

Some people never get religion in their hands and feet.

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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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What Is "The Best You Can Do"?

Are we saved by doing "the best we can do?" This is a claim that is often made and many people evidently believe that God will receive them into Heaven if they "do the best they can do."

Certainly, it is right for people to live as best as they can. In fact, they are responsible to God to keep His law perfectly! But our thought now is not on living, but life after death: does the Bible teach that sinners are saved and suited for Heaven by the best the sinner can do?"

The answer is no. The best that the very best of any of us could do would be far short of what is required. All of us are sinners, violators of God's Law:

"For all have sinned, and come

short of the glory of God" — Romans 3:23.

Even if a person were only guilty of violating God's law on just one point, listen to what the Bible says:

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, is guilty of all." — James 2:10.

"Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." — Galatians 3:10.

God says that even our "righteousnesses" are nothing but "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

No, the way of salvation cannot be by doing the best we can do. God has again and again warned us not to try to be saved that way. God's way is the way (Continued on page 4, column 3)

What Is Faith?

Faith is the eye by which we lay hold of Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. And he is a believer whose heart within him trembles when he touches the hem of the Saviour's garment, that he may be healed.

Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. We may believe when we are without the smallest portion of comfort, for our faith is founded, not upon feelings, but upon the promise of God.

Faith is the foot by which we go to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly, nevertheless comes.



John Newton, the celebrated English preacher and hymn writer, realized that he was a trophy of divine grace. A while before his death, a brother minister came in to have breakfast with him. Family prayers followed the meal. Mr. Newton's sight had almost failed, and he was unable to read. He sat and listened to his friend as he read the 15th chapter of I Corinthians. When this tenth verse was read, "But by the grace of God I am what I am," Mr. Newton began to speak:

"I am not what I ought to be. Ah! how imperfect and deficient! I am not what I wish to be. I abhor what is evil, and I would cleave to what is good. I am not what I hope to be. Soon, soon, shall I put off, with mortality, all sin and imperfection. Though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor what I hope to be, I can truly say I am not what I once was, a slave to sin and Satan; and I can heartily join with the apostle, and acclaim," Mr. Newton began to speak: (Continued on page 4, column 3)

GRACE and WORKS

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Preached at the 1962 Bible Conference

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." — Eph. 2:10.

One of the most prominent doctrines in all the Word of God is the doctrine that salvation is solely, and completely, and entirely by the grace of God. This doctrine is taught over and over and over, and is made prominent, and is emphasized in the Word of God. We read:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified." — Rom. 3:20.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ before the world began." — I Tim. 1:9.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." — Titus 3:5.

Again and again, by direct statement, the Bible declares that men are saved completely and entirely by the grace of God.

The Bible teaches us not only by direct statement, but it teaches this doctrine in the historical

events where men are saved in the Bible. When you read in the Bible of someone being saved, you find by the character of that person, and by the events surrounding that instance, that they are saved by the grace of God.

You find a publican going out and climbing a tree and the Jews hating him. You find the Lord Jesus saying, "Salvation is come to this man's house today." You find the Pharisees murmuring because this man Jesus had gone to the house of a publican. In Luke 7, you find a woman who was terribly wicked, and she came and stood at the feet of the Lord Jesus and wept, her tears falling upon His feet. God saved a woman of that character. In John 4, you find a woman so terribly wicked that the city would have nothing to do with her. She came alone to the well and there the Lord Jesus met her, and told her of Himself and spoke to her heart and saved her. She went back home and the women still would not listen, so she spoke to the men of the city of one who had saved her.

You read about a thief who had lived a life of crime, and sin, and wickedness, and who knew that he ought to die and go to Hell for

his sins; but you find in the dying hours, just a few hours away from Hell, that the grace of God reached down and saved this man. You find the Apostle Paul referring to himself as the chief of sinners. Over and over in the Word of God when men are saved, it is made clear that they are not saved because of any moral character of their own, or because of any good works that they perform, but by the grace of God.

Again the Bible teaches that salvation is by grace in its opposition to the contrary doctrine. The writers of the New Testament over and over bring forth their artillery to war against the doctrine that works have anything to do with salvation. So I repeat, in all of God's Word there is nothing more prominent and more emphatic than the fact that salvation is by the grace of God.

Now the grace of God in salvation presupposes the fact that man is guilty, and that he does not deserve salvation. If man could work for salvation, if man deserves salvation, then grace would lose its meaning. Grace presupposes that you are so wicked that you ought to spend eternity in Hell, and that God not only gives unmerited favor, but He gives that favor to people who

deserve the very opposite. It is not simply that we don't deserve the grace of God, but it is that we deserve the very opposite of the grace of God.

I declare unto you, you will never understand the grace of God, and you will never appreciate the grace of God until you are brought to the place by the Holy Spirit that you realize that you ought to die and go to Hell. You are so mean that if you got what you deserved you would spend eternity in Hell. Grace is based upon the fact that man does not deserve the salvation of the Lord.

Now the grace of God that brings salvation is sovereign grace; it is particular grace; it is effectual grace; it gets the job done. Grace does not offer salvation, and grace does not provide a way whereby man can be saved by grace, but it is effectual, it gets the job done.

Then the grace of God that brings salvation is eternal. It began in eternity in the heart, and mind, and will of God, and it will go on into eternity in the glorification of all the elect family of God.

The most prevalent heresy of all ages has been the heresy that works have something to do with

salvation. Every false religion is predicated upon the idea that works have all, or part, to do with salvation. Now why is it that men cannot be saved by good works? Well, first of all, God's Word says so. It is God's Heaven, and it is God's salvation, and if you are going to be saved and spend eternity in Glory, it must be upon the foundation set forth in the Word of God. If we are to reach the city of God, we must travel by the way of the Word of God. And God's Word declares this.

Second, men cannot be saved by good works because man is so filthy, and so wicked, and so totally depraved in the sight of God that all of the works that he performs partake of the character of his nature. Talk about man being saved by good works, he can't perform a good work. There is nothing that man can do in his lost and depraved condition that God can accept as a good work in His sight.

The Bible tells us that "the heart is deceitful above all things, (Continued on page 5, column 2)"

THE BIBLE CONVINCED THEM

"The holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." (II Timothy 3:15)

Two Mongol Tartar chiefs were engaged by a missionary to assist him in preparing a translation of the Gospels into the language of their country, and they had, as a matter of course, to study the subject intently. At length the work was completed, the last correction made, and the book was closed on the table. Still they sat serious and silent.

At last the missionary inquired what was the matter, and was equally surprised and delighted to hear them both declare themselves converts to Christianity.

"At home," they said, "we studied the sacred writings of the Chinese, and the more we read the more obscure they seemed; but the longer we have read the Gospel, the more simple and intelligible it became, until at last it seemed as if Jesus were talking with us."

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"A REVEALED RELIGION"

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"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the spirit of God." — I Cor. 2:10, 11.

I would like to remind you at the very beginning of this message that the things of God have to be revealed from God. I mean by that, beloved, you can't understand the Bible unless God reveals to you the truth of the Bible. I am inclined to be most unusually patient with people who claim to be saved but who

cannot at all understand many of the things that we preach here from Sunday to Sunday. As I say, I am inclined to be exceedingly patient with them. I realize that if the Lord had not revealed these things to me, I would be just exactly in the same position as they. I realize the only reason why I believe as I do, is because God has made a revelation of His Word unto me. I say then, beloved, I am inclined to be exceedingly patient with that individual who does not see as we see, and does not believe as we believe. I am inclined to be very patient with such an individual because I realize that only the Spirit of

God can teach him the things of the Lord.

While that is true so far as saved people are concerned, it is likewise true relative to the unsaved. In a special sense, and in a particular way, it is true of the unsaved, for an unsaved man never will see the truth of God's Word unless the Holy Spirit takes the things of God and shows them unto the individual.

We have a good example of that growing out of the experience of the Lord Jesus Christ with Nicodemus. Listen:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, (Continued on page 2, column 2)

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W. Va. Bible Conference

Meeting In Texarkana

It was recently my privilege to attend the Bible Conference of the Katy Baptist Church, located near Fairmont, West Virginia. Brother Scott Richardson, who has preached at our own Conference here in Ashland, is the pastor of this church. The church is a strong independent Baptist church and, among other things, is supporting the work of Brother Fred Halliman in New Guinea. Several preachers were in attendance at the Conference, including Willard Pyle (South Point, Ohio), Joe Gadd (Coving-

ton, Ky.), Stanley Borders (Madison, Va.), Gerald Price (Bristol, Tenn.), Wayne Crow (Dover, Delaware), all of whom brought messages. It was my privilege to also be one of the speakers. It was evident that this was a good conference, both for the church and for the visiting



ELD. WILLARD PYLE

preachers. Doubtlessly, Brother Richardson was blessed and encouraged by the response of the church and the fellowship with the visiting preachers. Likewise, I'm sure that all of the preachers, like myself, enjoyed sitting and listening to other men of God



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"A Revealed Religion"

(Continued from page one) and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness."—John 3:10, 11.

The Lord Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus, who was the outstanding religious leader in the city of Jerusalem in Jesus' time. He was a man who was the head of religion, we might say, in the city of Jerusalem—"a master of Israel"—so Jesus referred to him. Even though he was a master of Israel, he couldn't understand spiritual things. Why? Because God hadn't made a revelation to him.

Beloved, there are people all over the world exactly like Nicodemus. They are masters so far as education, politics, statesmanship, industry, labor and international affairs are concerned, but they cannot see nor understand spiritual verities. The reason is, the Lord just hasn't revealed His truth unto them.

I used to know a man at Lexington, Ky., who was a professor at the state university. He knew the Bible from beginning to end, from an educational standpoint. He could talk to you about the literature of the Bible. He could talk to you about the history of the Bible. He could even talk to you about the geography of the Bible. He could even talk to you about the science of the Bible. But, beloved, when you would try to talk to that man about the spiritual truths of the Word of God, beginning with the simplest—that Jesus Christ died for our sins and by His death paid completely, by way of atonement, for our sins—that man was lost in a maze. I say, beloved, just as soon as you started talking to him about the truths of Jesus Christ's death, and the fact that the Son of God



ELDER WAYNE COX

Elder Wayne Cox, pastor of Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., will begin a series of protracted meetings with the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Texarkana, Texas, on May 6.

The Tabernacle Baptist Church is located on Old Red Water Road and Dillon Drive, and the church, along with its pastor, Bro. Steve Fulton, take pleasure in extending an invitation to the readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to attend these services.

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We take pleasure in encouraging the readers of our paper to attend this meeting.

has made complete atonement and reconciliation for our sins, that man was lost. He would get that faraway look in his eyes as though he didn't even understand the first thing about which I spoke.

This man reminds me of Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a master of Israel. He was a teacher. He was a man of education. He was an unusual character from the standpoint of education, yet he couldn't understand the simplest things that Jesus spoke. Why? Because God hadn't made a revelation to him.

When we come to the book of Acts, we find the story of the conversion of Lydia. We read:

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: WHOSE HEART THE LORD OPENED, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul."—Acts 16:14.

I don't know how many people gathered by the riverside the day Paul arrived in the city of Philippi. I have no way of knowing how many people met out there for prayer; however, it was the only legal place in the city where they could pray. As I say, I don't know how many people went out there, but I know one thing, there was only one person so far as the record of God's Book is concerned who received the truth, and she only did so because the Lord opened her heart.

Beloved, I say to you, the only reason why you believe the Bible is because God has opened your heart to it. If the Lord hadn't opened your heart, you would be just like the rest of the crowd at Philippi who didn't receive the same truths that Lydia received.

I think all of you know Brother Jim Everman. He is one of my very closest friends. Brother Jim and I have been preacher friends for a long, long time, and I thank God for him, because of the truth for which he stands. Brother Jim's father died a few weeks ago. That father died a Methodist. I couldn't begin to tell you how many times that I have personally talked to Brother Jim's father. I am sure that Brother Jim himself and his father have discussed the Scrip-

"I Should Like to Know"

(THE BAPTIST EXAMINER welcomes questions, to be answered in this column. Please state questions on separate sheet of paper, rather than including them in correspondence which relates to books, orders, subscriptions, or some other matter).

Is it scriptural to have a paid ministry?

Yes. Paul says, "Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Gal. 6:6. The word communicate means "share with." In other words the layman is to share his material blessings with the one who teaches him spiritual truths. Read also Cor. 9:7-15; 1 Tim. 5:18.

When Paul was in Corinth, he made tents for a living and did not allow the church to support him. Later he wrote this church about this very matter and said, "For give me this wrong," See 11 Cor. 12:13.

Is the Scofield Bible to be trusted?

No, there are plenty of errors in it, as follows:

- The universal invisible church.
- The "postponed kingdom."
- The pentecostal origin of the church.
- The Bride of Christ being composed of all the saved.
- Three kinds of churches — local, "true," and visible.
- The church branch theory.
- Open communion.

His notes on the church in 1 Corinthians, Ephesians and Revelation.

He denies the perpetuity of Baptist Churches.

In these instances and perhaps in others, Scofield and the Scofield Bible are erroneous.

If God elects men to salvation, is God a just God?

Salvation isn't a matter of justice, it's a matter of mercy. Two men are in prison to die for the same offense and allows the other to be hung. Both were guilty. Which one got justice? Obviously you must answer, "The one who was hung." How about the other? He received mercy. It is thus in salvation. If we all got justice, it would mean Hell. The fact that any of us are saved, merely proves the mercy of God.

If a Baptist church grants a letter to a member to join another Baptist Church but the member holding the letter joins another denomination, what steps should the church granting the letter, take?

Recall the letter, and exclude the member for heresy. Titus 3:10.

What is the difference in "faith in Christ" and "faith in the blood"?

None. Both refer to trusting Christ and His work for salvation.

Can a man have "faith in Christ" and not have "faith in the blood"?

No. He who does not believe in Christ as Redeemer does not have faith in Him.

Faith is mentioned in (a) Christ, (b) blood, (c) the Gospel; are these referring to one and the same faith?

Yes. The Gospel presents Christ as the object of faith. It does so because He shed His blood to deliver us from condemnation.

Does salvation come as a result of one's realizing the Christ has done all, that He has performed all the work necessary and required by God or, more pointedly, is a man saved by believing that Christ died for Him?

If a person had to explicitly believe that Christ died for him before he could be saved, then no one prior to the death of Christ could have been saved. Neither would the apostles have been saved before Christ died, for they did not believe He was going to die. Peter even rebuked the Lord for suggesting such a thing.

What men must believe about Christ is that He is the Son of God, incarnated in the flesh, come to save us. John 17:3 states that to know Him is eternal life. Peter expressed such a knowledge in John 6:68, 69.

However, once the truth of Christ's death is declared, a persistent rejector cannot be classified as one who knows Christ. In fact, that goes for any important basic truth relating to our Lord.

Since the death of Christ, most people, we believe, have been brought to know Christ through the preaching of His death for our sins.

tures hundreds and hundreds of times together, yet Brother Jim's father lived and died believing in salvation by works. Again and again when I have been in conversation with him, he said, "You believe in salvation by grace, but I believe it is by works." Though he came to the services at King's Addition often through the years gone by, and I have had the opportunity to preach to him many, many times, not one time did he ever seemingly indicate the fate that he had received the truth that I preached. Less than a (Continued on page 3, column 3)

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for our dear young friend, at such an hour. But he knew too well his duty to grumble. He said to us, "Go before me and tell Mrs. Buteau that I will be in time for my share of the Oysters."

By chance, the sick house was on the way and not far from Mr. Buteau's splendid mansion. He left us to run to the altar and take the "good god" with him. We started for the soiree, but not sympathizing with our dear Mr. Parent who would lose the most interesting part, for the administration of the viaticum. The extreme unction, with the giving of indulgence, in articulo mortis, and the exhortations to the dying, and the people gathered from the neighbourhood to witness those solemn rites, could not take much less than three quarters, or even an hour of his time. But, to my great surprise, we had not yet been ten minutes in the magnificent parlour of our host, when I saw Mr. Parent, who like a newborn butterfly, flying from flower to flower, was running from lady to lady, joking, laughing, surpassing himself with his inimitable and refined manners. I said to myself, "How is it possible that he has so quickly got rid of his unpalatable task with his dying penitent?" And I wanted an opportunity of being alone with him, to satisfy my curiosity on that point; but it was pretty late in the evening when I found a chance to say to him: "We all feared lest your dying patient may deprive us of the pleasure of your company the greatest part of the soiree!"

"Oh! Oh!" answered he, with a hearty laugh, "that intelligent woman had the good common sense to die just two minutes before I entered her house. I suppose that her guardian angel, knowing all about this incomparable party, had dispatched the good soul to heaven a little sooner than she expected, in my behalf."

I could not but smile at his answer, which was given in a

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—Buster Burton, W. Va.

manner to make a stone laugh. "But," I said, "what have you done with the 'good god' you had carried with you?"

"Ah! ah! the 'good god,'" he replied, in a jocular and subdued tone. "Well, well; the 'good god'! He stands very still in my vest pocket; and if he enjoys this princely festivity as well as we all do, he will surely thank me for having brought him here, even en survenant. But do not say a word of his presence here; it would spoil everything."

That priest, who was only one year younger than myself, was one of my dearest friends. Though his words rather smelt of the unbeliever and blasphemer, I preferred to attribute them to the sweet champagne he had drunk than to a real want of faith.

But I must confess that, though I had laughed very heartily at first, his last utterance pained me so much that, from that moment to the end of the soiree, I felt uneasy and confounded. My firm belief that my Saviour, Jesus Christ, was there in person, kept a prisoner in my young friend's vest pocket, going to and fro from one young lady to the other, witnessing the constant laughing, hearing the idle words, the light and funny songs, made my whole soul shudder, and my heart sank within me. By times I wished I could fall on my knees to adore my Saviour, whom I believed to be there. However, a mysterious voice was whispering in my ear: "Are you not a fool to believe that you can make a God with a wafer; and that Jesus Christ,

your Saviour and your God, can be kept a prisoner, in spite of himself, in the vest pocket of a man? Do you not see that your friend, Parent, who has much more brains and intelligence than you, does not believe a word of that dogma of transubstantiation? Have you forgotten the unbeliever's smile, which you saw on the lips of the bishop himself only a few days ago? Was not that laugh the infallible proof that he also does not believe a particle of that ridiculous dogma?"

With superhuman effort I tried, and succeeded partly, to stifle that voice. But that struggle could not last long within my soul, without leaving its exterior marks on my face. Evidently a sad cloud was over my eyes, for several of my most respectable friends, with Mr. and Mrs. Buteau, kindly asked if I were sick.

At last I felt so confused at the repetition of the same suggestion by so many, that I felt I was only making a fool of myself by remaining any longer in their midst. Angry with myself for my want of moral strength in this hour of trial, I respectfully asked pardon from my kind host for leaving their party before the end, on account of a sudden indisposition.

The next day there was only one voice in Quebec saying that young Parent had been the lion of that brilliant soiree, and that the poor young priest, Chiniquy, had been its fool.

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month before he died, he said to a friend, "I believe in salvation by works and you believe in salvation by grace. We stand exactly like that," and he crossed his fingers in an opposite position.

I believe that would be a good testimony as to his position. I think I am fair and charitable when I say that that was his position. Now I ask you, beloved, why is it that his son, Brother Jim Everman, believes the truths of God's Word and preaches them exactly as we do, and stands fearlessly for the truth of God's Book, and yet Brother Jim's father could not see it, but rejected the truth, and again and again spurned it to the extent that even down to only a short time before his death he argued that salvation had to be by works? I'll tell you, beloved, why it was. Brother Jim had received the truth because it was revealed to him from God, and his father rejected it because it had not been revealed to him.

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GOD'S HOUSE—WHERE WORRIES FADE AWAY



"CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU." — I PET. 5:7

I turn to the Bible and I briefly show you that men are blind to the Bible. Listen:

"But THEIR MINDS ARE BLINDED: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ."—II Cor. 3:14.

Paul is referring to the Jews, and he says that they are blind and will remain blind until the veil is taken away so that they can see. But that veil is never taken away except in the Lord Jesus Christ. Notice:

"In whom the GOD OF THIS WORLD HATH BLINDED THE MINDS of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."—II Cor. 4:4.

Notice, it is the god of this world that hath blinded the eyes of the unsaved. Now who is the god of this world? You know as well as I that this is speaking of the Devil. This would tell us then that the Devil has blinded the eyes of the unsaved so that they cannot see, and understand, and know the truth of God's Word. I say to you, the truth has to be revealed to men because they are blinded by the Devil.

Let's notice a similar passage that you might see how blind the people of this world really are:

"Having the UNDERSTANDING DARKENED, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the BLINDNESS OF THEIR HEART."—Eph. 4:18.

I can talk to an unsaved man about business and he will understand everything that I have to say. I can talk to him about going fishing or going hunting and he'll follow right along with me without a bit of difficulty. I can talk to him so far as education and politics and even religion is concerned, and he'll listen, and maybe enter readily into the conversation. But let me one time begin to tell him how that Jesus died for his sins, and how the Son of God went to the Cross of Calvary to pay his sin debt, and that man will say, "Well, I just don't understand how one man could die for another." Beloved, that man is lost. Why? Because the Devil has blinded him. The Devil never blinds any man so far as the things of this world are concerned, for the Devil wants a man to understand the things of this world, but he certainly has a death cap over the eyes of every unsaved man to keep him from seeing the truth that is revealed by God in Jesus Christ.

Jesus came face to face with this same problem in the days of His ministry, for He said:

"Let them alone: they be BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."—Matt. 15:14.

He is talking about blind leaders, or unsaved preachers, and He is talking about the blind church members that are following them. He says, "If blind pastors and blind religious leaders lead blind unsaved people, both shall fall into the ditch."

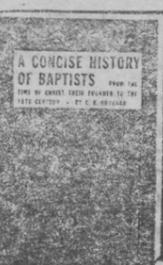
The word "ditch" is a reference to Hell. In fact, it is the second largest word that is used in the Bible to describe Hell. The first largest is that of a lake, and the second is a ditch. Jesus said, "If blind religious leaders lead blind unsaved people, they'll both go to Hell."

Beloved, I am saying to you, men have to have the truth of God's Word revealed to them. Why? Because they are blind.

A picture of blindness is presented to us in the Old Testament. Do you remember the time when the angels of God came down to Sodom to warn Lot to get out of that wicked, sinful, licentious city? Do you remember that horrible story that is told in Genesis 19, how that the men of the city were about to even criminally assault the angels of God? Lot tried to reason with them, but the men of the city pressed upon Lot to the extent that the angels pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. Then we read how the angels of God smote those men of the city of Sodom with blindness, and it says that "they wearied themselves to find the door."

Oh, can you see that whole crowd outside smitten with blindness? Can you see them as they would weary themselves trying to find the door? Every time I read that, beloved, somehow I can close my eyes and see men by the multiplied thousands who are spiritually blind, who are trying to find the door to Heaven, but can't. One man tries baptism, hoping that that is the proper door. Another will find the door that he thinks will be the proper one—perhaps by his own works or his reformation. Another will join the church, and another will (Continued on page 7, column 8)

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New Guinea Photo Story

By FRED T. HALLIMAN

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings to you once again from New Guinea. As I note the date that this is being written I am reminded of the fact that we as a family have been on the mission station one year and three days and we are starting on our fourth year as missionaries. Keeping our thoughts within the bounds of this past year, we can say that regardless of the amount of time we may spend on this island hereafter, there will never be another year quite like the one that has just passed. It has been a year of trials and try-outs, and while we have much to learn about the folk, we certainly have learned lots since being among them.

What used to appear to us as just a strange looking people with no way of distinguishing one from the other, with their names all more or less sounding alike, have become a very real people to us with personalities differing as much as among our own society

Some time ago I sent a news letter to T.B.E. telling of a place of worship that had been erected while I spent a week among the folk preaching. The pictures that I am sending at this time will tell you something of the week's work among those folks.

The name of the place is YETTEMA, and it's located nearly a day's walk west of our station, up the Tumbuda valley, almost right on the Papua-New Guinea border.



About two weeks before I spent the week with them I had made my first contact with this group of folk. A week after I made the first contact I was back and held services and we talked about putting up a building. They seemed very eager to have me come and so it was decided that they would clear a spot of ground and bring in the material for the building before I came back. Two or three days before I was actually ready to go, they sent word that they were ready to start on the building as soon as I would come to help them. When I arrived I found that they had more than enough material, excepting the grass for the roof, to put up the building. In this picture can be seen a large bundle of bark and vines used to secure the timbers together. In other words this takes the place of nails. Jobs like this are usually detailed to the boys.

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Amazing Grace

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knowledge, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.'"

John Newton could say that with convictions and joy. What had he once been? When he was seven years old he lost his mother. A little later, he went to sea with his father and learned all the evil of the seaman's life. Still later, he was forced into the navy. He deserted, but was caught and stripped and beaten, until the blood flowed from his wounds. He had now become a hardened infidel. He fell in with African slave traders. He went on from bad to worse, until he himself was sold as a slave.

It was a Negro woman who bought him, and she gloried in her power over him. She made him depend for his food on the crusts she tossed under the table. He had fallen to the depths of human degradation. And yet, the grace of God found him, and saved him, and made of him one of the great ministers of Christ and a writer of hymns that have stirred the hearts of men the world over. Truly he could say,

"By the grace of God I am what I am."

No wonder he wrote the words of that old hymn,

"Amazing grace, How sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see."
—Clyde Turner



"The Best You Can Do"

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of free grace. Salvation is His own gift to us. He will not stand for our trying to merit salvation. He will give it to us or we will have to do without it.

God's Way

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"Christ died for our sins" — I Corinthians 15:3.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust" — I Peter 2:24.
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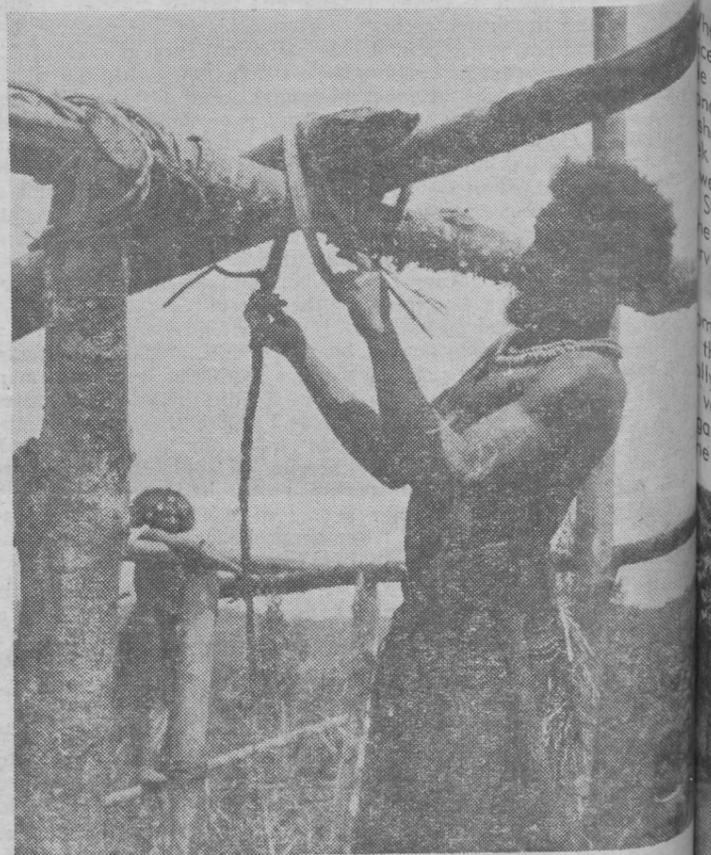
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In these two pictures the men can be seen securing the timber with the bark and vines. These vines, something similar to grapevine, only much more flexible, are very strong and used for many purposes. One about two inches in diameter would move several tons of dead weight. Due to their strength and flexibility they are used almost exclusively for building purposes. In these two pictures the frame work is in progress.



The old men are usually too proud to go out and get their hands dirty and too feeble to climb to help erect the building, but their job is cut out for them also. Every native is a potential boss when a building is being erected or a road is being built, but that potentiality usually becomes a reality so the old men like to sit on the sidelines and boss the job while the younger men are tying the grass into small bundles. The grass is tied into individual bundles, about as much as you can hold in one hand, and that is placed side by side on top of each other, similar to a single roof. The two men seen in this picture have suddenly left off their main job of bossing and gotten down to some real work of tying the grass into bundles.



ere the building has begun to take some shape and the roof is being put on. At this stage of the building there are more workers than workers, but all had worked unusually well on the building. This is the nicest of all the bush buildings that have been put up. The people took great pride in their work, and followed instructions well and seemed to be extremely happy to have me come at regular times to preach to them. The building has been up for over two months and they have planted new gardens and flowers around the building, built a road leading up to the place and have walk-ways lined with flowers leading up to the building. On to the back of this building, a room has been provided for me to stay in when I minister unto them. I usually get there in the afternoon, have a service, stay over night and have another service the morning before leaving. I usually have from 175 to 200 attendance here.

When I first went there, the woman at the right came for me and her eyes were nearly swollen together and her face was in a bad stage of swelling and infection at an advanced stage. I was unable to find out how it happened, but she had two deep wounds just under her right eye and her nose bone. I had her almost well when I left by the end of the week. She seemed most grateful for what I had done for her. She would not have lived much longer in her condition if the infection would have soon killed her. She never misses my service.

Some of the men like to sit and smoke their bamboo pipes, like the one that you see at the right. These pipes are made from one foot to eighteen inches long and are engraved with various designs. The tobacco is rolled up into a leaf like cigarette and one end is put into a small hole near the end of the pipe, where his fingers are.



When I wrote the article about these folk I mentioned that two of them were old people. Two of the old men appear in this picture. They look very serious in this picture, but really are a pleasant and likeable people.

The Best You Can Do

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...that he might bring us to
— I Peter 3:18.
... (Christ) appeared to put
... sin by the sacrifice of him-
— Hebrews 9:26.
... leader, the "best you could do"
... and never be sufficient to take
... your sins. Without Christ,
... press of your "best," you are
... and subject to suffer the
... of God. The Bible tells
... that believeth on the Son
... everlasting life: and he that
... believeth not the Son shall not
... life: but the WRATH OF
... abideth on him." — John

your sins? That is the only way to be saved. This is God's way, the Bible way. You could go on for the rest of your life trying to "do the best you can" and it will be to no avail.
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"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" — John 10:9.

Grace and Works

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... and desperately wicked." The Bible says, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." The Bible declares that "for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, for-

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nications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: The Bible declares that God Almighty looked down from Heaven upon the children of men to see if there was any that did do good. God in that search found that there was not a man that understood, or sought God, or feared God, or did good, but they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become corrupt.

Now I want you to see that this condition of man by nature — filthy and stinking in the nostrils of a holy God — affects all the works that he performs. The unsaved man might perform a work if performed by a child of God (Continued on page 6, column 3)



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The individual you see above is a leader in his tribe and is usually always smiling as you see him in this picture. Many of them brought me food the week that I was there. This man brought cucumbers almost daily. These are the folk at YET-TEMA, pray for them that they might be saved. God has given me a real burden for these folk.

THE BIBLE

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever. I Peter 1:24-25
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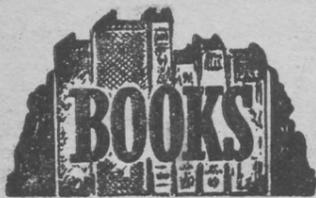
and is silent concerning the life and efforts of Isaiah or John, and the martyrdom of Paul. It raises deepest questions, as if they were but trifles: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?" It condenses into a single word a sweeping view of the world: "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." It reveals vast counsels of the Lord, that He will make a new Heaven and a new earth, where old things shall no longer rise in the hearts of men. What book is there written by man that does not grow trite from repeated readings? But of this Book thousands of the best and most talented among men have testified, not only that they never tired of reading and studying it, but also that it constantly grew grander, richer, more unfathomable. How often some unassuming word, that you have read a hundred times, suddenly opens up, revealing its deep, hidden meaning! If every sentence, yea, every word in the Bible that has been important or beneficial to this soul or that were underscored, would a single one be found, that had been written uselessly and without purpose, or that had borne no fruit? I think not.
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"A Revealed Religion"

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and he ran to Eli thinking it was Eli who was calling him, but Eli said, "No son, it is not I. I am not the one who has spoken to you. Go back and lie down." What was the matter? God had not yet revealed Himself to Samuel. Listen:

"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, NEITHER WAS THE WORD OF THE LORD YET REVEALED UNTO HIM." — I Sam. 3:7.

Samuel thought it was Eli, when it was God who was speaking to him. He didn't know anything about God. He didn't know anything about the things of God. He didn't know anything about spiritual verities. I tell you, beloved, they had to come to Samuel just the same as they come to us—by revelation from the Lord.

Notice again:

"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth because

thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and HAST REVEALED them unto babes. Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight." — Mt. 11:25, 26.

Sometimes the wise and the prudent are spiritually ignorant of the truth of God, whereas babes, without any development so far as this world is concerned, know the truth. Why? "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."

I look at a businessman man, or a man of the educational field, or a man, who is a statesman, and I think how wonderful it would be if that man knew the truth and stood for it, and I ask the question, "Why is it that that man doesn't understand?" I look at some other person far down, shall we say, the strata of human life—one of the most ignorant individuals of this world, with the least education—yet he has a grasp of God and God's Word, and I say, "Why is it that this man knows the truth and the other man doesn't know anything about it?" The answer is, "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Listen again:

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT REVEALED it unto thee, BUT MY FATHER which is in heaven." — Mt. 16:17.

In the verses just preceding Jesus had been talking to the disciples and had asked the question, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They gave him various answers. Then He said, "But whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter, acting as a spokesman for all the balance, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "You didn't learn that by flesh and blood. You didn't learn that because of your superior mentality. You have gotten it because it was revealed to you by my Father which is in Heaven."

I thank God that He is in the revealing business and that God does reveal His truth to His elect today. If you know anything about the Bible, you know it because God made a revelation to you.

Notice again how that God does reveal truth:

"For therein is the righteousness of God REVEALED from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is REVEALED from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." — Rom. 1:17, 18.

I ask, how do men become acquainted with the righteousness of God? Paul says that it is revealed by God from faith to faith. I tell you, beloved, it thrills my heart just to know that God reveals His righteousness in Jesus Christ from faith to faith. If you know anything about the Son of God as a Saviour—if you know anything about the righteousness of Jesus Christ that covers you, in place of your sins—if you know how your sins have been laid on Jesus and the righteousness of Jesus has been put on you—if you know anything about how that Jesus Christ has died for your sins, you know it because it has been revealed from faith to faith.

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"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To REVEAL his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." — Gal. 1:15, 16.

You will notice that Paul says the same God who was responsible for his natural birth also called him by His grace to reveal His Son to him.

I tell you, beloved, you have just as much to do with your second birth as you have with your first birth. Now how much did you have to do with your first birth? Absolutely nothing. If God hadn't separated you from your mother's womb, you would never have been born. You would never have known what the light of day was like. You would never have known what it was to be alive. God worked a miracle in bringing you from your mother's womb into this world. Beloved, the same God that had charge of your first birth revealed Jesus Christ to you by way of a second birth. I say, you had just as much to do with your second birth as you had with your first birth, which was absolutely nothing. Your first birth was a miracle of God; your second birth come as a revelation of God.

I turn to the Word of God and I find the Apostle Paul talking about how truths are revealed. Listen:

"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. 2:14.

Who is the natural man. It is every unsaved man. What does this say about the unsaved man—the natural man? It tells us that he doesn't receive the things of God because they are foolishness unto him. They have to be revealed unto him. They have to be spiritually discerned. The Holy Spirit has to reveal them to him.

CONCLUSION

Let me take a moment's time to go back down the pathway of life, forty years ago, and tell you how God saved the only infidel that I have ever dealt with in life. A man in the community where I was then pastor was a rank infidel. Nobody was able to speak to him. He just didn't have time for anybody to talk to him about God. He had no time for God. I was making a call one November Sunday afternoon in a home back on a side road. The back part of this infidel's farm joined the farm where this family lived that I was calling upon. He had been back there working on his farm, and it was cold and he came over to this house to warm. It so happend that God timed it that I got there just when that infidel got there. Immediately, when they introduced me, he announced the fact that he was an infidel, that he didn't believe in God, and that he had no time for anybody who, as he said, wore the cloth as God's representative.

I said, "They tell me that you are a good farmer." "Yes," he said, "this man over here," (and he called another neighbor's name) lets his farm wash away." He said, "He is no good. He is a member of your church, but he lets his farm wash away." He said, "That man ought to go to Hell." I said, "Well, how is he going to Hell when you say there isn't any Hell for him to go to?" Immediately, I had him on the defensive, That was about as far as the conversation went that afternoon, but in a strange, peculiar way, God led me to that man time and time again. I visited him over fifty times before

that man was saved. Finally, he had an injury, and he wouldn't go to the hospital unless I went with him. He was still unsaved, but he got to the place that he loved me. He wouldn't go to see a doctor unless I would take him, and he wouldn't go to the hospital to have his arm "sawed off" unless I'd promise to go and stand beside him when they cut his arm off. I stood in the hospital and watched as they sawed his arm off, and took his arm away. He was still unsaved, but every time I would say anything to him he would turn a deaf ear. He would tell me how I was the biggest fool in the world for wasting my time preaching. He would tell how the people in the church were a bunch of fools for going there and listening to me preach. One day I got him to come to the services. He had an asthmatic condition and couldn't come inside, so he sat outside the building and listened to me preach. I met him in the road the next day, and I said, "Well, how about the services last night?" He said, "I knew you would be interested to know what my reaction was, and I'll gladly tell you. I think you are all a bunch of fools."

He said, "You got up and led the folk in singing and I thought, what a bunch of fools they are." Then he said, "You called on somebody to pray and he got up and closed his eyes and looked up toward the sky, and I thought, what a fool he is." Then he said, "You got up and started preaching, and I thought how you could make a whole lot better living, in a whole lot easier way, if you were doing something else, and I thought, what a fool you are." He said, "Now that is exactly what I thought about the service. What do you think about it?" I said, "I am so glad you told me, because the Bible has already told me about that." I said, "God says in His Word that 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 said, "You couldn't react otherwise in your present condition, for your reaction is exactly according to the Word of God. You proved God's Book, because you reacted exactly like God said natural men react."

Beloved, I never gave up. That was one man I stayed with, and stood by, and preached to, time and time again. On my fifty-first visit to that man's home, he saw the truth that Jesus Christ died for his sins and he was saved. God revealed His truth to a man who was an avowed infidel, a man who would never allow a preacher or any other Christian to witness to him. I suppose I was the first and only man that ever witnessed to him so far as Jesus Christ, and the truth of God's Book is concerned.

Beloved, I tell you, unsaved people will die and go to Hell without the Gospel unless the Spirit of God takes our message and makes it clear to the individual. I can't do it. I came to this conclusion many, many years ago that my business is to preach

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Annabelle Clabber... me if'n I believed that... to be will be. I sed... a'peers to me to be th... sible thang anybody... lieve." She sed, "Why... wurst thang I ever heere... Thin I sed, "Well, ... wood you have me to... that what is to be won...

Well, Easter haz jest... it shore wuz a resurre... I know it wernt th' Lor... rection, fer that teech... all trediton. Anybody... kount up as hi as 3 or... bettur than to teech th... thar's 3 days an' 3 ni... Friday nite to Sund... While it ain't th' Lor... rection day, it shore did... a resurrection day to... saw fokes at church w... bin thar in months an'...

They had a guesst pre... th' Easter sunrize sarve... wuz held down at Co... Will Pickens wuz tell'... th' preacher an' I rem... use to do a lot of san... this community years... fact, it shore ruined a... er whin he wint to pre...

A litt'l rhyme fer... are timpted to drank... Bacchus, well his... knows, Fer he marks th... nose. (More Musings Next)

the Book and to fall ba... Spirit of God and cry o... to reveal Himself to the... ual, and as God does so... will be saved. If God doe... go on his way to Hell.

If you are saved, may... you to be more patient... unsaved. If you are sav... God help you to realize... you owe the Lord, and h... ful you ought to be, a... thankful you ought to b... for His goodness in reve... truth to you. If you a... may God help you to re... wonderful God has been... if God has revealed His... you, you certainly oug... your life count for God... understand how a man... saved and realize truth... done in revealing truth... yet that man goes on... member of the church... built, never following... of God in baptism, nev... his life to count for... Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I realize my... revealed truth to me. B... has revealed it to me. B... be mighty sure that I... and faithful to Him to... my ability telling othe... sage. I want to live fo... Brother, sister, if you... saved, may the Spirit of... hold of your heart an... Jesus Christ to you and... to see the truth that... God died for the sins of... and may He reveal th... you this night.

May God bless you!