the children of Israel had no escape, and that they would

be captured as slaves and taken back to the land of Egypt, God poured out His power upon them in such a marvelous way that even the Red Sea opened up before them, and they marched dry shod over the Red Sea to their safety, and then it closed again upon the Egyptians to their own destruction. I tell you, beloved, as God led Israel and as Israel was in the center of God's will, no foe could harm, and Almighty God gave His power completely unto them.

The children of Israel were just exactly like you and like me; they didn't always stay in the center of God's will. There is nothing new and strange about it. You are not always in the center of God's will. As long as you have a fleshly nature, it is just an impossibility to live every day in the center of the will of God, and it was impossible for the children of Israel to remain faithful unto the Lord.

If you will read in the book of Jeremiah, you will find that about 700 years after they had miraculously passed over the Red Sea, they had become a most unfaithful people. It would seem, beloved, that people who had been blessed of God as they had, would remain true to God, but they didn't. Jeremiah 14 tells us that God chastened them because of their unfaithfulness to Him. They had become so unfaithful that God had to bring a drought upon all the earth, and what a drought it was. The country was burned over until the ground was just parched. When they went out to the pits and the springs where they ordinarily found water, they found none, and they came home with their buckets empty. They mourned because of the extent of the drought and they covered their heads and were ashamed before God, because they didn't even have as much as a drink of water within their homes.

Furthermore, the drought was so great that the ground became chapped. In other words, it was broken open, so that you could put your hand down into the cracks of the ground. The plowmen were ashamed because they couldn't produce any crops, and even when the deer gave birth to its young, contrary to nature, the mother deer forsook her little one, because there was no grass and no food. Also the wild asses, whose habitat was the height of the mountains, went blind because the drought had overcome them.

Now, beloved friends, when you read of this famine, as described by Jeremiah, you can see that this famine came just because the children of Israel were unfaithful unto God—but the real famine was on the inside. In truth, there was a drought so far as water and the growth of crops were concerned. There was no water that fell out of the skies and the ground would produce nothing, but actually, there was a worse famine on the inside of the inhabitants of Judah. Actually, they mourned because there was a famine on the outside, but in reality, the real famine was on the inside of their lives. There was a famine so far as spirituality was concerned.

Jeremiah, a prophet of God, took the place of a mediator and began to pray in behalf of the children of Judah. In his prayer he refers to God as the hope of Israel. Surely, beloved, God was their hope. They didn't have any hope in themselves of ending the drought, and when Jeremiah took the matter to God, he referred in his prayer of intercession to God as the hope of Israel. When he did so, he was speaking of the only one who could be a hope in their behalf.

In his prayer, he referred to how the children of Judah had treated God, for he said, "As a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night." Isn't it pathetic to think how these people of the land of Judah had thus made God a stranger? They had treated God just exactly like you would treat a wayfaring man. In other words, God had been made a stranger by the children of

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1956

THE BEATITUDES - - - - - MATTHEW 5:21-48

MEMORY VERSE: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."—Psalm 51:5.

INTRO. The Sermon on the Mount was spoken to Christian people. In it we get the broad general principles which are to actuate the life of God's dear child. A small band of Christians, business men, or politicians with this sermon for their underlying principles, will go much farther than 10,000 arrayed against them without these principles.

I. Judgment. Matthew 5:21

In instructing His apostles as to their preaching, Jesus tells them the danger of the judgment. Men need to be told now that there is a day of judgment coming. Cf. Eccl. 11:9; 12:14; Acts 17:30; 24:24-26; Rom. 14:10; Rev. 6:12-17.

II. Hell-Fire. Matthew 5:22.

Lots of preachers act as if they were too polite to tell men of Hell. I thank God that our Saviour warned men of the horror of that place. May each Christian worker strive to do likewise. That Hell actually exists may be seen by an examination of the following: Mark 9:43-48; II Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 14:10, 11; Rev. 20:11-15.

III. Reconciliation. Matthew 5:23-25.

It is the tenor of the Scriptures that we should "live peaceably with all men." (Rom. 12:18). No man should come into God's house for worship if he remembers that one of the brethren of that church holds aught against him until he attempts a reconciliation. Cf. Mt. 1:15-17. In like measure, no one should call upon God, even in secret prayer, with an enmity between him and his brother, unless he has done all within his power to settle it. One great reason for so many powerless churches is the factions within. We need to be of one mind to claim God's promise. For sinners to be redeemed, the saints must be reconciled.

IV. Adultery. Matthew 5:27-30.

Jesus not only describes the overt act as sin, but declares that the lustful look of the eyes is of equal consequence. No sin will sap one's spiritual strength as quickly as adultery. God continually warns against it. Cf. Lev. 20:10; Deut. 5:18; Prov. 5:18; 6:23-27; 9:13-18; I Cor. 6:9, 10; Heb. 13:4.

V. Divorce. Matthew 5:31, 32.

With the message of adultery ringing in the disciples' ears, Jesus speaks of the evil of divorce. Note how closely He links these two insidious evils together. With the divorce rate of our land increas-

Judah. And what they did, is your weaknesses and your sins to a stranger.

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HOW GOD IS MADE A STRANGER.

Christians still make God a stranger today. I want to show you several ways that God is thus made a stranger by Christians—is treated just as we treat a stranger.

In the first place, we don't confess our weaknesses and our sins to a stranger. There isn't a one of us but what has some weaknesses, and some besetting sins. The Apostle Paul realized this to the extent that he spoke about his sins as besetting sins that he carried about in his own body.

Beloved, you and I are just like Paul. Now, beloved, you don't confess your weaknesses and your sins to strangers. If you have problems and want to confess those sins, and ask for prayer, and get advice, you don't confess them unto strangers. There isn't a person here, even if he were burdened down with the weight and fear of his weaknesses, who would go out on the street and speak to the first person who came along about his sins. I tell you, beloved, you just don't confess your sins and your weaknesses to strangers.

In my ministry, I think I have heard every kind of sin confessed except one. I don't think I have ever had a man or a woman confess to me the fact that he was covetous, and yet, I suspect that there are many people who are covetous. With the exception of that sin, I can't think of another but what dozens of men and women have come to me when they were burdened down with the weight of their sin, and have confessed their sins to me. They didn't confess to a stranger, but rather, they came to one in whom they had confidence. They came to one in whom they believed, and asked him to have prayer in their behalf. I tell you, beloved, you just don't confess

ing yearly (one divorce to every three marriages) we need some John the Baptist-Jesus type of preaching on the subject. "It is not lawful for thee to have her." (Mt. 14:4). Divorces were not a part of God's original plan. Cf. Mt. 19:8; Gen. 2:24. Don't fail to read Mt. 19:3-11; Mark 10:2-12; Rom. 7:1-3.

VI. The Taking of Oaths. Matthew 5:33-37

Jesus herein condemns the taking of an oath. He is not speaking of profane swearing, but of taking the vows by oath. Our whole governmental system of "swearing-in" officers and public officials is contrary to the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount. No child of God should testify under oath in a courtroom. Herein is another great reason why no child of God should be a lodge-member, for in joining these worldly organizations, the candidate forswears himself. If we are to please Christ, we will refuse any vow or oath, but will perform our Christian duties with an eye single to God's glory, and not as pleasers of men.

VII. Non-Resistance. Matthew 5:39-47.

Christ not only forbids retaliation, but resistance. There is not a denomination except the Quakers who interpret this Scripture literally. With all my soul, I heartily agree with them. Jesus uses three illustrations to teach His lesson: (1) A blow on the cheek (V. 39), which is hard to meet without a flash of anger and a returned blow. (2) The legal robbery (V. 40) of a man's under-garment. (3) Forced labor (it was a form of oppression under Roman rule in Christ's days to force a peasant to carry military or official baggage or documents) (V. 41). Jesus teaches His disciples to submit to the indignity, yield the coat, and go the mile. Yet that is not all His teachings. The other cheek is to be given to the smiter; the more costly other garment is to be yielded up; and the load is to be carried for two miles. And all this because we should love our enemies (V. 44). (Cf. Rom. 12:17-21). Christ loved and prayed for His enemies. It is a manifestation of Divine Grace in our lives when we follow His example. May each strive to be a two mile man!

VIII. Our Christian Standard. Matthew 5:48.

Our Heavenly Father holds before us the goal of perfection. It is the goal, standard, or target we are to aim at. No one will ever be sinlessly perfect in this life (Prov. 24:9; I John 1:8-10), but we should strive to grow in grace and mature in Godliness. Our daily lives should be an attempt at perfect holiness.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose HEART IS PERFECT toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."—II Chron. 16:9.

Beloved, God wants to show Himself strong to the man whose heart is perfect toward Him, but not to the man whose life is imperfect and whose life is not according to His will. Though these verses show us that it is our business and our duty to confess our sins to God if we expect God's blessing, God's power, and God's grace to rest upon us, the sad thing is, we treat God too many times just like a stranger. We just don't confess our sins to Him.

Do you remember how the children of Israel came to Jericho, the first city which they went against when they entered into the land of Canaan, and how they captured the city without any difficulty at all? They marched around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, they marched around it seven times, and on the thirteenth time around that city, the walls fell and they captured it without a struggle. They went on against the city of Ai. The leaders said that there was no use for all the people to march against the city, that they would need about four thousand to capture it. When they went against the city of Ai, they failed, and thirty-six Israelites died as a result of the battle against the city of Ai. The children of Israel then fled and turned their backs against the city of Ai. Why did such happen? Because Achan had stolen a wedge of gold and a wedge of silver and a Babylonish garment when the city of Jericho had been captured a few days before. All the wealth of that city was to go to God. All the wealth of that city of Jericho, God claimed to be His, because it was the first city that they had captured. All the balance was to go to them, but the

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Hidden Treasures

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no sin to be ignorant in the sense of ignorance of the knowledge gained through formal education, for many people just never have had the opportunity to gain an education. However, I believe, and I could be wrong — but I believe that it is a sin to be proud of ignorance and to make fun of those who do have knowledge. Paul often uses the expression, "Now, I would not have you to be ignorant brethren." It is NOT God's will for you to be ignorant — He wants you to have knowledge.

Now . . . why am I saying all this? Here's why: A man with a normal amount of God-given intelligence desires to grow in knowledge and wisdom, and for this reason he seeks after knowledge and wisdom. Now there are

many men and women, boys and girls listening to me right now who sincerely desire to obtain more knowledge and wisdom — and our text tells you where to look for this hidden treasure: **In Christ. God tells us that IN CHRIST are hid "ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."**

I don't believe there's a one of you readers who would fail to jump at a chance to discover a secret horde of silver and gold. Yet, listen to the words of God from Proverbs 16:16 "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver." Furthermore, God says in Proverbs 19:8: "He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul; he that keepeth understanding shall find good." So if it is better to get wisdom than gold, and getting wisdom is good for your soul, and such wisdom can be found in CHRIST — hadn't you better con-

sider the Lord Jesus Christ as worthy of your trust in Him?

Our text tells us that ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in Christ. Just briefly, let me distinguish between wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge is the accumulation of facts about a certain subject, or in this case, all subjects. Wisdom is the ability to USE those facts. **Have you ever seen an educated fool?** Then you've seen a fellow who had plenty of facts in his head, but no ability to apply those facts to everyday living. On the other hand, I'm sure you've seen men with little or no formal education who were just as wise and full of good common sense as could be, and who made up for their lack of facts with an abundance of ability to use what facts they did have. **Now that we've made that distinction, let's go back to the hidden treasures that you can find in Christ today.**

There are many treasures of knowledge that you could find in Christ right now by receiving Him as your Saviour, for God says, "in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." But we can't possibly discuss all knowledge. So here are **FOUR HIDDEN TREASURES OF KNOWLEDGE IN CHRIST** that you need; and if you will find them today by trusting Christ as your saviour, you will agree that they are far more valuable than any treasure of gold, silver, and precious stones that you could ever find.



ELD. JAMES SIMS

1—There is the treasure of the knowledge of sins forgiven. "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow." When you come face to face with yourself as you really are and admit, confess to God that you are a sinner worthy of Hell, repent of your sins and trust Christ as the Saviour who died in your place, the **VERY INSTANT** you do that, **God forgives your every sin and you are saved.** Peter, preaching to the Gentiles gathered in the house of Cornelius, said of Christ, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," said Paul, "and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31) When you come to Christ as a repentant sinner desiring salvation, you will find in Him the treasure of the knowledge of sins forgiven forever, and your past forgotten for all eternity. **The great preacher John Chrysostom, which means "the golden mouthed," said: "There is only one great calamity: SIN." The darkest fact in man is SIN; but the grandest fact in God, is FORGIVENESS.** Though your past may be black, though your sins be many, God will forgive you today, and the blood of His son will cleanse you from all sin. You might think of this treasure as finding a precious, brilliant, scarlet ruby, for the knowledge of sins forgiven can only come through a knowledge of the Saviour who shed His blood to cleanse from all stains and blemishes of sin. You may be skeptical of hidden treasure but that would not detract from your joy at finding a hidden treasure trove.

And though you may be skeptical about this treasure I am telling you about, if you will by faith receive the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, you will know the joy, the unspeakable joy, of finding the blessed knowledge of sins — past sins, present sins, and future sins — forgiven and forgotten, removed as far from you as the east is from the west, yea buried in the deepest sea. The deepest sounding depth for the ocean is off the island of Mindanao in the Philippine Archipelago, where the depth is 35,400 feet — **but God's sea of forgetfulness is deeper than that, and He puts all your sins at the very bottom when you trust in His son** — Now, isn't that far more precious knowledge than the knowledge of earthly treasure?

2—There is the treasure of the knowledge of salvation assured. The comforting knowledge that you have put the future into the hands of the Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever — the knowledge that your soul has been committed unto Him against the day of resurrection — that knowledge is a **rare treasure indeed.** Entirely too few in number are the Christians who can say with assurance, "I know I'm saved." Yet that is one of the treasures of knowledge hid in Christ that we are expected to find. John said of his first epistle, "These things are written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life." Admiral Mahan, author of the famous book, "The Influence of Sea Power on History," happened to go into a church in Boston, not knowing what message he would hear. The preacher stood to bring the sermon, and extending his hands, quoted: **Mt. 1:21 "... and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."** Admiral Mahan said, "I had seen that passage in my Bible for years, but now at last I perceived it. Scales seemed to drop from my eyes, and I began to see Christ and life as never before." What had happened? He had discovered the treasure of the knowledge of salvation assured. Do you have it, child of God? It's there for you, in Christ — it's one of the treasures that is yours by right — you should have assurance of your salvation before you try to help others. **Some of you Christians listening to me are so tied down by doubts that you can't witness for Christ as you should.** My friend Evangelist John L. Bray lives on the shore of Lake Okechobee in Florida, and he told me this story. He went out to fish one day, and stopped his boat while he did some casting. Soon he decided he wasn't going to catch anything in that spot, so he picked up the oars and began to row. The boat moved about four feet, and stopped with a lurching sort of a bump. Brother Bray was terrified, for those waters were heavily infested with alligators, and he thought his boat had hit an alligator. He waited for a minute and didn't hear anything, so he tried again — this time the boat went about a foot and stopped with the same sickening thump, but it seemed to come from the stern of the boat. When he checked it, Brother Bray found that he still had the anchor out! Now it's funny to us to think of a man trying to row a boat with the anchor out — a lot of energy could be consumed without getting anywhere — and that's the way it is with the Christian who is not sure of his salvation: **if you doubt your salvation, that doubt will act as an anchor to keep you from ever going forward. God wants you to go forward, and He wants you to have assurance, so He offers it to you as one of the treasures of knowledge in Christ.** As Paul expressed it in the passage we read as a text, "unto all **RICHERS** of the **FULL ASSURANCE.**"

3—There is the treasure of the knowledge of spiritual power. Every person whose sins are forgiven, in other words every person who is saved, has within his body the Holy Spirit to guide Him and control him; but he may not realize it — and one of the greatest thrills of the spiritual treasure

hunt through the riches of Christ is the thrill which comes from realizing the tremendous potential for power that lies within us in the person of the Holy Spirit. It may take a while, but every truly born again child of God will discover this treasure sooner or later. Archbishop Trent told the story of the transplanting of an agave plant (also called a century plant) into the royal garden of Queen Mary of England in 1690. Ten years went by and in 1700, the plant had not bloomed; 100 years went by and in 1800 the plant had not bloomed; 1850 passed and the plant still had shown no signs of blossoming; and then in 1899 it suddenly blossomed into a beautiful, colorful flower. 209 years had gone by, and generations of botanists and scholars might have looked at that plant and written that it was not a blooming variety of plant, but finally that potential dynamic of blossoming life that lay hidden within that stem came bursting forth into a lovely flower. **If you are saved, you have the Comforter within the One the Lord promised to all His followers — have you discovered this treasure of spiritual power, and have you allowed HIM to blossom forth the beautiful life of Christ through your life?** You should allow that light that is within you to shine forth so that all may see the Christ-life within, and may glorify God in Heaven.

4—Finally, there is the treasure of the knowledge of soon being with our Lord. James said 1900 years ago, "The coming of the Lord draweth night" and "Behold the judge standeth at the door." That is one of the treasures that you find in Christ — the treasure that we find in Christ — the treasure of **HOPE OF THE LORD'S RETURN** AND consequently of our being glorified with Him — Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Here are the treasures you find when you become a Christian: the knowledge of sins forgiven; the knowledge of salvation assured; the knowledge of spiritual power; and the knowledge of soon being with the Saviour in your reserved home in heaven. By what wisdom should all this knowledge be applied? By the wisdom spoken of in Proverbs 11:30 . . . "he that winneth souls is wise." The wisdom of using your personal testimony of how you received Christ and these treasures to lead others to faith in Jesus Christ!

Modern Version Of "Thirty Pieces Of Silver"

A restaurant owner in one of California's cities recently passed away. A hand-written will has come to light in which the deceased willed half of his \$30,000 estate to his two children. The other half he left to his "childhood sweetheart" for "a love and a faith that has lived undiminished for 40 years."

To his divorced wife he bequeathed just "30 pieces of silver — \$3—because of the misery she has caused me."

The account of the betrayal of the Savior by Judas, for 30 pieces of silver, must have been in the mind of the man while writing out his will. (See Matthew 26:14-50; 27:1-5.)

The incidents bring freshly to mind the following poem on the subject, by William Blane, of South Africa—to which we all do well to take heed.

Thirty pieces of silver
For the Lord of life they gave;
Thirty pieces of silver—
Only the price of a slave!

But it was the priestly value
Of the Holy One of God,
They weighed it out in the temple;
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The Modernist Preacher Entering Hell

He was an ordained minister, but modern in his views,
He preached his doctrines to people in the pews.
He would not hurt their feelings, whate'er the cost would be,
But for their smiles and friendship and compliments sought he,
His church was filled with wicked souls that should be saved from sin,
But never once he showed the way or tried a soul to win
He preached about the lovely birds that twitter in the trees,
The babbling of the running brooks, the murmuring of the seas.

He quoted fancy poetry that tickled list'ning ears;
When sorrow came to some, he tried to laugh away their tears,
His smooth and slippery sermons made the people slide to hell—
The harm he did by preaching goes beyond what we can tell.
He took our Holy Bible, and preached it full of holes,
The Virgin Birth, he said, can't be believed by honest souls.
The miracles of Jesus and the resurrection tale
For educated ones like us, cannot avail.
We're living in an age, said he, when wisdom rules and reigns,
When man's intelligence is great and superstition wanes.

He said, we're all God's children who live upon this earth,
No message of salvation, no need of second birth.
His coat was bought with money that he had wrongly gained,
For through his lying sermons his wealth he had obtained.
He was just like the soldiers that watched at Jesus' grave,
For money in abundance, to them, the people gave;
It all was theirs by telling what a sinful lie—
A resurrected Savior, they, too, were to deny.

The day at last had come for the minister to die,
When to his congregation he had to say good-bye.
His form lay cold and lifeless, his ministry was past,
His tongue with all its poison was hushed and stilled at last.
His funeral was grand, he was lauded to the skies—
They preached him into heaven where there are no good-byes.
Upon the lonely hill, underneath the shady trees,
His form was laid to rest in the whispering of the breeze.

A tombstone was erected with the words: "He is at rest,
He's gone to heaven's glories to live among the blest."
His body now is lifeless, but Ah! his soul lives on,
He failed to enter in where they thought that he had gone,
The letters on the tombstone or that sermon some had heard,
Could not decide his destiny, twas not the final word.
He still had God to deal with, the one who knows the heart;
While others entered heaven, he heard the word, "Depart."

He pauses for a moment upon the brink of hell;
He stares into a depth where he evermore will dwell.
He hears the cries and groanings of souls he had misled,
He recognizes faces among the screaming dead—
He sees departed deacons which he once highly praised,
Their fingers pointing at him as they their voices raised:
"You stood behind the pulpit, and lived in awful sin,
We took you for a saint, but a serpent you have been."
Accusing cries! he hears them, "Ah! you have been to blame,
You led us into darkness when you were seeking fame,

"You preached your deadly poison, we thought you knew the way,
We fed you and we clothed you, we even raised your pay.
You've robbed us of a home where no tear-drops ever flow,
Where days always fair and the heav'nly breezes blow,
Where living streams are flowing, and saints and Angels sing,
Where every one is happy, and Halleujahs ring.
We're in this place of torment, from which no soul returns;
We hear the cry of lost ones, we feel the sizzling burns;
Give us a drop of water, we're tortured in this flame;
You failed to preach salvation to us through Jesus' Name."

The preacher turns in horror, he tries to leave the scene,
He knows the awful future for every soul unclean,
But there he meets the devil, whom he had served so well,
He feels the demon powers, they drag him into hell.
Throughout eternal ages, his groans, too, must be heard—
He, too, must suffer torment—he failed to heed God's Word.
He feels God's wrath upon him, he hears the hot flames roar,
His doctrine now is different, he ridicules no more.

—By Oscar C. Eliason

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matt. 7:15,22-23.

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"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works."—Psa. 71:17

A DECEIVED YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS LATER SAVED

Wise Words To Young Folk Concerning Marriage

By C. D. COLE

"Marriage is honourable in all," Hebrews 13:4. There are no orders of men to which marriage is prohibited. Forced celibacy is dangerous to priest or preacher. Marriage is a safeguard against vice and unchastity. In I Corinthians 7:2 we are told that as a safeguard against unchastity, "Let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

Paul magnifies family life. The Christian religion is the only thing that can save the home and invest it with a halo of loveliness. A happy Christian home is the gateway to heaven. A happy home is the Eden of bliss, the garden of sweet memories, and a shelter from the world's cruel scorn. Home is the place where we get the best treatment and do the most grumbling. There are no pleasures quite as sweet as home pleasures. The sweetest heritage any child can have is to have memories of a Christian home. Give me a home that has a family altar, and a family table, and a family pew and I will show you a happy home, however poor and obscure the family may be. The family that worships together, stays together, and works together for a happy home. If you want to find a happy home, find one where Paul's admonition is heeded, where the husband loves the wife as he loves his own body, and where the wife reverences her husband and where the children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

If you want to find an unhappy home, find one where the husband is a tyrant on the one hand and hen-pecked on the other. After hearing her father in a tirade of abuse, throwing a fit, slamming the door as he left for the office, the little daughter said to the mother, "Mother, we made an awful mistake when we married daddy, didn't we?"

On the other hand, of all the men to be pitied it is the man who takes his wife's name. I

knew a man once who was never spoken of except as the husband of Mrs. Blank who was prominent in church and in society.

Marriage is an honourable estate. However, in the providence of God some men and some women remain single because there has been no opportunity to marry in the Lord. And my advice to young people both boys and girls, eschew such a thing as marrying without marrying in the Lord. There is nothing that has brought more sorrow and grief to our homes than mixed marriages where believers are yoked together with unbelievers. Others like Paul have remained single for the gospel's sake. Paul was in jail too much to undertake the responsibilities of a home life. Violation of the marriage vow may not be frowned upon by men, but God will judge. Human society may receive violators of the law of marriage into their social arms, but God will pour out His wrath upon it. Free love and companionate marriage is an abomination in the eyes of God and He will judge all such.

—The Gospel Witness.

ATTENTION!! YOUNG READERS!!

"Baptist oYuth Witness" would like very much to publish the poems of our young Christian readers. If you are saved, have poetical talent, and feel led of the Lord to send us some of your poems, we shall be happy to use them.

We also invite you to send us other material which you feel would be of spiritual benefit to others. Tracts, articles, stories, etc., are welcomed.

SHAKESPEARE

"O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil."

Booze builds business — for the undertaker.

Don't wait for the hearse to bring you to church!

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"Aunt Maggie," as the subject of this article was familiarly called, was a very religious woman. In her girlhood days she had made a profession, and sought to live a life consistent with that profession.

Being a regular attendant at Sunday School, she had learned the catechism — as was the custom in those days. She committed to memory the Ten Commandments, and was taught that she must keep these if she hoped to ever enter heaven.

The man whose companion she became by marriage, had had a similar training and experience. Hence they were true "yoke-fellows" in their religious activities. When they established their home, it was on a farm; and the family altar — to which both had been accustomed from childhood — was also established and maintained.

This occasioned the reading of a portion of the Holy Scriptures every morning and evening. From this daily reading of the Bible, and from the teaching of Christian friends, Aunt Maggie began to realize that there was something wrong with the theory that "doing the best one can" toward keeping the Law was the way to merit salvation.

When she read that Jesus said, "I am not come to destroy the law, but to fulfil" (Matthew 5:17) and that, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4); she was greatly puzzled.

Again when she read in Luke 10:25-28 where there was a certain lawyer who thought he could inherit eternal life by doing good works, and who gave the gist of the law, as perfect love to God and man, and heard the Lord say to him, "This do, and thou shalt live," Aunt Maggie was confused. But when she read in Romans 3:20: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin," she was still more confused. And what heavy sighs this confusion drew from her!

The matter became so serious that Aunt Maggie took a Bible to the kitchen; and while she waited for a fire to burn, an iron to heat, or the bread to bake, she would spend the moments searching for something that would

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A Very Pointed Question... Are You Following the Lord?

By RUTH GILPIN

As we look about ourselves in this old sin-cursed, God-despising, Christ-rejecting world, we see very little evidence of service to the Lord. Instead, the vast majority of people today are serving Satan and are living entirely for him. For ages this old god of the world has been active in blinding the minds and hearts of people. He delights to see his victims serving under his dominion. He has devised worldly attractions, promoted sinful lusts, and is continually active in his work. Why? Because his chief desire is to keep men's attentions upon him and to keep them from knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, Satan is very active today in all his places of work. All of his followers, the children of the world, are likewise busy. And it grieves us to note that many professing children of the Lord, also, are captivated within Satan's snares. They seem to be enjoying all that Satan offers, the temporary pleasures which come thereby, and to be living solely for him. Truly, it causes us to doubt their salvation and wonder about their relationship with the Lord. This is why I ask you, friends, young people and older ones, "Are YOU following the Lord faithfully and daily living for Him?"

What does it actually mean to follow the Lord? The simplest answer I know is this: To follow the Lord is to walk in His footsteps, speak His words, dress in apparel that is approved by Him, associate with those whom He is personally acquainted, conduct your actions at all times that you might glorify Him, and thus live for Him, your Master, the Supreme King of your life, trusting Him to protect and lead you in His service.

To walk in His footsteps includes every place to which we go day or night, at home or hundreds of miles away from home. No matter where you are, young Christian, the Lord watches your footsteps and sees where you go.

He notes whether you go to His House, fellowship with His people, witness for Him in His service, or if you attend a synagogue of Satan, associate with his worldly followers and deny your Lord before them. In fact, you as His child carry His Holy Spirit within you wherever you may go, for we read in II Corinthians 6:19, 20 — "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Yes, reader, if He has saved you by the blood of His Son, you belong to Him, your body is His, and your life ought to glorify Him in every matter.

To speak His words includes every word which we "ought" to speak. Speaking his words includes all that is spoken idly, that which brings no glory to Him, and that which only appeals to the flesh such as jokes, funny stories, etc. How miserably we each fail to speak only words which He approves. In Colossians 3:17 we read: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." James instructs us to beware of the evil which our tongues do produce, and we read: "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature."—James 3:5,6. We read also in I Thessalonians 4:11 — "Study to be quiet." And what did our Lord say? We read in Matthew 12:36 — "But I say unto you. That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Friends, we cannot determine to what extent of idleness the Lord had reference, but it is sufficient to warn us to be—

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OUR

BIBLE

STUDY

FOURTEEN REASONS WHY EVOLUTION ISN'T TRUE

There are fourteen distinct statements in Genesis 1:1 and 3:24 that give the lie to evolution.

1. The Bible says God created the heavens and the earth. That proves that matter is not eternal, that it was not begun by blind force, that it did not start itself, that it came into existence by the creative fiat of God. That prevents a belief in evolution.

2. The Bible says God created animal life. That proves that animals did not evolve up from vegetable life by inherent or resident forces. It proves that it took God's creative fiat to bring them into existence. That prevents a belief in evolution.

3. The Bible says God created man. That prevents belief in the

evolutionist lie that men came from the lower animals.

4. The Bible says that God made man's body out of the dust. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that man's body ever was different to what it is now and that it was not evolved up through millions of years of time from an anthropoid ape to its present form.

5. The Bible says ten times that God's law for vegetable life, for animal life, for all created things, is "after its kind." That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that one species developed into another and higher species. The mule is a living witness that evolution is a lie. He is a cross between the ass species and the horse species and he cannot pro-

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GOD, GIVE US GIRLS

God give us girls;

A time like this demands
Pure minds, kind hearts, true
faith and ready hands;
Girls whom the lust of fashion
does not kill;

Girls whom the wiles of faltering
promise cannot buy;
Girls who possess opinions and
a will,
Leading men to honor, not to
thoughts that shame.

Girls who dress in modest garb,
Not exposing form to public
gaze,
Not imitating men in style of
dress; nor yet,
In smoking of the vulgar
cigarette,
Brave girls, modest girls,
prizing,
Purity of character and influence
For good above all else.

—J. G. HOLLAND.

YOUNG

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PEOPLE

ASK...

1. Our high school sponsors a movie in assembly usually once a month. Is it wrong for a Christian to attend this kind of movies?

"This kind of movies," no doubt, is the same kind that theatres exhibit every night of the year. Satan is not content to have only every theatre in the United States filled with his congregation; he also wants to bring his evil, corrupt, sinister, and sinful works into our high schools. It is most assuredly not in keeping with a saved person's convictions to see such Satanic evil whether it be produced in a theatre or in school assembly. Christian friend, if you go to the school movie, your testimony will be ruined, the Lord will be grieved with you for having disobeyed His commands for separation, and

you will come away empty and un-profited. Let your friends go; you take your stand for the Lord. Read Romans 1:16, Colossians 3:17, 3:2, and I Peter 4:16.

2. In the November 26th issue of TBE appeared Ruth's article, "Would Our Lord Jesus Attend A School Prom?" I enjoyed her article, but where does it say in the Bible that dancing is a sin?

In Romans 14:23, we read: "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." And in Romans 10:17, we read: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." In Colossians 3:17, the Bible says: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." I Corin-

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Bible Study

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 1. He is a cross between two kinds and is not a distinct species and is an indisputable witness to the truth of Genesis 1:11-25.

6. The Bible says the days of creation were days that included day and night; that they were ruled by the sun and by the period of light; that the sun divided between the day and the night; that these days were regulated by the sun and moon just as the seasons and years are. All that prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that he was not made all, but evolved up from the lower animals in the image of an anthropoid ape.

7. The Bible says that Eve was the mother of all living. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that man evolved from the lower animals unless God worked a greater miracle than creation. For God to have so controlled the process of evolution that Eve could be the only woman that could evolve from an anthropoid would be a great miracle and require more credulity, than to believe in creation. If evolution is true then many female anthropoid apes evolved into women and Eve was not the mother of all living. But the Bible plainly says that Eve was the mother of all living; therefore evolution is impossible lie.

8. The Bible says that God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul. That prevents a belief in the evolutionist lie that man is any kin to the anthropoid or the lower animals.

9. The Bible says that the beasts of God's creation were brought to Adam, and he named them. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that the first man was just a little above the ape in intelligence; but substantiates the idea taught elsewhere in the Bible that Adam was the most intelligent man that ever lived on this earth, except the Son of man. His knowledge was finite, not infinite; but like God he knew intuitively. He did not have to be taught to know. That is one of the curses that came as a result of the fall.

10. The Bible says that all the beasts and fowls were brought to Adam to see if any of them could do for a help-meet for him. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that man himself is an evolution from the beasts. He could have found a help-meet among his ancestors, if evolution were true. That also shows the degeneracy of womankind today, who prefers association with the little dogs to little children.

11. The Bible says that God made Adam a wife out of his own rib. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that man evolved from the lower animals; for if man had evolved from the ape, woman with her quicker intuition would have evolved too.

12. The Bible says there was a personal devil that deceived Eve and led her into sin. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that the devil is only an influence and not personal but impersonal.

13. The Bible says Adam and Eve fell. That prevents belief in the evolutionist lie that the tendency of everything in this world is upward. Plants left to themselves degenerate. Fine blooded stock left to itself degenerates. The fall is written on everything. The fundamental principle of evolution is that the tendency of all things is to develop upward is a born lie. The devil is the author of it in an attempt to hide the fall of man and the curse that came therefrom.

14. Thorns and thistles and heat and toil and pain in travail and the enmity and fear of the Lord are God's ever-present witness to the truth of the first three chapters of Genesis. And with the evolutionist lie of development from inherent or resist forces being the law of life.

Everything of itself in this world goes backward and downward if left to itself. It is only by intelligent forces outside of itself, either human or divine, that there is ever any development in plants or animals or man. Evolution is a lie from start to finish.

—H. BOYCE TAYLOR



Young People Ask

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 1. Thians 6:20 — "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God, in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

There are too many "Christians" who are always trying to see just how much they can do that's not wrong, but still it's never right. They never ask, "Is it right to pass out tracts? Is it right to witness for Christ? Is it right to keep oneself from evil habits?" No, they do not "set their affection on things above." They are never positive. They are always seeking out some "borderline sin" which they may practice.

Dancing is carnal and stimulates the carnal passions. The Bible says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I Thess. 5:22). Dancing is of the world. We are to "love not the world" (I John 2:15-17). Dancing is a fleshly pleasure. We are told that that one who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. (I Timothy 5:6).



Deceived Young Girl

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 1. Give her peace. And all the while she was trying to cling to the early teaching that in some vague, mysterious way, law-keeping was essential to salvation.

When she read in Romans 3:24, "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," and, in verse 28, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law," she saw how the words plainly contradicted her theory; and this elicited more sighs from her.

There came a day when Aunt Maggie said: "This matter must be settled." Her husband was in the field, and the children were out at play. Taking her Bible, she sat by the kitchen table; and, knowing there was a great deal said about the law in the Epistle to the Galatians, she opened to that place.

As she read carefully, certain verses such as the following, took on a new meaning to her: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16). And: "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith. Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" (Galatians 3:2,3).

But a climax was reached when she read verse ten: "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

Aunt Maggie paused in her reading, and other verses which she had read went through her mind, such as, "By the law is the knowledge of sin," "Sin is the transgression of the law," and "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Then she said aloud: "All that the law can do for me is to put me under its curse."

With a heavy sigh she dropped her open Book on the table; and putting up her hands exclaimed: "Then, Lord, I'm lost!" But what could she do about it? Taking up the Bible she read on. Galatians 3:13 brought a different kind of climax. For she read, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

For Little Children

WHAT GOD MADE ON THE SECOND DAY TO THE SEVENTH DAY

Boys and girls, did you know that the sky has not always been? That's right. It was made by God on the Second Day.

And on the Third Day God made the land and the sea. Water was over all the earth. But God moved the water off of some of the land. So we have dry land and the seas.

After God did this, grass and fruit and other things began to grow. The Bible says that God saw that it was good.

On the Fourth Day God made the sun and the moon and stars to shine. The sun was for the day and the moon and stars were for the night.

On the Fifth Day God made all the birds and sea animals. He made the whales, sharks, big fish and little fish. He made the eagle, pretty birds and birds that sing.

On the Sixth Day God made the cattle and creeping animals. He made the horses, cows, bears, elephants, dogs and all other animals.

But God did something more on the Sixth Day: He made man. From the dust of the earth God

made Adam. God did not want Adam to be alone. So God put Adam in a deep sleep and took a rib from his side. Of this rib God made Adam a wife. Adam named his wife Eve.

Some very wicked people who do not love God and the Lord Jesus tell little boys and girls that God did not make man. Some of them even teach school! They say that you and I came from a monkey or an ape. But this is a big story; it is a lie. The Bible says that God made man.

After God finished all His work He saw that everything was very good. And because God had finished all His work in six days, He made the Seventh Day a special day of rest.

And Christian boys and girls have a special day too. That day is Sunday. The Lord Jesus Christ arose from the grave on Sunday. Only three days before He had done some work on the cross. His work was dying for our sins. He was in the grave three days and three nights. But on the first day of the week He arose. This is the Lord's Day. It is a special day for Christians.

NEXT WEEK: Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden.

Pointed Question

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 1. Were our mouth and to ask the Lord to control our tongue for us.

To dress in apparel that is approved by Him includes our clothing at all times; not just at the hour when the preacher is expected for a call, or friends are scheduled for a visit, or on the afternoon that you go to witness to some lost person and to invite that one to church, but AT ALL TIMES. The Lord speaks to us concerning women's apparel in I Timothy 2:9,10 — "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in MODEST apparel, with shamefacedness (bashfulness) and sobriety (sobriety); not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." We also read in Deuteronomy 22:5 — "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." Young people, plant these words within your hearts and continually remember these commandments which the Lord has spoken.

To associate with those whom He is personally acquainted includes the fellowship which only God's own can enjoy together. We who are saved truly realize that a Christian can have no fellowship with the world. The world's people live continually for Satan and enjoy the pleasures which he offers. They are content in their sins and desire nothing else. But God's child profits by true fellowship with other children of the Lord because "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ." (I John 1:3). We can fellowship with each other in church and in visitation. Surely the association of God's own with each other pleases Him more than an unequal yoke with the devil's offsprings.

To conduct our actions at all times that we might glorify Him and thus live for Him covers a tremendous realm. Friends, there are many young girls who profess to know the Lord as Saviour and who wear tightly-fitting skirts which, as they walk with certain "accented" movements, form a lustful picture for on-looking young men. Do you think that this action pleases the Lord? There are many professing Christian girls who paint their faces with an over-supply of make-up

which old Jezebel first introduced, and thus their appearance differs with the world's in no wise at all. Does this glorify the Lord? There are many young men who profess to know the Lord as their Saviour that continue to run with the worldly gang and even Satan's daughters. Does this type of living help to glorify our Lord's name? Of course it does not! Do you understand what I am saying, friends? We should not live for this old world one minute's time, and thus compromise our position in the Lord's service. If He gave His life on Calvary's cross that we might be saved forever from our sins, why should we not live continually for Him and bring glory at all times to His wonderful Name? Paul tells us II Corinthians 5:15 that: "He died . . . that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

To make the Lord our Master, the Supreme King of our life, trusting Him to protect and lead us in His service, we must crown Him LORD with our very souls as well as with our lips. Young people, making the Lord Jesus Christ the Master of our lives is not merely thinking within our minds that we want Him to have complete control, but our very soul must be humble and cry out to Him to take us, make us what He would have us be, and use us wherever He so wills. We can not simply decide within ourselves that He is going to be our Master, but rather, He must give us this heart-felt desire.

Faith is the first requirement. If we received Him as our Saviour by faith in His blood (and we did if we have been born again), why can we not step out on faith trusting Him completely to lead us in His service and help us to grow in His knowledge and understanding. We were saved by faith, so why can't we walk and live by faith?

Of course, you must sacrifice pride, worldly friends, worldly amusements, and sometimes even the friendship of carnal, worldly Christians. But the Lord will be to you more than you must ever sacrifice. You will grow in Him through your prayer life and Bible study. And you will joy at regular attendance in His house. Most of all your joys will be that of witnessing to a lost sinner and pointing him to your Lord as Saviour. Then we can say as with Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."—Galatians 2:20.

Christian friends, after this life in the Lord's service is past, and we have crossed over the River of Death, we shall stand in the Lord's presence to give account of our stewardship and to receive our crowns which we shall lay at His feet. Then we shall rejoice in our service to Him down here, and like as the old song says:

"Then the toils of the road will seem nothing
 When I get to the end of the way."

I shall close with two verses of scripture. Drink these into your souls and meditate upon them. As this new year approaches I beseech you to surrender your life fully to the Lord and ask Him to lead you according to His will.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith as ye have taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."—Colossians 2:5,6.

"Walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."—I Thessalonians 2:12.



The yoke of God will never fit a stiff neck.

High doctrine and low practices do not harmonize.

—J. C. PEARSON.

ON THIN ICE



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viour. But the Devil is busy to hinder their growth. False cults and false churches and false prophets spend thousands of dollars each year in spreading their damnable heresies by way of radio, TV, and the printed page. Many of God's children are "tossed to and fro" with the doctrines of these "wolves."

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Satan's Scheme

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when Jesus returns (if he does), he will find a converted world. His followers will be able to present Him with a "kingdom" already conquered.

No greater, more unscriptural, more presumptuous delusion ever befogged the brain of man than this. It represents the hard-headed determination of men to ignore what God says, and to determine to do what God never intended to do in that way. We wish to make several remarks about this:

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1. Jesus never gave any orders to "Bring in the Kingdom." If He did—then where are they? To the contrary His orders are for us to evangelize the world by preaching the gospel to all men (Mark 16: 15). Such parables as the one about the TARES and the DRAG NET show most clearly that at the end of the age, there will be unbelievers by the multitude that will have to be dealt with.

2. The Scriptures teach that this is an age of "calling out," of followers for Christ—not an age of conquering the world and bringing in His kingdom. (See Acts 15: 14-18). Conditions comparable to those in the days of Noah shall characterize the closing days of this age—not conditions that bear any resemblance to those of a "brought in" kingdom. Moreover the picture of a kingdom "brought in" during this age is not the picture of the bringing in of the kingdom as given in Dan. 2:44-45, or in Rev. 11:15-17.

There is not a more wicked or presumptuous theory that actuates any religious group than that "bringing in the kingdom" theory. Those who babble about it, DON'T KNOW WHAT GOD IS DOING DURING THIS AGE. They haven't taken the time or trouble to find out anything about the purposes of God. Yet, we have these "Kingdom Boys" occupying pastorates all over the country. They both ridicule and hate pre-millennialists. Yet, the New Testament is a pre-millennial Book, and the whole revealed program of God is a pre-millennial program from start to finish. Personally, we would not care to sit under the ministry of any man who is a post-millennialist or who subscribes to that most absurd of all theories—the A-millennialist theory. Both are wilfully ignorant of the plain teachings of God's Word.

The Name of Jesus

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names of men have faded out, when their memory has departed, when the very walls of time have long since crumbled into dust, the name of Jesus will remain. It will

shine with its glory undimmed, its power unabated, and with all its unfailing sweetness throughout the coming ages.

The Name of Jesus

is a combination of the two words Jehovah-Salvation, thus plainly indicating His purpose in coming into the world—to save His people from their sins. Much is made of this name in the New Testament, where it occurs nearly a thousand times.

Our Lord taught His disciples to pray in His name. Demons feared that name (Matt. 8:28-29; Mark 1:23-26). His disciples were warned that they would be hated because of His name (Matt. 24:9). Later we learn that the Apostle Paul was chosen to bear the name before the Gentiles and to suffer for the Name's sake (Acts 9:15-16).

The apostles made much of the name of Jesus, and rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for His name (Acts 5:41). They proclaimed salvation through it, and declared there is none other name whereby salvation may be obtained (Acts 4:12).

In Philippians, chapter 2, the apostle Paul describes the successive downward steps in the humiliation of the Lord Jesus to "Even the death of the Cross." Then he announces that God has exalted Him and given Him the "Name which is above every name," and describes how all creation will yet bend low before him.

Under Pagan Rome the Christians faced the lions in the name of Jesus and died gladly for Him. Under Papal Rome a mighty host of martyrs faced the flames praising His name.

Believers have gathered together in His name (Matt. 1:20), and have prayed in His name. It enriches the pages of history and adorns the records of the fleeting years.

Years ago, when feeling the burden of our sins, and oppressed with a sense of guilt.

We Trusted in that Name

As the rolling years moved onward it has been a help and cheer to us all along the way. In days

An Imaginary Letter That Might Have Been Written

Rev. Saul (Apostle) Paul
Independent Missionary
Corinth, Greece

Dear Mr. Paul:

We recently received an application from you for service under our Board. It is our policy to be as frank and open-minded as possible with all of our applicants. We have made an exhaustive survey of your case. To be plain, we are surprised that you have been able to "pass" as a bona fide missionary. We are told that you are afflicted with a severe eye-trouble. This is certain to be an insuperable handicap to an effective ministry. We require 20-20 vision.

Do you think it seems for missionary to do part-time secular work? We hear that you are making tents on the side. a letter to the Church at Philippi you admitted that they were only church supporting you. wonder why?

Is it true that you have a record? Certain brethren report that you did two years' time in Caesarea, and were imprisoned at Rome.

You made so much trouble for the businessmen at Ephesus that they refer to you as "the man who turned the world upside down." Sensationalism has no place in missions! We deplore the lurid over-the-top episode at Damascus. We are appalled at your obvious lack of conciliatory behavior. Diplomats, men are not stoned and dragged out of the city gate, or assaulted by furious mobs. Have you ever suspected that gentler words might gain you more friends? We enclose a copy of Darius C. Nagus' book, "How to Win Jewish and Influence Greeks."

When the average Christian faced with his responsibility, the challenge from the Word of God to "Go ye into all the world (Mark 16:15) is pressed upon him, the matter of a missionary qualifications immediately arises. In view of this, we felt the letter with article would be enlightening, at least. It is a letter that could have been written to Apostle Paul had he applied for missionary service under some today's modern missionary boards:

One day I stood by the death-bed of a woman who was dying a terrible death from leprosy. She was unable to speak, and the nurse said, "She will not hear you, she is unconscious." I leaned over the bed and spoke into her ear one word—Jesus. The dying woman heard, her eyes opened, and a smile lit up her sadly disfigured face. She nodded her head, as though she would say, "Yes, I know the name!" and then her spirit winged its way to the glorious home of the redeemed. I knew what she meant by the smile and the nodding of the head—she had gone home resting on the name of Jesus. That matchless name floodlights the dark corridors of death!

Here death shadows every home and clouds every pleasant scene, but soon amid the splendor of the radiant dawn, the countless hosts of all the redeemed will join in the undying song of

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Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."
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"A Stranger"

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alth of the city of Jericho was belong to God. Achan stole things from the city and hid in his tent, so that when they went against the city of Ai, he turned His back on them and would not fight in their behalf. God refused to hear them until Achan had been dealt with. Then Achan and his wife and children and all of their possessions had been brought into the valley of Achor and a mountain of stones had been heaped up over their bodies, then God heard Shua, and God led the children of Israel on into the land of Canaan. I tell you, beloved, they confessed their sins ere God blessed them a second time.

Oh, listen to me, brother, sister, I am asking you, how are you treating God in this respect? Are you making a stranger out of Him, in that you are failing to confess to God your sins, your failures, and your failures from day to day?

Again, how do we treat strangers? We don't let a stranger in our family affairs. In fact, we don't even invite a stranger into our house. People go along by our house and you don't ask them in. Even if a stranger comes to your house to spend the night, you don't let him in on your family affairs.

There isn't one represented here but what the time or other there has been problems arise that were peculiar problems to that home family affairs — and you don't let a stranger about your family affairs. Beloved, I am wondering perhaps you aren't making God a stranger in that respect. I am wondering if you aren't failing in that respect, in that you don't let Him in on your family affairs.

Let's notice again. We don't let a stranger have anything at all to do with our business. We run our business without the advice of strangers. I am wondering, beloved, if we don't treat God that way. I am wondering if the majority of us don't run our business without taking God into consideration. How many times do you start out for your day's work in the morning without asking God to lead and guide you through the day? Beloved, we make God a stranger when we don't take Him into consideration in our business life.

How many people make God a stranger in the earning power of their business? I don't hesitate to tell you that the Bible demands a tithe out of your income. It does not just ask it; it demands it. It doesn't say that it is optional; God demands it. Listen:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Mal. 3:8-10.

Just as you pay rent on the house in which you live, God demands of every individual a tithe from your livelihood here within this world. How few people bring their tithes to the storehouse of the Lord! How few people bring the result of their earning power unto the Lord!

Thus as we manage our work, and operate our business, and as we fail to tithe of our increase, we make God a stranger.

Again, we doubt a stranger until he proves himself. Somebody comes along whom you meet, and in all probability you will doubt him until he proves himself. Some of you who are here, I have known for a long time, and I haven't any doubt about you. You have rung true. I have seen you tried, time and time again, through the years. I know something about you, in that you have proven yourself true. But if a stranger comes in, I, just like you, would in all probability doubt him, until he proves himself to be true.

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thing I know about the majority of Baptist homes is that God is a stranger in them. We treat Him as a stranger. We just don't let Him lead in our family affairs.

I remember hearing Bro. Truett preach just a little while before his death. In that message he told how that years before, in the early part of his long pastorate in a Texas town, that a father, one day, took him seriously, and he went home from the services one Sunday, called his wife and family in, and said, "I have failed miserably as a husband and as a father. I have failed miserably in taking the place that I should have, all through the years." Then he said, "God helping me, I want to try to do better." He got the Bible out and started reading. He couldn't read much because his voice choked and then he tried to pray. He couldn't pray much at first, because his voice choked on him. The next day, his son came to Brother Truett's house and told him what his father had done. He said that at first his father couldn't pray much, but then his words came easier until they felt like they were right in the presence of God. This boy said, "Bro. Truett, I have come to see you because I am deeply convicted of my sins." I heard Bro. Truett say that that boy was saved and later became a deacon in the church of which he was pastor.

Oh, listen to me, beloved, there are not many homes in America today where God is given right of way in the home. We just treat Him like a stranger — a wayfarer man that comes in to spend the night. Would to God that every home had a family altar and that the Lord had right of way in every home.

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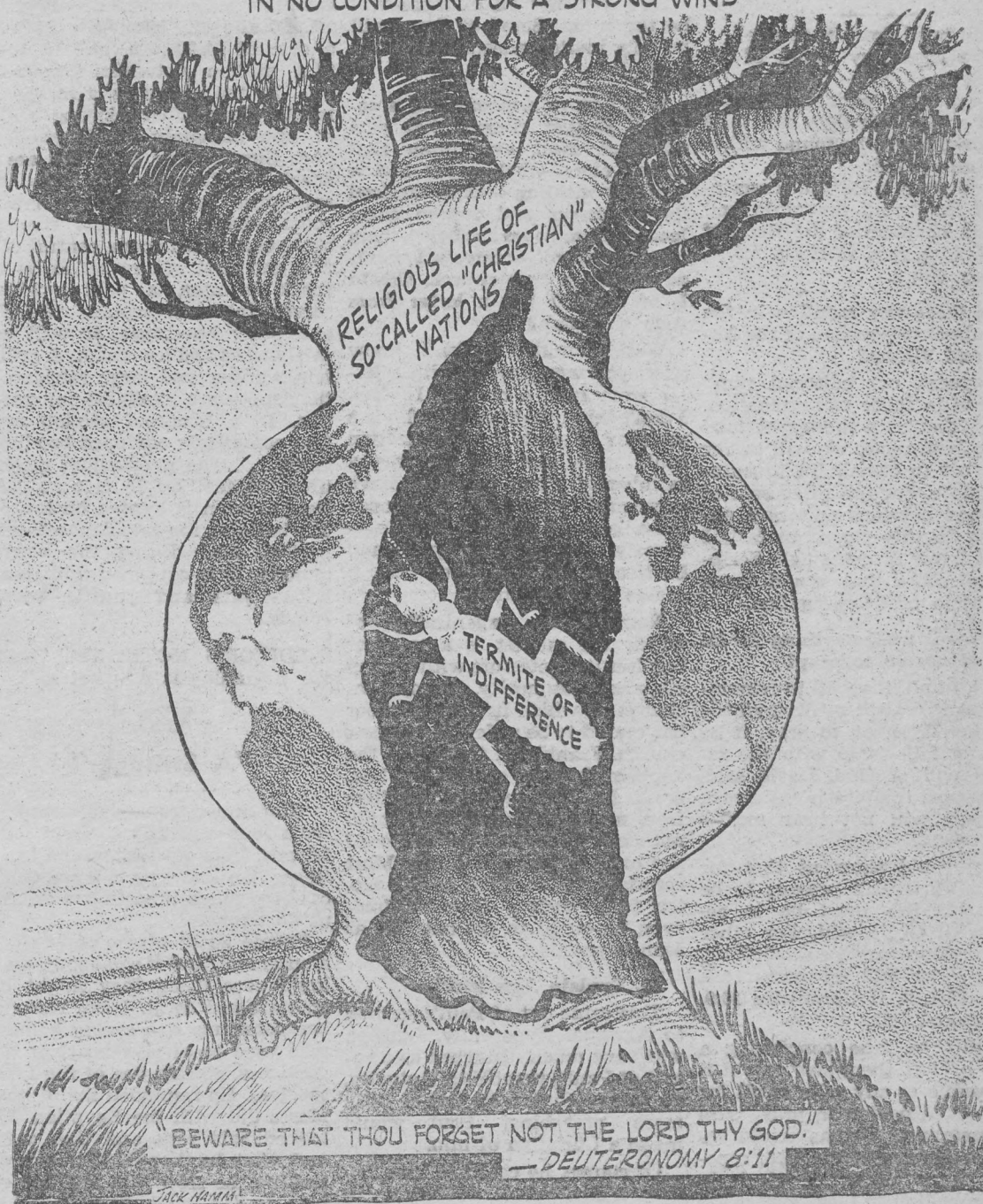
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IN NO CONDITION FOR A STRONG WIND



doubt God's promises and God's power. His promises — how marvelous those promises are in our behalf. His power — how wonderful it can be in our behalf, yet we doubt him. I think of that marvelous promise, when He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Beloved, it is all ours, yet we doubt Him.

Several years ago, I was talking to a Christian friend, who was a deacon in a Baptist church. He told me how that he had had the toothache one night and he prayed about it, and how that God had healed him. He said that just like a snap of your finger, God healed him of that toothache. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I could never doubt God's power to heal a toothache from that time on." He said, "Although I might doubt His power on something else, I never could doubt His power to heal a toothache, for I have seen His power demonstrated in my behalf."

I think just now of some hardened sinners that I have seen saved. I look back across my ministry and I think of some individuals whom I have seen saved, and I think, surely the Devil not only had the first mortgage, but a second and third mortgage on them, yet God saved them. Beloved, I'll never doubt God's power to save a hardened sinner, no matter how hardened he may be, because I have seen God show His power in that respect.

Beloved, what I am saying is, we usually doubt a stranger until he proves himself, and the majority of Christians treat God the same way. We doubt Him until He proves Himself to us.

Again, usually a stranger is put off in the spare room. Do you have a spare room at your house? I can remember going places to preach when I was a boy preacher, and they would put me in the spare bedroom in the dead of winter. Brother, when you slipped down between those two sheets that hadn't had a human being in between them for maybe three or four months' time, I tell you truly, you felt like there were two cakes of ice closing in

on you. The preacher was in the spare bedroom.

I remember one night that a man asked me to go home with him after the services, saying that I could sleep in the spare bedroom. He said, "Mullins, Robertson, Sampey, and all the rest of the big bugs at the Louisville Seminary have slept in that bed." Well, beloved, they may have slept in it one night, but that was one night that they didn't sleep. They crawled all night. I can remember that spare bedroom.

I am saying to you, beloved, we usually treat God as a stranger. We put a stranger off in a spare bedroom — off to himself. Beloved, that is exactly the way most of us treat Almighty God.

Oh, it is mighty nice to have God around when you are sick and when the doctors are getting ready to operate on you. It is mighty nice to have God around then. One old infidel said, just before they gave him the anesthesia, "Doctor, I would like to call in a preacher." The doctor said, "Why do you want a preacher?" He said, "Well, I think it would be mighty nice to be opened with prayer." Beloved, it is mighty nice when you are getting ready to have an operation to call upon God. It is mighty nice when everything has gone against you to be able to call on God, and have God close by. It is mighty nice when troubles come, and when death comes, to have God to fall back upon, but, beloved, the majority of people treat God like a stranger. They put God off in a spare room most of the time.

Neither do we take the advice of a stranger. Suppose you wanted advice today on any subject. You wouldn't dare take the advice of some stranger that you had never known before. You just don't take the advice of a stranger.

Beloved, isn't that the way that the majority of God's people treat Him? You make Him a stranger. You just don't take God seriously at His word. I can turn here in the Bible where God says that if you are saved, you ought to follow Him in Scriptural baptism. I tell you that, yet some

of you just treat God as a stranger. You don't take Him at His word. You don't accept what He says—you don't take His advice.

I remember, years ago, a woman who told me that she was saved, and that she had been saved for sixteen years. She told me that twenty-six years ago, but she has never been baptized yet.

I am saying that you don't take the advice of a stranger. God tells you what you ought to do about the matter of baptism, but you turn your back on Him and don't do what He says. You are just making God a stranger.

Brother, sister, listen, put it on any basis that you wish, and think about it from any standpoint that you may desire, but remember this, if you don't take God's Word, you are just making a stranger out of Him.

What does God say about your church letter? What does God say about your church fellowship? I say this, beloved, there is not a one here who is saved but what ought to be a member of this local Baptist church. Your life ought to be counting for God. Your membership ought to be here. If you are saved, don't make God a stranger by refusing to do what He says. He says in the Bible that the proper place for a candle is on the candlestick. The candle is your life; the candlestick is the church. The proper place for your letter is in the church that Jesus built. Don't make God a stranger by refusing to take His advice.

I want to tell you something else, we don't care if strangers see us do wrong. Of course, people don't want their neighbors to see them do wrong. They don't want their closest friends to see them do wrong. Especially, they don't want their pastor to see them do wrong. But, beloved, it doesn't make too much difference if a stranger sees them do wrong. I say, beloved, we try to hide things (Continued on page eight)

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"I Should Like To Know" 5:14-17.

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or some legendary figure of pirate tales.

At any rate, your description of the anti-Christ does not tally with anything to be found within the Word of God.

If you want a Biblical description of him, read the ninth and eleventh chapters of the Book of Daniel. Also, read II Thess. 2:3, 4; and Rev. 6:1, 2.

4. Is there any mention in the Bible about integration of the Negroes and Whites?

For years, our editorial stand has been in favor of segregation. I think that as a matter of fairness to both races, we will be far better off to remain in a segregated state. For full discussion of this, read previous editorials appearing in this paper. In fact, I do not know of one single Scripture reference that would teach integration or desegregation.

5. Does it avail anything for an unsaved person to pray?

First, of all, it's well to remember that it doesn't avail anything for a saved person to pray, if he is out of fellowship with the revealed will of God. David said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."—Psalm 66:18.

This would show us that for even a Christian's prayers to be heard his life must be in accord with God's will. For other Scriptures proving the same thing, read I Peter 3:12, Proverbs 1:28, Isaiah 59:1, 2, II Chronicles 16:9, and Ezekiel 7:22.

If this be true concerning a saved person, then, how would it be possible in any wise at all for an unsaved person to pray, with any assurance that he would receive a blessing from God, especially when his entire life is in open rebellion to God Almighty's revealed will. Surely, if a saved person has to be in fellowship with God to get an answer to his prayers, then, an unsaved person would never be able to be heard of God.

In this, the Scriptures concur: "Now, we know that God heareth not sinners."—John 9:31.

6. In the Old Testament, it says not to eat swine. Is that for us today?

In the Old Testament, the Jew was definitely forbidden to eat hog's flesh. Read Lev. 11:3, 7. However, in the New Testament, our Lord gives us more liberality as to our food. Read I Tim. 4:4. I am sure that this verse definitely allows Christians to eat hog meat, or anything else, provided you can accept it with thanksgiving. Anything you can't thank God for, you had better not partake of it.

7. Is a woman supposed to say anything in church?

There are several prohibitions concerning a woman's actions in a church service.

1. She is definitely forbidden to teach men and is not to usurp authority over them. I Tim. 2:12.

2. She is not to lead in public prayer. I Tim. 2:8.

3. She is not to preach. I Tim. 3:2.

4. She is not to speak publicly in the service when men are present. I Cor. 13:34.

5. She is not to even ask questions when men are present in the public service. I Cor. 14:35.

As for women joining in congregational singing, there is no prohibition to this and I would say that she is free to do anything that is not definitely prohibited by the above five prohibitions.

8. Will the Lord come for any one that is not in the bride?

Our Lord is coming for all the redeemed. They will all—both dead and alive—true Baptists, compromising Baptists, and others, be caught up when our Lord returns. Read II Thess.

However, not all of these will be the bride. Some of them will be only invited guests. Read Rev. 19:9.

9. If I were a member of a so-called Baptist church that partakes of most everything that comes along—that never had a business meeting—that baptized its professors and turned them loose, without ever receiving them into the church—suppose I wanted to join a true church, should I, or could I get a letter from such a church?

Well, frankly, I don't know what you would want with a letter from such a church. In fact, I don't think that anyone who is a member of such an organization could even say that he was a member of a true church. I have contended for years that a church must be sound on two doctrines—namely, salvation by grace and Scriptural baptism—or else, it ceases to be a church.

Now, if the organization of which the querist is a member baptizes its professors without any church authority, then, that church of which he is a member has ceased to be a New Testament church. Frankly, if that is all the baptism that the querist has had, or if he has received baptism from such a church, then, I would not consider that even he himself has had Scriptural baptism. Most certainly, he does not need a letter from such a church. However, he ought to get out just as soon as possible.

10. Explain Acts 26:28.

This came out of Paul's sermon to Agrippa. Apparently, Agrippa was very much disturbed as a result of Paul's preaching. Actually, he meant that with just a little more preaching, Paul would make a Christian of him.

Of course, he couldn't have become a Christian if the Holy Spirit had not moved upon him, and unless the Holy Spirit did so at a later date, in all probability, he is in Hell. Still, this was his reaction when he heard the Word of God.

Great Commission

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The ages range from 8 to 16.

How does he handle so many lively youngsters?

His success, attested to by hundreds of pleased parents, comes from patience, a genuine fondness for kids, and contagious enthusiasm, he believes. And he emphasizes grace in square dancing—not jumping and shouting—so that it's helped his students achieve better coordination at an age when they're apt to both look and feel awkward.

The first four weeks of the lessons are strictly practice, then become regular dancing parties. Not only square, but round or couple, dances are taught. At the end of the season, the classes stage a huge exhibition dance on the tennis courts of a city park.

EDITOR'S NOTE—While millions have never heard the true story of Jesus, and perish in their sins, Christians spend their time in such folly as mentioned above. What an awakening there is going to be when people stand before Almighty God in the judgment!

Great Commission

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pin skill roll. The hub of major activity is a modern stainless steel counter where Coca-Cola is naturally in steady demand—as well as ice cream, sandwiches and candy. . . . In addition to entering teams of men, women and boys (High School and Junior High) in the church leagues, intramural and inter-church sports with tournaments are provided for various age groups. There are 16 basketball teams.

The First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, likewise provides a splendid program of Christian recreation for all members of the church and the community. . . .

The program is centered in the completely air conditioned Recreation Building, opened in 1954 at a cost of \$1,000,000, and in the \$1½ million Activities Building. . . . In the center is a modern, maple floor roller skating rink of approximately 10,000 square feet. Surrounding this rink are snack counter area, a glassed-in spectators' area, a hobby craft room, check room, rest rooms, skate equipment room, central office and first aid room. From a snack counter, a paid worker serves the ever-popular "Coke" and other beverages, as well as sandwiches and ice cream. A grill, bun warmer and large refrigeration space are available for parties. In a fireproof section are four completely equipped bowling lanes. . . . The gymnasium measures 120 feet by 75 feet. . . . A Roof Garden is located on top of this building for outside meetings, parties, etc., during the warm months. It is equipped with barbecue pits and shuffle-board courts.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Yet, "from the beginning it was not so."

"A Stranger"

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from our neighbors, from our friends, from our pastor, and from those who know us, but we don't care too much if strangers do see us do wrong.

People go to places of worldly amusement, and if somebody they know sees them, they might be embarrassed by it. I can remember sometime ago seeing a man, who used to always boast of his godliness, go into one of the local theatres. He reminded me of how Moses did with the Egyptian. He looked this way and that way, and when he thought nobody was looking, he slew him and buried him in the sand. That is what this fellow did. He looked one way, and he looked the other way, and when he thought nobody was looking, he went inside. He was concerned about the fact that no one saw him do wrong that knew him, but he didn't care about strangers, because there were plenty of people in that theatre who were strangers to him.

Oh, listen to me, beloved, isn't that the way we treat God? You wouldn't think of sinning in the presence of someone who knows you or someone who loved you, and you wouldn't think of sinning in the presence of your pastor, but if you are miles and miles away from home where nobody knows you, that is a different matter. Listen, my brother, God sees you. Don't make God a stranger in that respect.

II

WHAT WAS GOD'S REACTION?

We read:

"Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good."—Jer. 14:11.

In other words, Jesus said to Jeremiah, "Don't pray for them, because I just won't hear you. They have made me a stranger. They have treated me as a way-faring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night. Therefore, pray not for this people for their good."

Brother, sister, it is a terrible thing when you make a stranger out of God. I wonder how many times I have made God a stranger today? I wonder how many times you have made a stranger out of God today. Just remember, the same God that said to Jeremiah, "Pray not for this people," is the same God that you and I have, perhaps, treated as a stranger today.

CONCLUSION

I ask you, are you saved? If you are, then don't make a stranger out of Him, but make Him a friend. The Word of God says: "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—Prov. 18:24.

If you are saved, don't make God a stranger, but let Him be the best friend you have, and if you are not saved, then remember what your position is— you

Imaginary Letter

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a recent sermon you said, "God forbid that I should glory in anything save the Cross of Christ." It seems to us that you also ought to glory in our heritage, our denominational program, the unified budget.

Your sermons are much too long for the time. At one place you talked until after midnight and a young man was so sleepy that he fell out of the window and broke his neck. Nobody is saved after the first 20 minutes. "Stand up, speak up, and then shut up," is our advice.

Dr. Luke reports that you are a thin little man, bald, frequently sick, and always so agitated over your churches that you sleep very poorly. He reports that you pad around the house, praying half the night. A healthy mind in a robust body is our ideal for all applicants. A good night's sleep will give you zest and zip so that you wake up full of zing!

You wrote recently to Timothy that you had "fought a good fight." Fighting is hardly a recommendation for a missionary. No fight is a good fight. Jesus

are a stranger to God. Listen:

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being ALIENS from the commonwealth of Israel, and STRANGERS from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and WITHOUT GOD in the world."—Eph. 2:12.

The man who is unsaved is a stranger to God. Sinner friend, you are a stranger to Him, but you can become acquainted. Job said:

"ACQUAINT now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee." — Job 22:21.

Beloved friend, if you are lost and without hope, that condition can be changed by Jesus Christ becoming your friend. If you are saved, you ought not make Him a stranger. You ought to let your life count for Him.

Oh, might it please God to take each of us who are saved, who have been treating God like a stranger, and stir us up and cause us to stop treating God like we have in the past, but cause us to move up a little nearer to His side, and a little closer to His heart, that we shall not make Him a stranger any longer. May God bless you!

came not to bring a sword, but peace. You boast that "I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus. What on earth do you mean?"

It hurts me to tell you this Brother Paul, but in all of the 25 years of experience, I have never met a man so opposite to the requirements of our Foreign Mission Board. If we accepted you, we would break every rule of modern missionary practice.

Most sincerely yours,
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D.D., LL.D., etc.
Foreign Missions Board.
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Thirty Pieces

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The price of the Savior's blood

Thirty pieces of silver
Laid in Iscariot's hand;
Thirty pieces of silver
And the aid of an armed band
Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
Brought the humbled Son of God
At midnight from the garden,
Where His sweat had been like blood. . . .

It may not be for silver,
It may not be for gold,
But still by tens of thousands
Is this precious Savior sold.
Sold for a godless friendship,
Sold for a selfish aim,
Sold for a fleeting trifle,
Sold for an empty name.

Sold in the mart of Science,
Sold in the seat of Power,
Sold in the shrine of Fortune,
Sold in Pleasure's bower,
Sold where the awful bargain
None but God's eye can see!
Ponder, my soul, the question:
Shall He be sold by thee?

Sold! O God, what a moment!
Silent is conscience's voice!
Sold! And a weeping angel
Records the fatal choice!
Sold! But the price of the Savior
To a living coal shall turn,
With pangs of remorse forever
Deep in the soul to burn.

Finding objections to truth not difficult at all if the mind is prejudiced against it before hand. In fact, truth needs arguments to sustain it; for it is able to stand upon its own legs.

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