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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word  
it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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## "THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD"

By C. D. COLE

1. As to its Author. Jesus Christ is the Author of this righteousness. He provided it on the cross when He was obedient unto death. He came to this earth to prepare a righteousness that the sinner needed but could not prepare for himself. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous" (Romans 5:19). This verse unmistakably teaches that we are guilty by the disobedience of Adam and righteous by the obedience of Christ. To be justified before God we must either be righteous in person or by proxy. Theoretically, there are two ways for men to be righteous before God: one is by personal obedience, the other is by the obedience of a substitute and Surety. Practically, there is but one way for men to be righteous before God. The way of personal obedience has been forever closed and barred by the fact that every man has sinned. The only way open for acceptance with God is through the obedience of Christ our Substitute and Surety.

2. In its nature. The righteousness that Christ wrought for us is twofold. He kept the law for His people that they might have His blessings, and He met the penalty that they might not have

to meet it. He obeyed all the law demanded of us and suffered all it threatened against us.

3. In its extent. The righteousness that Christ wrought for sinners reaches to every believer. Romans 10:4, I Corinthians 1:30, Romans 3:21, 22; Romans 5:1; John 5:24. The righteousness Christ provided was not needed for Himself, for He was God. Inherently, He was the lawgiver, and prior to His incarnation He was "in the form of God," that is, He behaved as God, and His righteousness was the righteousness of the lawgiver and not of a lawkeeper. Let us distinguish between the righteousness of a lawgiver and that of a lawkeeper. To be righteous as a lawgiver the law must be enforced and the disobedient punished. To be righteous as a lawkeeper the law must be obeyed.

The Lord existed as a man for the sake of other men. He did not exist as a man on His own account. In His relation to the law, He existed as a man only in a representative character. As God, He had no obligations of a lawkeeper. Here is an irrefutable argument for His deity. If Jesus Christ were only a man, He had personal obligations to the law of God, and all He could have done by His own perfect obedience would have been for His own sake: He could not have secured righteousness

for others. A Christ who is only human, however sinless, could not be the Saviour of sinners. Every mere man has his own personal obligations to the law of God and cannot answer for others. We sometimes hear people say that they would trust Jesus Christ as Saviour regardless of the fact of His deity. But I make bold to say that I would not trust Him if He were only a man, however good and glorious. "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils" (Isaiah 2:22), that is, do not trust any man as Saviour who is created being. The eternal Son of God became incarnate, but He was not created. The Godhood of the Lord Jesus is absolutely necessary to His Saviourhood.

### The First And Last Adam

In I Corinthians 15:45, 47, Jesus is called the second man and the last Adam. This is because He is considered not personally but representatively. Considered as an individual, He was not the second man nor the last Adam. There were many men between the Adam of Eden and the Adam of Calvary, and there have been many men since Christ. He is called the second man and the last Adam because there are but two representative men. God deals with all men through two men, and our destiny depends upon which of these two men we have our standing in before God. Believers are accepted in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6) and complete in Him (Colossians 2:10).

So believers, considered as men, have obeyed the law in the person of their representative and substitute, and are therefore righteous before God. Jesus Christ is "The Lord of Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6).

4. In its duration. How long will the righteousness Christ provided last? No argument ought to be needed to prove that it will last forever. "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is truth" (Psalm 119:142). "For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14).

"The righteousness of Adam or angels could only exist while they were in a state of obedience. The law was binding on them in every moment of their existence. The moment they disobeyed, the advantage derived from all their previous obedience ceased." (Robert Haldane).

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## False Notions About Giving

By Roy Mason, Tampa, Florida



Some church members don't like money questions to be discussed. Any preaching on giving is to them obnoxious. Usually such attitude is caused by the fact that the person objecting knows that he is not doing the right thing financially. He is sensitive, because he is wrong. There are all sorts of wrong notions concerning giving, and it might be well to consider some of these:

1. The giving that is like paying a life insurance premium. Many give very much like subscribing for a magazine or paying their life insurance premium. They feel that if they make a gift once in a while, that takes care of their whole obligation. If the gifts of such were tabulated it would be seen that they have no regular plan of giving.

2. There are those who "tip" the Lord, just about as they would tip a waiter. A little loose change is dropped into the collection plate and that is all. Their giving is trivial and in no sense a recognition of a great God and a great Cause.

3. Some give because pressured into giving, because "others give a certain amount." A committee visits them and they are ashamed to refuse to pledge a certain amount, so reluctantly they sign a pledge card. Such is a complete violation of II Cor. 9:7 which says, "The Lord loveth the cheerful giver."

4. Some give in accordance with

the heart-appeal of the moment. Let some speaker make an emotional appeal — especially for orphans — and they will shell out all the money they have in their pocket. Their pocketbook is operated by their tear glands. Uncertain, spasmodic emotion directs their giving, and unless their emotions can be aroused they simply don't give.

5. Some are liars and cheats in (Continued on page eight)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "ENRICHED"

By PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN

"That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge."—I Cor. 1:5.

The word "enriched" is definitely a part of our commercial vocabulary today. Most all breads take pleasure and pride in announcing the fact that you are not getting just ordinary bread as the staff of life, but you are getting enriched bread — more calcium, more iron, and more minerals of various types in every loaf of bread. What is true relative to the advertisements of bread is certainly true relative to many of our products that we use from day to day.

Take, for example, Little Abner's second favorite, when it comes to food — no, not pork chops, but his second favorite — that of cream of wheat. You never see an advertisement of cream of wheat without it specifies that fact that it is enriched with various minerals and chemical substances that have been added to make it better — more nutritious and more nourishing for the individual. As I say, manufacturers today take pleasure and pride in announcing the fact that their product is an enriched food.

Tonight, I want to tell you how the Lord Jesus Christ has enriched us. I want to show you,

if you are saved, that you have been enriched. If you are saved, you are not an ordinary person, but you are definitely enriched by the Lord Jesus Christ. That is what my text says, for it declares that "in every thing ye are enriched by him."

HE HAS ENRICHED US IN THAT HE HAS CHANGED OUR NATURE.

Every person who is born into this world has, of course, two natures. One nature — the nature of the flesh — is alive. The nature of the spirit is dead. As I have often said, an unsaved person (Continued on page seven)

## DEPRAVITY

### In The Philadelphia Confession Of Faith

1. Although God created man upright and perfect, and gave him a righteous law, which had been unto life had he kept it, and threatened death upon the breach thereof, yet he did not long abide in this honour; Satan using the subtlety of the serpent to subdue Eve, then by her seducing Adam, who, without any compulsion, did wilfully transgress the law of their creation, and the command given unto them, in eating the forbidden fruit, which God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory. (Genesis 2:17, 18; Genesis 3:12, 13).

2. Our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we in them whereby death came upon all: all becoming dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body. (Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Titus 1:15; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-18).

3. They being the root, and by God's appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation being now conceived in sin, and by nature children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death, and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free. (Romans 5:12-19; I Cor. 15:21, 22, 40, 45; Psalm 51:5; Job 14:4; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:12; Hebrews 2:14, 15; I Thessalonians 1:10).

4. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions. (Romans 8:7; Col. 1:21; James 1:14, 15; Matthew 15:19).

5. The corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be through Christ pardoned and mortified, yet both itself, and the first motions thereof are truly and properly sin. (Romans 7:18, 23; Eccl. 7:20; I John 1:8; Romans 7:23-25; Galatians 5:17).

## A Letter To The Baptist Who Left The Church

Dear Brother.....:

I sincerely hope that I can call you "brother." You may be surprised at receiving this letter from me, but I am not as bad as I have been pictured by some of your preacher friends.

I understand that you have left the church at .....

I am positive that you did so for very good reasons. You did the right thing. The preacher had no cause to speak to you the way he did. He understands his books fairly well, but does not understand men. He loves your soul only when you are sitting down and listening to him preach; and, of course, when you are giving your hard-earned money to fatten his bank account.

It is time that somebody asserted themselves in the church

at ..... Some of the people have almost worshipped the pastor as infallible. This step you have taken has been a blow to his pride and a step toward his downfall. Already you have influenced some others in the congregation to consider doing the same.

If I may, I would urge you not to feel any compassion toward this man in clerical gowns who has so wounded you. He will only take greater advantage of you the next time. It will be for his good, if you stay away from church until either the pastor humbles himself and asks your forgiveness before the whole church, or until the congregation sympathizes with you so much that they rise up and vote this untactful, unthinking, unfeeling so-called "shepherd" out of the pulpit and the parsonage. Let us hope that he even gets smart enough to quit the ministry, for he is doing much more harm than good.

Stand firm in your self-righteous position.

I am your friend and always at your service,

SATAN, Your Majesty.

### AN APPRECIATED LETTER.

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed our check for the amount of \$50.00 covering our contribution to your paper, The Baptist Examiner. Our pastor, Wm. J. Crider, and all members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, think you publish a great paper and we all try to get a copy every week.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES C. BREWER,  
Treasurer.



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## Examiner Editorials

By Bob L. Ross

### IS GRAHAM SAVED?

THIS IS A QUESTION that not a few Bible students are pondering very seriously. Simply because Graham is a central religious figure, and one whom so-called "fundamentalists" regard as a prophet, does not necessarily mean that he is saved, though we hope that he is. Some of the things that have caused many people to ponder this question are as follows:

(1) **Graham very definitely preaches salvation by the will of man.** Everything hinges upon the "decision" of the sinner. Despite the fact that the majority of the religious world believes this doctrine of salvation by the will of man, it is directly contrary to the truth. The Bible plainly says that we are not born of "the will of the flesh, but of God." (John 1:13). Paul plainly teaches that it is "not of him that willeth" (Romans 9:18). It is the Spirit that quickens (John 6:63, Eph. 2:1), not the will of man. When a man knows no more about salvation than to make the matter of regeneration hinge upon the will of man, it is evident that he is either unsaved or else a "babe in Christ," not knowing any differently.

(2) **Graham can have the warmest of fellowship with any type of religious personality.** The modernists, the fundamentalists, the high-churchmen, the neo-orthodoxists, the programites, and even Roman Catholics are not outside his pale of fellowship. In all his big campaigns, the religious infidels and self-righteous Pharisees have a place on his committees and platform, and many are called on to pray and to do other work. How can a saved man conscientiously fellowship with the enemies of Christ in such a manner? Certainly, John the Baptist, Christ, Paul, and the apostles had nothing spiritually in common with the Pharisees and Sadducees of their day. Can a man be possessed of new life, and yet acknowledge, honor, and fellowship with out-spoken Christ-deniers?

(3) **In his New York campaign, and elsewhere, Graham repeatedly paid tribute to Roman Catholicism.** In fact, he made reference to the cross on Catholic churches as being a symbol of Christianity. Why is Graham so blind to Catholicism, if he has the light of the Spirit?

(4) **He regards President Eisenhower, Vice-president Nixon, and Mrs. Roy Rogers (Dale Evans) as Christians.** Yet, both the President and Mrs. Rogers believe that doctrine of the devil, "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God."

Eisenhower plainly stated this in LIFE Magazine's "Christianity" issue of a few months ago. He said: "Whatever our individual church, whatever our personal creed, our common faith in God is a common bond among us. This

is the faith teaching us all that we are the children of God." No man who believes that doctrine is saved, for he doesn't know what a child of God is (John 1:13, 14, 8:44, Galatians 3:26).

In her book, "To My Son," Mrs. Rogers propagates the same heresy, repeatedly referring to it.

As for Nixon, he is evidently void of any spiritual light whatsoever. When I was in Mexico, I visited the Basilica to the Virgin of Guadalupe, the idolatrous "goddess" of Roman Catholicism in that land. We went up behind the front altar of the place, and whose name should I see written on a gold plaque honoring "The Virgin" but that of Mr. Nixon! Yes, our own vice-president paying tribute to that mess of idolatry! Is he a Christian? Well, Graham regards him as such.

(5) **Graham's attitude toward the teachings of God's Word is another cause for questioning whether or not he is saved.** He teaches that one should "join the church of his choice." In his book, "Peace With God," he compares churches to hats. He says that one hat satisfies one person, another hat another person, etc. That's the way it is with churches, he says. Such a man certainly knows very little about the Lord's church and the churches of the devil. God is not in the churches started by men, neither is He in churches that pervert and reject His Word for the doctrines of men. If Graham is saved, why doesn't he know better than what he teaches and preaches about the various churches? His attitude toward baptism, the Lord's Supper, and other such truths is no different. He doesn't care what people do with regard to these matters. Does a true, born-again believer have such a "do-as-you-please" attitude with regard to our Lord's plain commandments? Read God's Word, and see!

Now, one must draw his own opinion as to whether or not Graham is saved. But the foregoing characteristics of him, plus a few other things not mentioned, have caused many to doubt that the man is truly born of God. Frankly, I know of few doctrines that the man is sound on. He is not sound on salvation, the atonement, grace, depravity, regeneration, the church, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and some other truths. Certainly, there is a heap o' room for doubt, even if the man is saved. I hope that he is; I do not judge in this matter; but if he is, my prayer is that God may arrest him from his heretical path and lead him to the Truth. If he isn't saved, then may God grant saving grace to him, if that be His will.

### BILLY GRAHAM AND "THE BIBLE SAYS..."

MANY PEOPLE HEAR Billy Graham say, "The Bible says..." and they swallow what he says hook, line, and sinker, as if the Bible actually said it. But what about it? Let us note just

a couple of things that Graham says the Bible says, which the Bible does not say:

(1) Graham says that the Bible says a sinner is to make a "decision for Christ." In fact, that word "decision" is quite characteristic of Grahamism. It seems that other Arminian jingles didn't cater enough to the flesh, so Graham adopted this new one—"decision for Christ." Now where does the Bible teach that the sinner "decides" for the Lord? Nowhere! Instead, it teaches that **God does the choosing** (see Acts 13:48, John 15:16, Romans 9:15-18, Eph. 1:4-11, II Thess. 2:13, 14, II Timothy 1:9).

(2) Graham teaches "join the church of your choice," thinking, no doubt, that the Bible teaches such. Now, what verse is this in the Bible? Can Graham give Scripture to back up this statement. This is what he tells all of his "deciders" to do; by what Scriptural authority does he tell them this?

Actually, about all that Graham's "The Bible says..." amounts to is this: It provides excellent camouflage for his Arminian heresies. He preaches salvation by free-will, hinging everything upon the sinner's will, contrary to John 1:13, 6:44, 63-65, and Romans 9:18, and he never attempts to give an audience a "thus saith the Lord" for his free-will "decisionism." When will people wake up to the fact that even Satan dabbled with the Scriptures when tempting Jesus (Matthew 4:6), and that simply saying "The Bible says" or "it is written" does not make a thing so?

Actually, those who follow Graham know very little of the Word of God. One hardly ever meets a Grahamite who believes anything except "decisionism," and free-willism, and unionism. They know nothing of elective grace, regeneration, imputed righteousness, or any other doctrine that exalts Christ in salvation. All they know is the glorious power of dear Mr. Free-will, and what he did for the Lord.

Often we receive letters from some flaming worshippers of Grahamism, and though they zealously defend Graham's heresies, they have never yet given the references where "the Bible says" to make a "decision," unionize with heretics and modernists, and "join the church of your choice." But the only thing that will convince us is a reference as to where the Bible says what Graham says it says. We just can't swallow what Graham says "the Bible" says when we have searched in vain to find where the Bible says it. The Campbellites claim to "speak where the Bible speaks" and Graham claims that "the Bible says" what he preaches; but both the Campbellites and Graham are without a passage of Scripture to support their heresies. And what's true of Graham is just as true of all interdenominational Arminian evangelists who teach the same things that Graham teaches.

### EMINENT QUOTATIONS

"NATURE IS SO CORRUPTED, as not to understand its own deprivation."—Owen.

### POSSUM RIDGE LETTER

dere bro. Gilpeens—

i hav ben 2 sik tu rite down mi kogitashuns this weak. I no i kant spel gude, and maby sum foakes dont keer anything about an old mens ramblins but i shor do lik tu rite u fer i think maby we air helpin sum uf our readers. speekin uf spellin, dont fergit u dont hav tu spell religun tu hav hit.

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yore frend,  
i s hardtufule

## "I Should Like To Know"

1. **Where do many preachers get the Scripture for "altars" in the church and home? Does the New Testament command us to have such?**

There are no Scriptures to support the idea of a sinner's coming to a place called an altar and "praying through" for salvation. We offer \$50 reward for the verse that teaches such. Neither is there any Scripture for calling family worship "the family altar." Christ is our sacrifice, so we need no Old Testament altar on which to offer up sacrifices. Why call something an altar when it is not an altar?

2. **Could you please tell me upon what Scripture is based the teaching of church membership?**

See I Corinthians 12:12-27. This passage is speaking of a local church—the church at Corinth. Certainly it is referring to church members. Also see Acts 2:47. New members were added to the church. Also see Ephesians 2:21.

3. **According to your teaching, a man can't be saved, regardless of how much he wants to be saved, if he isn't elect. Explain this.**

No, my brother. According to the Bible (which we attempt to teach), no man wants to be saved (John 3:19, Romans 3:11, Isaiah 53:6, Ephesians 4:17-19, etc.). The Bibles teaches that God gives us the will to be saved (Psalm 110:3, John 6:37, 44, 63-65, I Cor. 3:5, 4:7, 15:10, etc.). If God makes us willing, He certainly elected or chose whom He would make willing. (John 15:16, Psalm 65:4, Romans 9:15-18, etc.). You need to quit thinking so much upon suppositions such as the idea that man wants to be saved, and think upon the total, vicious, God-hating depravity of man. Then you would appreciate elective grace, not despise it.

4. **If we were to fall from grace, why should God have saved us in the first place? Am I right in saying that He wouldn't?**

Yes, you are right. Any thinking Christian knows better than to impute such ignorance to God.

5. **Do you believe a person can be saved and not know it?**

The Bible teaches that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17). Salvation is in Christ, and when the Gospel is preached, salvation by Christ is emphasized. When one hears the Gospel of Christ, and sees that Christ is salvation, then he has experientially realized

that salvation is in Christ. Now, this faith has been produced by the Spirit's convincing that person of the truthfulness of the Gospel. The persons **knows** that Christ saves by His work. Now, unless one can **forget** that fact, he **knows** he is saved by Christ. Can one forget? Yes. A backslider can. Read II Peter 1:5-9. Verse 9 says that one may forget that "he was once purged from his old sins." He is not lost, but he has **forgotten**, due to the fact that he has not added the things which Peter innumbrates. So, a backslider may not **know** that he is saved, but every spiritually-minded Christian does know. (II Tim. 1:12, I John 3:14, I Thess. 1:3, etc.).

6. **In sending an offering to TBE, should it be sent through my church?**

If yours is a sound, Scriptural church, I see no reason why the offering shouldn't be sent through the church.

7. **Should you give your tithe to a church in which you are visiting, or send it to your own church?**

You should send it to your own church, for your allegiance is to your church, not to the other church.

8. **Would it be Scriptural to give the tithe to TBE?**

We never ask people to send us tithes. We do not think it is wrong to send gifts to TBE, but your tithe should go to your church. However, if you do not have a sound church where you can serve the Lord with the tithe, if your church membership is in a somewhat heretical church, we do not think it is wrong to send the tithe to TBE or to some other church-sponsored work. But you should seek a church where you can fully do right about giving.

For instance, there is a godly family in the South that used to send TBE their tithe. Later, they found a Scriptural church, and told us that now they would give their tithe to the church. Although it meant that we no longer received a large offering, we were very happy that this family had now found a church in which they could give their tithe. We ask for support, but not for the tithe. Support your church, and if you feel led and have the money, we will deeply appreciate your gifts. TBE is church-sponsored, and is fully worthy of support, being a mission work.

(Answered by Bob L. Ross).

### A TYPICAL HOUSE OF TABASCO



"WORLD'S LARGEST TREE"





Yes, it would be wonderful if everybody behaved like he thinks the other fellow ought to behave.

## What I Saw In Mexico

By Bob L. Ross

### Going South To Tabasco

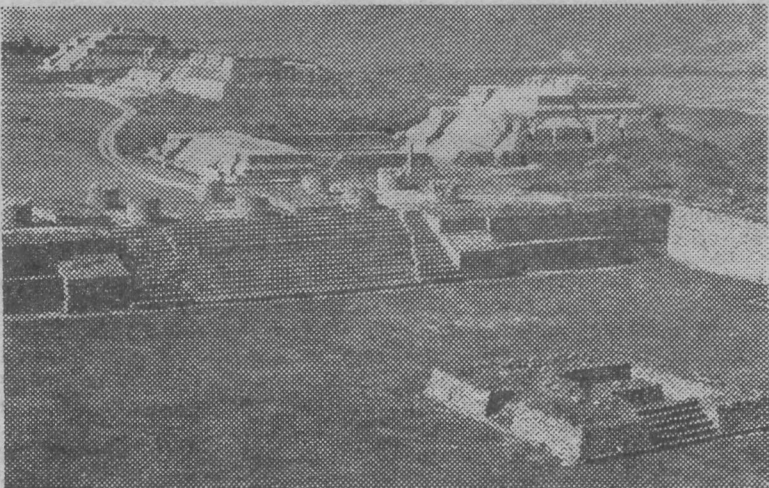
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## From Spurgeon's Pulpit

by

C. H. Spurgeon



### JESUS — SAVIOUR

"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matthew 1:21.

III. Thirdly, He shall save His people from the guilt of sin.

Jesus takes away not only terror, but the cause of terror; every kind of cause that might give the believer terror on account of his sin. No sooner does the sinner come to Christ, and cast himself entirely upon Him, than the Saviour takes away from him every blot, and speck, and stain, that had made him black before. Marvelous though it be, yet it is nevertheless true, the blackest sinner, believing in Jesus, in one moment becomes white as the angels in Heaven.

"The moment a sinner believes, And trusts in his crucified God, His pardon at once he receives, Salvation in full through His blood."

I know of a surety this day there is not a sin in God's Book against my soul. I know my sins were many and heinous and deserved eternal wrath; but in the moment I believed on Jesus, He made a clean sweep of my sins. His blood cleanseth from all sin. All the sins of all His people were charged to the account of Jesus. He bore the penalty of their sins. They are all gone, and the believer may now look up to Heaven, and say, "Great God, I am clean. Through Jesus' blood, I am clean."

O master-mercy! Is not this the very prince of blessings, that the guilty sinner should become innocent, that he should not only have pardon, but should actually be set free from guilt, that he should be so cleansed that in God's Book there should not be a solitary charge against him? Blessed Jesus, Thou dost cleanse Thy people from their sins.

Notice the boldness of the apostle Paul; he looks up to Heaven, nay, seems to mount up into Heaven; he seems to stand before the throne of God Himself, and looking at that great white throne, dazzling in its purity, he cries, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?"

O impious man, surely a thunderbolt will crush thee! Will not God raise Himself from His seat to dash thee into pieces? No, no; there stands the apostle, fearless and dauntless, and he exclaims, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" and, instead of thunder, there is heard from the throne this sweet answer to the bold challenge, "It is God that justifieth."

And now Paul lifts his voice again, and cries aloud, "Who is he that condemneth?"

And the answer comes, "It is Christ that died."

And you may even picture the apostle doing something beside this; he comes to earth, and cries, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? Who is he that condemneth?"

And then he seems to go down to the lowest shades of hell, and marching through the ranks of the demons, he cries, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

And meeting grim death, and him that had the power over death, that is, the devil, he shouts in their faces, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Christ so completely saveth His people from their sins that, before God, men, and devils, they can plead perfect innocence; there is nothing that can be laid to their charge.

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## Our Fifth Anniversary

The first Sunday in September of this year marks our fifth anniversary with the Central Baptist Church as missionaries in Old Mexico. It hardly seems like five years have passed, but it was in September, 1952, that the church sent us out to Old Mexico, yet it seems only a short time ago. However, we will never forget the time that we left for Mexico.

I had completed my seminary work in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, received my degree, had completed my college work, and was ready to go to a foreign country to take charge of our mission work there. Were we scared? Well, frankly, yes we were, a little bit. I had visited Mexico before but only briefly to visit the mission work; but we were going to live there this time, not just for a visit. Also, we had two small children, one less than a year old, not even able to walk yet, and we were a little concerned about health conditions in Mexico. Knowing this was the Lord's will for our lives, these were only passing thoughts, and we made our plans to leave.

The first Sunday in September, 1952, we said goodbye to the members of Central Baptist Church. We spent Monday packing and left Little Rock on Tuesday morning at 6:00 a. m. for Morelia, Michoacan, in Old Mexico, where we were to work with the Seminary and be in charge of all of the mission work of the Central Baptist Church.

We had an old 1948 Plymouth with a rebuilt motor in it, but it was not large enough for the family and all of the clothing, etc., that we needed to take with us. A member of our church had a home-made trailer, and seeing our plight, he offered us the use of the trailer, which we accepted, and after a little more work to fix it up, we were ready to load the trailer and leave. We packed the trailer with household goods, clothes, etc. Our baby, David, now nearly six years old, was only ten months old at the time and was still on a special formula which we had to take with us. Many people said, "I just don't believe I'd dare take such a little baby down there where there is so much disease." But we believed that the Lord had called us and that if we disobeyed His voice, He could (and would) take

### A SILENT DEMONSTRATION

God had only one Son and He was a Missionary.

The followers of Jesus were first called Christians in a Missionary Church.

Every book in the New Testament was written by a Missionary.

Every Epistle in the New Testament was written to a convert of Missions or to a Mission Church.

The Book of Revelation was written to seven Missionary Churches.

The Gospel of Luke was written by a Missionary Convert.

The Book of Acts describes the first Missionary journeys.

Every Apostle but one became a Missionary.

The only one who did not become a Missionary was a traitor.

—Source Unknown.



The Mosers in 1952, prior to going to Mexico.

the baby from us here or anywhere. We believed that God would protect him along with the rest of us any place that He wanted us to go. We could joyfully sing that song, "Anywhere with Jesus, I can safely go." As an added testimony, we can say that David is still with us and none of us were ever seriously ill in any wise at all, giving proof that God protects His own when they are obedient unto Him.

It was a long trip down to the Mexican border from Little Rock, and September was a very hot month in which to drive. It was uneventful until we reached Edinburg, Texas, where we had a flat on the trailer and found out that the spare tire and wheel that we had would not fit the trailer and that the wheel on the trailer did not have regular lugs, so we were there along the road about 35 miles from the closest town and no way to get the wheel off. Eventually, I caught a ride and we managed to get a truck to come out and fix the flat. The next day we bought a recapped tire in place of the one that blew out, and we were able to continue our trip without any more car trouble, as far as flat tires.

We crossed the border without any difficulty, and really without any inspection (the Lord saw to that), and drove on into Mexico.

We spent the night in Valles, Mexico, and left the next morning for the long drive through the mountains to Mexico City. We didn't know it then, but we were

not to reach them. Heavy torrential rains had fallen during the night and were still falling, and as we drove on toward the mountains we could hardly see the road because of the rains; but they soon subsided and we were able to make fairly good time. However, in a short time we found a group of cars parked in the highway, that the rains had loosened a "slide," and the road was blocked with about three feet of dirt piled all over the highway (or maybe I should say three feet of mud). Some of the men on the heavy trucks driving between Laredo, Texas, and Mexico City got off the trucks and began to shovel the mud to one side and the other, trying to make a path through the mud; but this seemed a hopeless task, because as fast as they took a shovel out, another two or three shovels took its place. Finally, one of the huge trucks decided he would try to "plow through" the mud, and with everyone pushing the truck and the truck pushing through the mud, he finally made it part way through the mud, but soon the wheels would only spin.

The men then began to cut small trees down with their "machetes" and to place them in front of the wheels of the truck. As I was walking by the men working, one of the men cautioned me about touching a certain plant that was growing there. He told me the name of the plant was the "mala mujer" or "bad woman," and said that if the plant touched your body anywhere, it would cause the entire area to swell up to enormous proportions, and sometimes results in death. Eventually, they were able to get the large truck through, and one by one, the other trucks passed through until it came my turn. With the sticks, limbs, rocks, etc., placed in the road we managed to get through to the other side and to resume our journey.

We traveled about 10 miles (Continued on next page)

## Retired Missionary Writes A MOST INTERESTING STORY RELATED TO HIS WORK

Dear Brother in Christ:

I am so sorry to see your father has had a breakdown. I am praying for him that God will restore him for many years yet. I remember preaching once in his church there about twenty years ago. I am past 90 years old, and have been bedfast for about nine years; I am just waiting to be called home.

I haven't much of this world's goods and live on the State's Old Age Pension, but we try to give 10 per cent of it to the Lord's work, so we will enclose a little check to help in your Mexico work.

Elder and Mrs. R. Y. Blalock  
Concord, California.

One of the most interesting stories of independent Baptist missions is the story that concerns the check from Brother and Sister R. Y. Blalock of Concord, California, a graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and the founder of China Direct Baptist Missions. When Brother Blalock graduated from the seminary, he was offered an appointment by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Believing in church missions as carried on in the New Testament, Brother Blalock declined the appointment. He felt the call of God to go as a missionary to China, but believed that missions had been given to the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ and that churches did not have the right to give that authority to other bodies.

Other preachers and churches felt the same way. Two preachers in North Carolina were very much concerned about the whole matter. They were so concerned that they did something about it. Brother Jay P. Gwaltney and Brother Parks Gwaltney rode horseback over the Carolina mountains telling churches about the mission need. Church after church responded under the power of the Holy Spirit and money was soon in hand to send Brother Blalock to China. There was no board, no organization supporting him, save these few small rural Baptist churches. Brother Blalock was told that after he was gone that these churches would soon lose interest and that he would be left stranded in China; but in spite of all these dire predictions, Brother Blalock's faith in Christ and His churches did not falter. He went to China, and for more than 50 years the Lord blessed and supported him through His churches.

Later, because of internal conditions in China, Brother Blalock

returned to the United States. He again visited many of the churches that had so Scripturally supported him. In passing from the West Coast to the east, he passed through Little Rock and at that time preached in the Central Baptist Church of Little Rock. We knew little about him and his work at that time, but what we did know caused us to welcome him and to take an offering for him.

In the afternoon, Mrs. M. L. Moser, Sr., was talking with Mrs. Blalock and asked her about her "brogue." She said, "Mrs. Blalock, you have a distinct brogue in speaking English. I do not mean that being in China so many years has affected your English; it is not that. Somehow you have a different way of speaking. Where were you reared?" Mrs. Blalock said that both she and Brother Blalock were reared in North Carolina. Mrs. Moser then told her that she was related to some Baptist preachers in North Carolina, old fashioned Baptist preachers. Her grandfather's name was Gwaltney, Jay P. Gwaltney, and she was also related to another preacher by the name of Parks Gwaltney.

At the mention of these two names, brother Brother and Sister Blalock became very much interested and the whole story came out. With tears in his eyes, Brother Blalock told of how these two preachers rode over the hills of North Carolina to tell the churches of the needs on the mission field and these two men were used of the Lord to raise the necessary money to send them to China and to continue to support them in China.

Brother Blalock remarked, "They told me that if I went to China without the backing of the Board that I would starve to death, that I would soon be forgotten. And now after fifty years of continued support, I find the granddaughter of the man who first raised the funds to send me to China, married to a Baptist preacher that is also church mission minded and who caused his church to give me an offering this morning. Rather than the churches forgetting me, the grandchildren are now supporting me on the field."

Brother Blalock sent us another offering during the latter part of 1956 and has now sent again. His son is now a missionary in Japan, unable to go into China because of the Communists. We do thank the Lord for the fifty years of service in China by Brother and Sister Blalock and now for their son who is a missionary in (Continued on next page)

### ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

The dates for the Bible Conference to be held at the Central Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., are November 12, 13 and 14.

We trust that the Bible Conference this year will be even greater than last year when we had 99 visitors and over 70 preachers from 14 states. Please make your plans to attend the Conference; we will probably print the schedule in the next issue of Mexican Newsflashes.

Please notify us if you are coming so that we may make arrangements for out-of-town guests.

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## Our Fifth Anniversary

(Continued from preceding page)

Further on and again saw that the trucks were parked on the road. I got out and walked on further down the road and looked around a curve and water was over the highway in a small valley. One of the boys got off of the first truck and began to walk out along the road to see how deep the water was, and it soon got so deep that he had to swim; but the truck was right behind him, and the water was even too deep for the truck to go on, so he had to back up. Also, a man swam across from the other side and said that even if we were able to cross this part, the river had flooded the large bridge near the town of Tamuzenchale and it was impossible to cross there, so we all had to turn around and head back to Valles. But as we returned to the landslide, more dirt had fallen on the road and we were unable to cross, meaning that we were marooned between the landslide and the flooding river, and not knowing when another landslide might sweep us off the road.

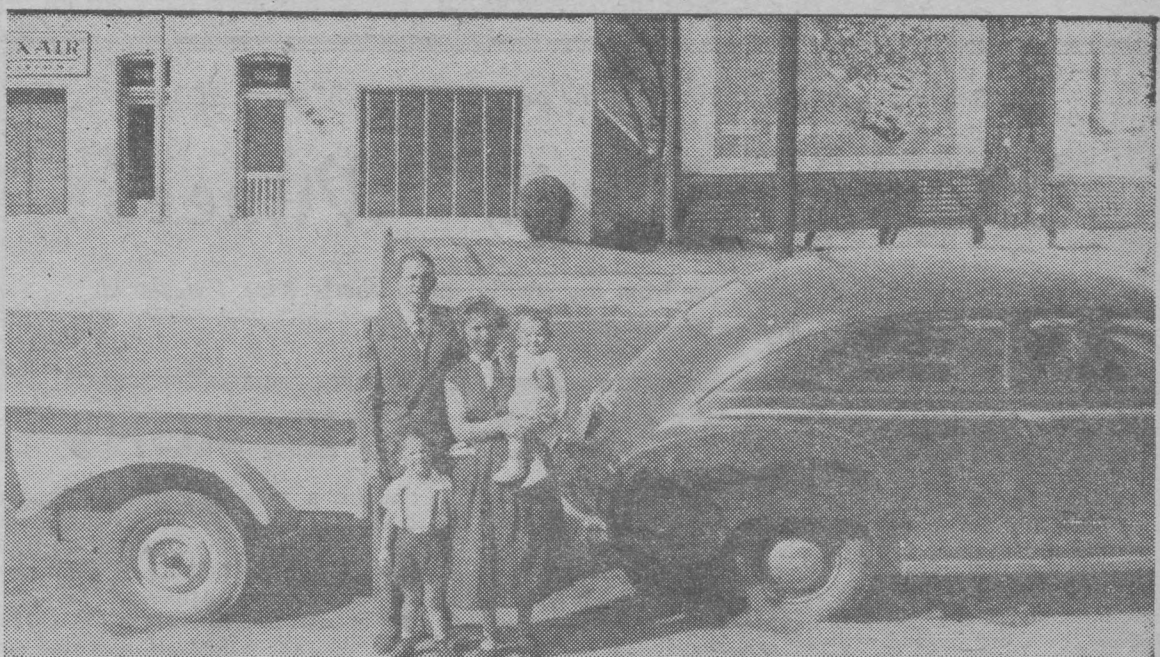
We had to wait there all day long and even into the night. Our biggest problem was that we did not have any food and not too much water, so that we had to make out on what little we had. We had a 2-gallon Thermos jug

of purified water and we used this water to mix the formula for the baby and occasionally to wet our lips a little, because we did not know how long we might have to stay there. Behind us was a jeep with a Mexican woman born in the States who was married to a Mexican, and she also had a small baby and no food or water; so we gave her some of the water that we had, and in showing the Mexican our trailer, I noticed a box near the back door (the only door) that had some crackers and jelly in it. We ate crackers and jelly, plus a little water for our dinner and supper, and the lady gave some of the crackers to her baby.

Finally the highway department sent a tractor to clear the road and we got back to the hotel that night about 9:30 p. m., tired, hungry, and not knowing what to expect next.

Not being able to go direct to Mexico City meant that we had to go a longer way around, retracing part of our steps and then driving from El Mante to San Luis Potosi, Leon, Irapuato, and to Salamanca; and rather than go direct to Mexico City from Salamanca, we asked about a dirt road directly from Salamanca to Morelia. They told me at the gasoline station that the road was in bad shape but it was possible to get to Morelia, so we left Salamanca directly for Morelia. Little did we know how bad a shape the road was in.

For the first few miles the road was fairly good, graveled and without any mud; but the further on we went, the worse it got, until finally the road was only two ruts and mud. When we had to pass a car or a bus we had great difficulty in leaving the ruts, and didn't know if we would be able to get back into the ruts, but it seemed that the heavy load on the trailer helped us to keep the back wheels down on the solid surface where we had traction, and each time we were able to continue our trip. Eventually we got to a town called Yuriria, after going the wrong way at a "y." We had to turn back and take the other road which led over a small mountain. This proved to be the toughest part of the road. With the load of the trailer and the fact that our car was an old car, the car didn't have enough power to pull us over a small hill. We had to back up (which is very difficult with a trailer, and especially since it was the first time I had



The Mosers, prepared to leave for Mexico in 1952.

driven with a trailer) and make several "running starts." Each time the car would "choke down," but after the fourth try, we got over the small hill and continued our journey.

At the bottom of the hill were two towns that had grown together, and it was here that they told us we would not be able to get through, but since we had gotten that far and it was only about 7 miles to the paved road on the other side, we decided to try to make it on through. We nearly flooded out in leaving the town where there is a small dip, and the car dragged bottom as we went through the mud; but we left the town and continued on for some distance. We saw ahead of us the "road" climbing a small hill that was rather long but not too steep. There were only two ruts and no way to pass a car or bus and a bus was coming down the hill; so we managed to leave the ruts and to pull over to one side to permit the bus to pass, but instead of passing he stopped beside me and told me that it was impossible for a bus or a car to go through, and especially so for a car and trailer. He told me that several cars were already stuck on the sides of the road and that some of them had been there all night and that it had taken him seven hours to come from Morelia when it was only about 14 miles from where we were to Morelia. So reluctantly, we turned around. The trailer and car were soon crossways in the road and I couldn't get either of them straightened out until a bus stopped and several got off of the bus and helped me to straighten the car out, and we returned to Salamanca.

From Salamanca we had to drive to Toluca, which is only 45 miles from Mexico City, which means that in all, we had to drive an extra 350 miles in order to get to Morelia. Our money was beginning to run short as we didn't plan to drive the extra miles, and when we arrived in Morelia at 3:00 a. m., I had less than eight Mexican pesos in my pocket, which is less than \$1.00 in our money. It seemed that Satan had brought all the forces of nature to bear against us to keep us from serving the Lord where He had called us to go. We arrived at Morelia tired and discouraged, but with the certainty that we

were where the Lord wanted us. Certainly the Lord brought us through all the trials and tribulations and we were safely in the place where we had started for.

It has not been a "bed of roses" since, but we have found the Lord ever present in times of trouble and distress; and by His grace, we have been able to serve Him during these five years and the work has grown and prospered in spite of the work of the devil against us.

Twice men with machine-guns have come to pick me up in Morelia in order to put me in jail, but both times the Lord saw to it that I was not at the church building when they came; and the Lord through the efforts of our friends (and especially through the efforts of Brother Felipe Duran of Morelia) protected us. One other time a man from Mexico City, equivalent to an "F. B. I." man, came with a warrant to pick me up and to take me back to Mexico City and place me in jail, but again the Lord saw to it that we were here in the States when he came. So in spite of all that Satan has tried to do, the Lord has always protected us.

These five years have been enjoyable years, full of heartaches many times, full of tears many times, but knowing that if "God be for us, who can be against us." Our prayers are that God will continue to enable us to continue to serve Him in every way that is pleasing unto Him and that the Lord will give Central Baptist Church and the many friends who are helping us in the work in Mexico, many more years of preaching the Gospel in Old Mexico.

## Retired Missionary

(Continued from preceding page) Japan. I am glad that my great-grandfather had a part in the preaching of the Gospel in China through Brother and Sister Bla-

lock, and now they have returned in kind by helping us in the preaching of the Gospel in Mexico.

NOTE: I was too small at the time to remember much of the above so all of the information above was told to me by my father and mother, M. L. Moser, Sr., and his wife.

## An Infallible Bible Or No Bible At All

Once admit the principle that the writers of the Bible could make mistakes, and were not, in all things, guided by the Spirit, and I know not where I am. I see nothing certain, nothing solid, not trustworthy in the foundations of my faith. A fog has descended on the Book of God, and enveloped every chapter in uncertainty! Who shall decide when the writers of Scripture made mistakes, and when they did not? How am I to know where inspiration ends, and where it begins? What I think inspired, another may think uninspired! The texts that I rest upon may, possibly, have been put in by a slip of the pen! The words and phrases that I love to feed on may, possibly, be weak, earthly expressions, in writing which the author was left by to his own private uninspired mind!

The glory is departed from my Bible at this rate! A cold feeling of suspicion and doubt creeps over me as I read it. I am almost tempted to lay it down in flat despair. A partially inspired Bible is little better than no Bible at all. Give me the "plenary verbal theory," with all its difficulties, rather than this. I accept the difficulties of that theory, and humbly wait for their solution; but while I wait, I feel I am standing on a rock.—VENN.

## OFFERINGS RECEIVED MONTH OF JULY, 1957

Providence Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas .....	\$ 17.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas .....	25.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church (Ladies' Auxiliary) .....	
Memphis, Tenn. ....	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma .....	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. W., Monticello, Arkansas .....	40.00
Mr. C. H. C., Robertsburg, W. Va. ....	10.00
Mrs. R. E. H., Garland, Texas .....	1.00
Woosley Baptist Church, Point, Texas .....	25.00
Gardis Missionary Baptist Church, Clarendon, Texas .....	12.00
A friend, Arkansas .....	5.00
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. ....	15.00
Trinity Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas .....	15.00
Clearview Baptist Church, Borger, Texas .....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. B., Lonoke, Arkansas .....	25.00
A friend, Velasco, Texas .....	20.00
Divide Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Texas .....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Y., Campbell, Texas .....	5.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. ....	150.00
Ross Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas .....	50.00
Miss H. C., Little Rock, Arkansas .....	7.50
First Baptist Church, Baden, Pennsylvania .....	2.30
Arkansas City Missionary Baptist Church, Arkansas City, Kansas .....	5.00
Riverview Baptist Church, Borger, Texas .....	30.00
Mr. N. H. T., Norfolk, Virginia .....	10.00
First Baptist Church, Clute, Texas .....	10.00
Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky. ....	5.00
Red Bayou Baptist Church, Mansfield, Louisiana .....	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rogers, Ark. ....	20.00
Mrs. E. F., Houston, Texas .....	2.00
Mrs. E. M., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	3.50
Mrs. M. T. B., Alexander, Ark. ....	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. N. H. L., Baton Rouge, La. ....	20.00
Woodside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla. ....	5.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. ....	75.00
Valley Oak Baptist Church, Argyle, Ky. ....	22.00
Providence Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas .....	14.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. S., San Bernardino, Calif. ....	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas .....	15.50
Central Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. ....	479.24
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,248.04</b>

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"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—Eccl. 12:1

## Baptist Youth Witness

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

### ROMAN CATHOLIC INVENTIONS

Compiled by  
L. J. KING, Ex-Romanist

"Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition which they have delivered, and many such things we do.—Mark 7:7-13.

The Romish church proclaims to the world that she has always taught and is teaching today the same Gospel that Jesus and His apostles taught. But her doctrines and commandments are latter-day inventions of popes and priests—and not to be found in the Bible—and there is no saving power in them.

The earliest invention is prayers for the dead and making the sign of the cross—both came into existence about 300 years after the Saviour and the Apostles.

About 600 years after Christ, Gregory I established worship in unknown tongue, or in Latin.

The worship of Mary and saints began about 600 years after Christ and the Apostles.

The Bible teaches all our prayers should be addressed to God alone. Prayers were never offered to Mary and the saints by the Apostles and the members of the early Christian Church.

The worship of the cross, images and relics was established about 788 years after Christ. It is impossible to find a single trace of this practice in the Gospel.

The baptism of bells does not come from Christ and the apostles; this baptism was invented 965 years after the beginning of the Christian church, by Pope John XIV.

It was about 998 years after the apostles that Lent was imposed by the Roman Catholic Church. Lent and the obligatory

fast on Friday are commandments of men, not teachings of the Gospel.

Roman Catholic priests introduced the fabrication of holy water about 1000 years after the apostles. Thus this so-called holy water is merely a human novelty. Gregory VII is the pope who made the law against the marriage of the priest, 1079 years after Christ. The Bible teaches the marriage of the clergy.

"Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats" (I Timothy 4:3) are called by Paul "doctrines of devils," but are taught by the Romish church.

"A bishop (minister) must be blameless, the husband of one wife."—I Timothy 3:2.

Beads were invented by Peter the Hermit, 1090 years after the apostles. This machine is used for counting prayers, but the Bible does not speak of it.

Auricular confession, or confession to the priests, was also instituted by Pope Innocent II, during a session of the Council of Latran, 1215 years after Christ.

The sacrifice of the mass is a novelty, and has been in existence only since the eleventh century. The Gospel teaches us that the sacrifice of Christ was offered "once for all."

The Roman mass is not a mystery but a great fraud; and one of the "lying wonders" of the anti-Christ.

About 1190 years after Christ, the Roman Catholic Church began the sale of indulgences. The Christian religion, as is taught in the Gospel, condemns such a traffic.

The Bible says—"Ye are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."—I Peter 1:18.

The Roman Catholic Church

uses a wafer in the Lord's Supper, instead of bread. This change was made about the time the doctrine of transubstantiation was proclaimed an article of faith by Pope Innocent II, in 1215. In 1220 Pope Honorius III invented the adoration of this wafer, and thus the Roman Catholic Church worships a god made by the hands of man. The adoration of such a god is entirely contrary to the Gospel.

"The Lord of Heaven and earth dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with men's hands."—Acts 17:24.

Since the year 1414, the Roman Catholic Church has refused to give the cup, or wine, to the people in the Communion Service. This institution of Christ was changed by the Council of Constance. The apostles taught that the Lord's Supper should be given with bread and wine.

Paul said, "As often as ye eat this bread (not a cracker-god) and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."—I Corinthians 11:26. And Jesus said, "Drink ye all of it."

The doctrine of purgatory was proclaimed an article of faith 1438 years after the apostles, by the Council of Florence. The Gospel does not contain a single word concerning the Roman Catholic purgatory.

Purgatory is a great monetary speculation—an invention of man inspired by the devil—one of the lying wonders of the anti-Christ, and the most gigantic and stupendous fraud and humbug of the ages.

Roman Catholic traditions were placed on the same level with the Holy Scriptures by the Council of Trent 1545 years after Christ. These traditions are simply teachings of men.

The Apocryphal books were placed in the Bible by the Council of Trent, 1546 years after the apostles.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul, the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."—Psalm 19:7.

It was 1854 years after Christ that the Roman Church invented the doctrine called "Immaculate conception" that Mary was born without sin. But the Gospel tells us that all human beings have sinned. Mary needed the "Saviour."—(Luke 1:47).

The infallibility of the pope is a new doctrine which was made in the year 1870. Before the year 1870 this dogma did not exist. No human being is infallible.

Christ is the Head of His Church and holds the keys of the

#### GOD'S FENCES

Some years ago I was enjoying a ramble on the Portsdown Hills, a favorite resort of the Portsmouth people, and commanding a delightful view of the sea. They are all open to the public, except a few places which are carefully fenced off. Are these the most luxurious spots, where the grass is softest and the moss most green? No, indeed; these are the broken and precipitous parts, where serious accidents might occur.

God's laws are just like those fences. Satan would persuade us, when we come to a part fenced off, that God has forbidden it because it is peculiarly enjoyable, and because He has a tyrant's delight in interfering with our happiness. But that is Satan's lie. God's love has placed that fence there to keep us from hurting ourselves.—F. S. WEBSTER.

## THE RAILROAD WITH THE GOLDEN BOLT

By W. Y. FULLERTON

The Central Pacific Railway in America, which links the two greatest oceans in the world, was completed several years ago. They began to lay the line at either end, and, after superhuman effort, they met in the center. It was a day of intense excitement when the line was to

be completed, the last rail laid the last bolt—a golden one—driven home. Men came from all countries to witness the ceremony, and many who could not come gathered in the cities where, over the electric wire, the news would instantaneously flash. The bolt was connected, by the same electricity, with the bell of the Capitol at Washington, and with the fire-bell at San Francisco, and the hammer that drove it home immediately started both the bells ringing. Thus, because the continent was crossed, the bells, both on the east and west, told forth the joy of the people.

But when Christ completed the spiritual way, and driving the last bolt home, said, "It is finished," I think surely the angels on the battlements said, "Ring the bells of heaven, there is joy today;" at all events, let us ring the bells on earth because, at length, Christ has opened up the new and living way by His own blood.

It has many names: the Way of Peace, the Way of Truth, the Way of Salvation, the Way of Holiness, the Way of God; but it is only one way, stretching from earth to Heaven. The Cross of Calvary is the Golden Bolt, and the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God is the responsive Silvery Music: but at Calvary—

It was not a bolt of gold,  
But only a cross of wood,  
Yet the bliss can never be told,  
When its meaning is understood.

It speaks of the mountain  
crossed,  
The crooked and rough made  
plain,  
Of the climax of toil and cost,  
That brings man back to God  
again.

The way is complete. Rejoice,  
'Tis finished. Earth's one way  
Heaven.  
Now to Christ, with heart and  
with voice,  
Let our trust and our thanks be  
given.

Our trust. 'Tis the only way  
We bid to the world farewell,  
And our thanks. Thus only  
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For the favour in which  
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#### READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS



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"... the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels."—Matthew 13:39.



### For Little Children

#### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Read Acts Two.

Boys and girls, a few days after the Lord Jesus Christ went back to Heaven, the day of Pentecost came in Jerusalem. Jesus' disciples were all there, waiting for this day, and soon it came.

This was the day when the disciples received wonderful power from the Lord to preach and to tell others of the Lord Jesus. There were many different people in Jerusalem at this time, and many of them spoke different languages. But the Lord gave great power to the disciples, so that they were able to preach to all the visitors there in Jerusalem.

And guess what kind of a sermon these disciples preached. Do you suppose that the disciples told all these people to start living better lives and then they would be saved? No, they didn't say that. Do you suppose that the preachers told the people to go build an idol and believe in it for salvation. No, boys and girls, the Lord's preachers didn't preach a message like that.

The Bible tells us about one disciple's sermon. This disciple was Peter. The Bible says that Peter preached the Lord Jesus Christ to these people. He told them of Jesus's perfect life upon this earth, about His death upon the cross, and how He was raised from the grave and went back to Heaven. Peter told them that they all were sinners and needed the salvation that is in the Lord Jesus, and that whosoever trusted the Lord Jesus to save his soul, would be saved.

And the Bible says that a great number of people—3,000 in all—trusted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and were saved that day.

Boys and girls, we all aren't preachers. And we all aren't Sunday School teachers. But we all can speak to our little friends and tell them of the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross to take away sins. Have you told anybody about Jesus?

"We're saved, saved, to tell others  
Of the Man of Galilee,  
Saved, saved to live daily  
For the Christ of Calvary.  
Saved, saved, to invite you  
To His salvation free;  
We're saved, saved, saved by His  
blood.  
For all eternity."



Some people are more interested in what they descended from than in what they should be ascending to.

## "Enriched"

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son is just as dead spiritually as a corpse is physically. A man can do spiritual acts before he comes to Jesus Christ just as easily as a dead man can get up and walk away from the scene where he was killed. Beloved, that is the spiritual status of every man who is outside Jesus Christ. He is spiritually dead before God.

The day that any man is saved, he is enriched, in that God changes his nature. Whereas he has had a live physical nature and a dead spiritual nature, now he has two live natures. The old fleshly nature is just as much alive as it ever was but now he has a spiritual nature that likewise has been made alive in Christ Jesus. I say, beloved, every saved person has a new nature.

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—II Peter 1:4.

Beloved, if you are saved, you have the nature of God on the inside of you. That is why I often say if we have the nature of God inside us, then we ought to walk a little like God, we ought to talk a little like God, and the world ought to be able to see something of God within our lives.

I say then, the man who is saved has been enriched. He has a nature now that is different from what it was before he was saved. I don't profess to know anything about the nature of an angel except what I have read in the Bible. I don't know but very, very little about the nature of a snake. Beloved, I will say this, there is more difference in the nature of a saved man and an unsaved man than there is in the nature of an angel and the nature of a snake. If you are a lost man, your spiritual nature is absolutely, totally, dead. You are as dead

spiritually as a corpse is physically. But, beloved friends, that individual that has been saved has a new nature. He has the nature of God on the inside of him. He has been made a partaker of the divine nature. He has been enriched by the Lord Jesus Christ.

## II

**HE HAS ENRICHED US IN THAT HE HAS PUT US INTO A DIFFERENT FAMILY.**

Do you realize when you were born into this world, that you were born into the family of Satan? Do you realize that you had the Devil for your spiritual father? Do you realize that it was wrong for you, before you were saved, to even look up into God's face and say, "Our Father, which art in Heaven." I tell you, if you are lost, you have the Devil for your spiritual father and you are in the Devil's family. Listen:

**"YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."**—John 8:44.

I say then, beloved, that you are an unsaved person are now a child of the Devil and you are in the Devil's family. But every day that you are saved, God takes you out of the Devil's family and puts you into His family. That day God becomes your Father and you become a son or a daughter of God. We read:

**"For ye are all the CHILDREN OF GOD by faith in Christ Jesus."**—Gal. 3:26.

Beloved, you are not a child of God because you were born such. You are not a child of God because you turned over a new leaf. You are not a child of God because you quit your meanness. You are not a child of God because you were baptized. You are

not a child of God because you have taken the Lord's Supper. Rather, you are a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

I say then, that if you are saved, you can right now lay claim to the fact that God is your Father. You can put your hand upon your heart and can look up into His face and say, "My Father," and you can have the assurance that God looks down upon you and says, "My child." You can have the assurance that you are no longer in the family of the Devil, but that you are in the family of God—that God has become your Father, that Jesus Christ has become your elder Brother, and that you have become a child of God, and that Heaven is going to become your home when you leave this world. I tell you, you have been enriched if you have been saved—enriched to the extent that you are now changed from the family of the Devil into the family of God.

You know, beloved, there are only two ways that a person can get into any family. One is that you can be born into that family; the other is, you have to be adopted into that family. Well, beloved, you were not born naturally into the family of God; you were born naturally into the family of Satan, and the only way you can get into the family of God is to be adopted into God's family. If you are saved, you are one of God Almighty's adopted children. You have been adopted into the family of the Lord.

## III

**HE HAS ENRICHED US IN THAT OUR SIN DEBT IS ALL PAID.**

Do you realize that sin has to be paid for? We read:

**"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE."**—Ezek. 18:4.

**"For the WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."**—Rom. 6:23.

Beloved, sin has to be paid for, and you can either pay for it in Hell or else Jesus Christ paid for it on the Cross. God has never forgiven any man on any other basis except that Jesus Christ died to pay for his sins.

Here is an individual who says, "Now, Brother Gilpin, I know that I am a sinner. I know that I do a lot of things that I ought not to do. Every night before I go to bed, I get down on my knees and I pray and I say, 'Oh, God, please forgive me for all the sins that I have done.'" Beloved, do you know what you are doing? You are just wasting your time. You might just as well ask God to damn you as to ask Him to forgive you on that basis. You say, "Brother Gilpin, don't you think God will save a man if you ask Him to save you?" No; absolutely not. God does not save people because they are sorry that they are sinners and thus ask God for forgiveness. Beloved, God saves on one basis only—name-ly, that of redemption. God only saves because Jesus Christ paid the sin debt.

I ask you, how many sins do you have in your life? I know you couldn't begin to count them in any wise at all.

Isn't it amazing how fast the newspapers pile up around your house? We have both a morning paper and an evening paper coming to our home, and it is surprising how fast the papers pile up on the table in our house.

Well, beloved, suppose you had a paper coming to you, not just at morning and at evening, but every hour of the day. You know very soon you would have to move out because your house would be so piled up with papers that there wouldn't be any room for you.

Beloved, that is just the way our sins accumulate. They don't accumulate just once in the morning and once in the evening. They don't accumulate just once every hour. Rather, our sins accumulate one on top of the other, hour in and hour out, all of our lives, and that veritable, avalanche of sins that has accumulated against us has to be paid for. The man who is in Hell today is there paying

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

OUTLINE AND NOTES BY JOHN R. GILPIN

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1957

## THE CHURCH'S FIRST FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Acts 13

**MEMORY VERSE:** "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."—Acts 13:39.

**INTRODUCTION:** This begins the second section of the book of Acts. Jerusalem was the center of the first section, while the second great center of Christianity is Antioch. Peter was the leading figure in the first section, but Paul is such in the second. (Peter is mentioned but once. Acts 15:7).

### I. The Holy Spirit At Work. Acts 13:1-2.

Ten years have elapsed since Saul was saved (Acts 9). He had been brought to Antioch by Barnabas to help in the work there (Acts 11:25, 26). He, along with Barnabas, and three others are the human leaders of this church. The Holy Spirit calls Paul and Barnabas to be the first foreign missionaries. Some lessons stand out:

1. The Holy Spirit is a living Personality.
2. The Holy Spirit is interested in foreign missions (if we are not, it is because of the absence of the Holy Spirit in our lives).
3. The Holy Spirit definitely calls workers and guides a church in regard to its mission program.

### II. Man At Work. Acts 13:3-5.

The church and workers both accepted the statement of the Holy Spirit as final. Therefore, Paul began his first foreign mission journey.

1. The laying on of hands was the church's way of expressing fellowship and identification with the two apostles whom God had chosen to this task.
2. Paul and Barnabas knew that the Word of God was all that could lead men to salvation; hence they preached it. Cf. Rom. 10:17. When they preached thus, they did all that man could do.

### III. Satan At Work. Acts 13:6-10.

1. Wherever the Word of God is preached, the Devil will always oppose it (V. 8). We should always expect opposition.
2. Elymas, the sorcerer, was an enemy to missions. His progeny has not all died yet.
3. The Holy Spirit uncovered the true character of this imposter, Elymas. Cf. Acts 8:20-23.
4. Paul believed in preaching plainly concerning sin (V. 10).

### IV. God At Work. Acts 13:11, 12.

1. God takes care of the enemies of Jesus Christ's cause (V. 11). Cf. II Tim. 4:14.
2. Even though there may be much opposition, God can save just the same (V. 12).

### V. Man Turns His Back On God's Work. Acts 13:13.

At Perga, John Mark deserted these missionaries. No reason is given as to why he turned back. Regardless of the reason, he failed these

for his sins.

Beloved, you can either pay for your sins in Hell or else you can see Jesus Christ on the Cross paying for all your sins. When you see the truth that Jesus Christ died for your sins, thank God you are saved. Your sin debt is paid in full.

Jesus said:

**"IT IS FINISHED."**—John 19:30.

What did Jesus mean? He had died for our sins. He had paid our sin debt. Everything that needed to be done for our sins was done the day that Jesus said, "It is finished." I tell you, beloved, you can't do one thing else. You can't do one thing to please God. Everything that needed to be done, that ought to have been done—yea, that could have been done, was done the day that Jesus Christ said, "It is finished."

Brother, sister, if you have received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, then your sin debt is paid and you never have to face those sins again. I tell you, you are enriched in that your sin debt is paid in full.

Isn't it remarkable to think that your sins are blotted out by the Lord Jesus Christ and isn't it more wonderful to remember that He tells us that we will never have to face those sins again? Listen:

**"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I REMEMBER NO MORE."**—Heb. 8:12.

I tell you, beloved, I am an enriched man. I have been enriched because I have been to Calvary. My sins have been paid

missionaries, God's cause, and God at a time when he was badly needed. Oh, how many times we have failed the Lord and have traitorously deserted our Master! May we see in John Mark how our lives often look.

Years later Mark became a profitable servant to Paul. Cf. II Tim. 4:11. What encouragement there is here for us! The one who failed in service was graciously restored, and then was chosen by the Holy Spirit to write the Gospel which bears his name.

### V. Paul's Sermon At Antioch In Pisidia. Acts 13:14-43.

1. This was Paul's first recorded sermon.
2. It was doubtlessly a report in full of what Paul spoke.
3. He traced the history of the Jews from Egypt to the crucifixion of Christ, showing that man had always been a failure.
4. He preached the Gospel (death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Vs. 28-30. Cf. I Cor. 15:3) to his audience.
5. The manner Christ was treated was according to Scripture prophecies of the Old Testament. His death merely fulfilled the predictions made concerning Him (V. 29).
6. Paul quoted liberally from the Old Testament (V. 33-35, 41).
7. Forgiveness of sins comes only through Jesus (V. 38). Then baptism, church membership, and our own miserable works have nothing to do with the forgiveness of sins.
8. Paul preached justification (V. 39). This is just the opposite of condemnation. To be justified means "JUST-AS-IF-I'D never sinned." This blessing comes through faith in Christ.

### VII. Mere Opposition. Acts 13:44-52.

At the invitation of the people (V. 42), Paul and Barnabas remained in the city until the next Sabbath to preach. Then the whole city came together to hear God's Word (V. 44). This excited the Jews to envy. (How like unto religious envy today).

This opposition caused the missionaries to turn away from the Jews to the Gentiles. This pictures the cost of envy. Any sin always costs the sinner. The Jews in their envy went so far as to stir up the women of the city against the preachers (V. 50).

Following the words of Jesus, Paul wiped off the dust from his feet as a witness against the townspeople. Cf. Mt. 10:14. At the judgment this dust will rise up to condemn Paul's rejecters.

### VIII. A Few Were Saved. Acts 13:48.

This verse would teach us that salvation begins with God and not with man. All who are ordained to eternal life will eventually believe. How we do thank God that He has elected some to eternal life. Cf. Eph. 1:3-5. Trust Jesus to save you and you will know that you are one of the elect.

for. My sins have been blotted out and God says that He will remember those sins and iniquities no more.

## IV

**HE HAS ENRICHED US IN**

**THAT WE HAVE NO FEAR OF HELL.**

Do you realize that a person who is saved doesn't worry about Hell? The man who worries about

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## "Enriched"

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Hell is unsaved. The man who gets uneasy when the lightning flashes through the sky, or the man who gets uneasy when there is an accident that almost takes him out of this world is the man who hasn't received Jesus Christ as his Saviour. The man who has been saved is enriched to this extent, that there is absolutely no fear of Hell within his life.

I tell you, beloved, if I die today, I am not afraid I am going to Hell. If I live a hundred years, I am not afraid I am going to Hell. So far as I am concerned, the Lord took all the fear of Hell out of my life the day that Jesus Christ became my Saviour. There have been a lot of things that I have been afraid of since that time, but there is one thing that never has caused me one moment's fear, namely, the fear of Hell. The day that Jesus Christ became my Saviour, all the fear of Hell was taken out of my life.

**"And the work of righteousness shall be PEACE; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and ASSURANCE FOR EVER."**—Isa. 32:17.

The man who has received Jesus Christ as a Saviour is at peace with God. He has an assurance that everything is all right with the Lord and the fear of Hell is all gone out of his life.

If I go out on the streets and ask every individual that I meet if there is any fear of Hell in his life, practically every individual will admit that he is afraid he is going to Hell. He is doing the best he can. He is hoping for the best. He is trusting that God will be merciful so that he will not go to Hell. But deep down in his heart there is a fear of Hell that is existing there.

I tell you, beloved, from the very hour that Jesus Christ became my Saviour, I have never feared Hell one particle. I can go back to the very spot where the Lord Jesus Christ became my Saviour and I became a child of God — from that hour on, as a boy in my teens, I have never worried about Hell. The Hell question was all settled. The fear of Hell was all taken away. I know I have nothing to fear so far as Hell is concerned, because Jesus suffered my Hell on the Cross of Calvary.

V

**HE HAS ENRICHED US IN THAT WE HAVE A BIBLE TO READ.**

**"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing**

spiritual things with spiritual. But the NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED." — I Cor. 2:13, 14.

The unsaved man doesn't receive the things of the Spirit of God. They are just foolishness unto him. He can't understand the Bible because Bible truths are "spiritually discerned." The only person who can understand the Bible is the individual who has come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and has the Holy Spirit on the inside of him.

Every once in a while, someone says to me, "Brother Gilpin, I wish I knew the Bible like you do." Well, beloved, I don't claim to have a patent on Bible knowledge. What little knowledge I have, someone else can have too, if he is willing to study and read it and depend upon the Holy Spirit to interpret it unto him. Beloved, the only way that anybody can understand the Bible is through the Holy Spirit.

How much did you know about the Bible before you were saved? Oh, maybe you understood the literature, or the history, or the geography of the Bible. Maybe you understood some of the material aspects of the Bible, but, beloved, you didn't understand the Bible as a spiritual book.

I tell you, the man who has been saved is enriched because he has a Bible. He can read and study it because the same Spirit that wrote the book is dwelling within him, and the Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and reveals it unto the Spirit that is dwelling within the individual.

I go back to the Old Testament and I find that on a certain day a king received a vision, in which he saw the fingers of a man writing on the plaster of the wall: "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." When the king called in his brain trust to read that mysterious writing, they couldn't do it. Beloved, there was a reason why they couldn't do it. It was God's writing and the Devil's children can never read nor understand God's message. Only a man of God can understand the message of God.

I say to you, beloved friends, you will never understand the Bible nor appreciate the Bible, and it will never be a book that will thrill your soul until Jesus Christ lives in your heart as your Saviour. Then you can hug the Bible to your bosom and can say, "My Bible; it means much to me. I can understand it. I can read it. I can revel in its message because now I have its author, the Holy Spirit, dwelling

within my heart and He reveals His Word unto me." Listen, beloved, we have been enriched in that we have a Bible that we can read.

VI

**HE HAS ENRICHED US IN THAT WE CAN PRAY.**

You say, "Brother Gilpin, can an unsaved man pray?" Let me show you just how foolish it is to even talk about an unsaved man praying. I ask you, can a saved man pray if he is out of fellowship with God? You know the answer as well as I. If you are not walking with the Lord, you are not on speaking terms with Almighty God.

If I speak to somebody who is out of fellowship with the Lord, who has lost the joy of his salvation, I tell you — you can't even pray, even though you are a saved person. The Word of God makes it clear that that is true. Listen:

**"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD WILL NOT HEAR ME."**—Psa. 66:18.

Beloved, if a child of God can't pray when he is out of fellowship with the Lord, how can you expect an unsaved man to ever talk with God? I tell you, it is foolish and ridiculous to ever say that an unsaved man can pray.

Listen again:

**"Now we know that GOD HEARETH NOT SINNERS: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."**—John 9:31.

Listen, beloved, the man who is unsaved can't pray. He has no father to talk to. He has no intercessor to come between him and the Father. He has no one to take a prayer and make it acceptable unto God like a Christian has. I tell you, only a saved man can be on speaking terms with God.

**"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."**—John 14:14.

I tell you, beloved, most of us don't do enough praying, but it is mighty convenient to know that you can talk to God if you want to.

Suppose when you go home and stretch out and get ready for bed that a pain strikes you in the right side, and they rush you to the hospital. Beloved, it is mighty convenient then to be able to talk to God.

That reminds me of the infidel who was getting ready to be operated. He asked the doctor to bring in a preacher and the doctor said, "Why do you want a preacher?" The infidel said, "I would like to be opened with prayer."

You know, beloved, there are a lot of people, when they get ready to be "opened," want to be opened with prayer. It is mighty nice to be able to talk with God.

When the time comes that a casket is brought into your home and some loved one is in it, it is mighty nice to be able to talk to God, and to know that God is on His throne, and that all things work together for good. I tell you, when you see one of your loved ones languishing before your very eyes, it is mighty nice to be on speaking terms with Almighty God.

Listen, beloved, when you face difficulties that are super-human and are beyond your ability to comprehend, it is mighty nice to be able to talk to God, but you don't have the privilege until you are saved. You have to be saved to be able to pray. When you are saved, beloved, you are enriched in that you have the ability then to pray.

VII

**HE HAS ENRICHED US IN THAT HE GIVES US A ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Do you realize how you stand clothed in God's sight as an unsaved man? God's Word tells us:

**"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS."**—Isa. 64:6.

Beloved, if you are unsaved, you stand as a repulsive, dirty, filthy rag in God's sight.

There is a fellow that I see on the streets quite often who

hasn't had a bath, I think, since his mamma turned him loose. He has just one coat of dirt on top of the other. Literally, it is ground into his flesh. He is just as repulsive to look at as any individual that you can ever imagine. When I think of that poor fellow, I feel sorry for him, but I tell you, that man is dressed like a prince in our estimation, in comparison to the way you stand in God's sight, if you are unsaved. If you are unsaved, you stand absolutely abhorrent to God, for the very best there is about you looks like a dirty, filthy rag.

If you are saved, do you know what God has done for you? The day that Jesus Christ died on the cross God took all your sins and put them on Christ, and Christ died for all your sins, and the day you were saved, He took the righteousness of Jesus Christ and put it on you; so when God looks down on you now, He does not see you clothed in your sins, the rags of self-righteousness, but He sees you clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Talk about being rich, I am really rich, because I have a garment on, the like of which no other person has, except God's people. All of God's own are clothed in the robe of Christ's righteousness and when God sees us, He sees us clothed as His Son.

**"For he hath made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."**—II Cor. 5:21.

I tell you, beloved, I am enriched in that I am now wearing the robe of Christ's righteousness.

## CONCLUSION

There are a lot of other ways whereby we are enriched. I might tell you that I am delivered from death. I might tell you that I have eternal salvation. I might tell you that I have a guide in all of my afflictions. I might tell you these things and it all adds up to one thing—we are enriched—we have been made rich by the Lord Jesus Christ. I might tell you that I have a heavenly home waiting for me after a while. If I die today, I am going there. If I die an hundred years from now, I am going there. It is wonderful to know that I have a home at the end of the way, because I have thus been enriched by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I said at the beginning of my message, food manufacturers are mighty glad to say that their product is an enriched product. The connoisseurs of food are mighty happy to say that their product is a little better than their competitors, because it has been enriched.

Beloved, I say to you, I have something that is better than anything in all this world. All I have in Christ Jesus I have as a gift from God. I have been enriched by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, for my text says:

**"That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge."**—I Cor. 1:5.

I don't get these riches by joining the church. I don't get them by praying. I don't get them by turning over a new leaf. I don't get them by quitting my meanness. I don't get them by anything that I do. Beloved, I get these riches in the Lord Jesus Christ. May He make you rich, too!

May God bless you!



## Giving

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the matter of giving. Millions of dollars in the aggregate, has been pledged by church members — and never paid. During the Baptist Seventy - Five Million Campaign of years ago, Baptists pledged far above this amount, and millions pledged was never paid. The Bible has something to say about such. See Eccles. 5:5 and Psa. 76:11. A pledge is a vow to pay — and the Lord tells us that it is better not to make a vow than to make one and fail to pay it.

6. A wrong way is to pressure people into giving through arousing competition. That is the method of getting up before a church and saying, "Who will start off

with \$25.00?" Then the figure is set lower — clear down to fifty cents perhaps. This serves to humiliate the person who has little to give. It elevates the big giver clear above the little 50¢ Christian. We have known egotists to start the gift giving off with a big promise — then fail to ever pay it. That enabled a dishonest man to play the "big shot." It was a violation of the plain teachings of Christ. (See Matt. 6:2-4.) Ostentation in giving is plainly prohibited, and such is without any heavenly reward.

7. The pledge system is a wrong way of giving. This is the system generally in use, but it is not the best system, nor the one that coincides with the scriptural plan. The pledger pledges from an income not yet received. The Bible counsels giving from an income already received — and in accordance with that income. Note that I Cor. 16:2, Christians were counseled to give "as God hath prospered." Not as one MAY be prospered.

8. A very wrong way of giving involves the bringing in of an outside money-raising organization which combs the membership and puts the pressure on. We often receive literature from such organizations. Such groups exact a certain percentage on the same basis as a real estate firm exacts a commission. This sort of thing is purely of the world. Churches that finance building programs and things of the sort in that fashion resort to the plans of the world, and leave God completely out of the picture. Often their building program is a matter of the gratification of worldly pride anyhow.

The right motive behind all scriptural giving is stated in I Cor. 8:9 and II Cor. 9:15. We are to give out of love for the One who became poor for our sakes — and out of gratitude to God for His "unspeakable Gift." Incidentally we are reminded of our dependence on God for all things, and of the fact that He can prosper us far beyond anything that we may do for Him. People will give far more, if they are saved people, out of the spiritual motives engendered by these Scriptures, than they will when prompted merely by motives of this world.



## "Righteousness Of God"

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Christ was the God-man and all that He did partook of His personal excellencies; therefore in a limited period of time He could work out a righteousness of infinite value in every respect — with respect to time as well as in other respects: "Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall be old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished." (Isaiah 51:6).

This righteousness wrought for us by the Lord Jesus Christ is the ground of eternal salvation. God saves sinners by providing righteousness, and this righteousness becomes ours through faith in Christ. The paradise in which Adam was placed at his creation was a paradise on earth. It could have faded away. But the righteousness which we have by virtue of Christ's righteousness we have in Christ. It is an inheritance which is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for those who are kept by the power of God through faith (I Peter 1:4, 5). It is on the ground of this righteousness that God justifies the believer from all things and delivers him from going down into the pit of everlasting destruction.

"This spotless robe the same age wears

When ruined nature sinks in years;

No age can change its glorious hue;

The robe of Christ is ever new."

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