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GOD IS ABLE

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To me, it seems of the utmost importance that men have as early a proper understanding of God as possible. I say this because of His greatness, His strength, His faithfulness, and His ability to bring His purpose and promises to pass and thereby be blessing to those who are brought to know Him. There is only one way to gain this understanding. Men must hear and receive the Word of God, which is final and authoritative. Personal opinion has no place in this matter. One must either accept the Bible as the Word of God or reject it as being such.

is from the Bible that things proven concerning God. If proof is rejected by men, there is no standard of proof to rely upon. Men in condition have only themselves or others, as a standard. can only resort to their evidences and their own understandings as they try to determine whether God is able to do a thing or not. The natural heart does not tell him he can understand God.

source of information for message shall be the Bible. you reject the Bible, I shall be surprised if you reject message. Also, if you accept Bible but lean on your own understanding rather than forming your opinion by the Word of God, you will more than likely reject this message. May God give you grace to hear and receive His Word.

God is able to do all things. are told in 2 Chron. 20:5-7 no one is able to withstand. In other words, men are able to do contrary to what wills. No one is able to turn

God from His purpose. No one is able to stop God from doing what He desires to do. Friends, there is nothing in all of creation able to change God's plans. "I will do all my pleasure," says God (Isa. 46:10). In Genesis 18:14 the question



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is asked, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

For God's answer we will read Jeremiah 32:17: "Ah Lord God! I behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Beloved, name what you will; suggest what you will, challenge in whatever way you will, and you will find that there is nothing too hard for God to do. We read in Ephesians 3:20 that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. Believing this to be true, the three men (Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego) refused to worship the king's false idol and chose instead to be thrown into the burning furnace. They said, (Continued on page 3, column 4)

God's Opening the Eyes of Lost, Blind Sinners

AS IT TOOK CHRIST TO OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND MAN, SO IT TAKES CHRIST TO SAVE OUR SOULS

By C. H. SPURGEON
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"Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind."—John 9:32.

That was quite true. Our Lord Jesus did for him what had never been done before for any man. May the Holy Spirit make this meditation truly profitable to us.

The blind man's case was not an instance of want of light. There

was light enough all around him. There are millions of persons in the world who have little or no light; darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. If you ask me, why it is that man's understanding is so dark, I reply, because his whole nature is disordered by sin.

Now, we will dwell upon the cure. Not exactly of this man's cure, but of the cure of many (Continued on page 16, column 3)



CHARLES H. SPURGEON

What Is the Bride of Christ?

By BOB L. ROSS

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—2 Cor. 11:2.

Many people believe that all the saved compose the "bride of Christ." This is the common teaching of those who believe the universal, invisible church teaching.

Contrary to this, we understand the Bible to teach that a limited number of the saved compose the bride of Christ. The following requirements, we believe, are necessary to be in the bride: (1) salvation (John 1:12); (2) Scriptural baptism (Acts 2:41); (3) Scriptural church membership (Acts 2:47) and (4) a life of consecration to the Lord (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Some people have their thinking confused on this subject of the bride. They identify the bride of Christ as being all the saved and when the foregoing conflicting doctrine is set forth, there are some false ideas created in their minds. For instance, it has been said, "This would mean that only people with those requirements would be saved."

No, that is not what the doctrine means. Actually, the bride of Christ is a matter of reward, not of salvation. Some people are saved who are not rewarded (2 John 8; 1 Cor. 3:15). Some are saved who are not in the bride

(Rev. 19:9; John 3:24).

When we talk about a "church bride" or "Baptist bride," some others say, "That would mean only Baptists are saved."

Again, they are making the bride a matter of salvation rather than of reward to faithful servants.

It is also objected, "That would exclude the Old Testament saints (Continued on page 2, column 3)

Did Christ Baptize Infants?

CHAPTER III

IN THE SERIES, BAPTISM NOT FOR INFANTS BY T. E. WATSON
[All quotations are from Pede-baptist scholars]

From John 3:22, 26 and John 4:2, it appears that for most, if not all, of His ministry, Jesus deputed the actual work of baptizing converts to His disciples. We are to bear this in mind when in John 4:1 we read that "Jesus made and baptized disciples."

This statement is very instructive; in particular it teaches us three things:

- (1) Those baptized are called disciples.
- (2) Jesus makes disciples before He baptizes them.
- (3) Baptism does not make a disciple.

Ralph Wardlaw, the eminent Congregationalist, agrees:

"We have before adverted to the terms of the evangelist,

that 'Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John'; terms according to which they were not made disciples by baptism, but made and then baptized." (Dissertation on Baptism, p. 331.)

On John 3:22 Thomas Scott comments:

"Christian baptism 'into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost', was at this time not instituted. . . . The baptism of Jesus was doubtless of adults alone."

Evidence that it was not Christ's custom to baptize infants is found in the way the disciples behaved when infants were brought to Him to be blessed (Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17). Had the disciples been accustomed to seeing infants baptized (or rather to baptizing them themselves) they would never have hindered their being brought to their Master. William Burkitt comments:

"They were brought to Christ; but for what end? Not to baptize them, but to bless them. . . . Christian baptism was not instituted. John's baptism was the baptism of repentance, of (Continued on page 2, column 3)

Christmas

Modern Baptists and Christians of other denominations have borrowed many of the unscriptural, human traditions of Catholicism and heathenism. As you know, the Roman Catholic organization does not recognize the Bible to be the final authority in matters of doctrine and practice. Roman Catholics contend that the Roman Church has the authority for declaring new doctrines. It has done through the

The Roman Church got the basis of "Christmas" from Nimrod, Semiramis, and the heathen Babylonians. Ever ready to make converts and to "Christianize" heathen practices in order to gain members, Rome "Christianized" the heathen custom that is called "Christmas." This, then, is the background of the Christmas called Christmas, the idolatrous old "whore" (Isaiah 17), Roman Catholicism and heathen Babylon have used by the devil to dishonor

Christ, promote idolatry in churches, and to rob the Lord of the praise and gifts that belong to Him alone.

Christmas — Foreign to the Bible

Frankly, I do not know of a single thing connected with Christmas that is Biblical. One must go outside the Bible if he is to learn of the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, the holly-wreath, mistletoe, yulelog, the giving of (Continued on page 4, column 2)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST"

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."—Eph. 3:8.

This text which I have read to you is an expression of Paul's own experience. He referred to himself as "the least of all saints." I assume the reason that he did so, was because he had persecuted the saints of God, and had done all within his power to destroy the church. Prior to his conversion on the roadway to Damascus, his life had been anything other than what it ought to have been, so I can easily understand why he referred to himself as "the least of all saints." Then the Apostle Paul said that

there had been given to him a task, and that task, though he was the least of all saints, was to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

I rather imagine this morning as I look back across these forty two years in the ministry, to that Thanksgiving morning when I preached my first sermon — I rather imagine that which the Apostle Paul said as being true of himself could equally and aptly have applied to the one that stands before you this morning. I am sure, beloved friends, that if you had taken a magnifying glass and had searched all over Boone County, Kentucky, for a preacher, I would have been the last boy you suspected of being

called to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sure that you would have looked upon me, and passed me by completely, thinking it impossible that God might in any wise use me to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

I say, beloved, I am sure the experience of the Apostle Paul was my experience, and doubtless you preacher brethren would feel the same way as to your own experience. In all probability you would feel doubtlessly that if the world had been looking for a preacher, you would have been the last one that would have been chosen.

Well, it is interesting to me (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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Contending for the Faith Is A Lonely Battle

"All they which are in Asia be turned away from me" (II Timothy 1:15).

"Demas hath forsaken me" (II Timothy 4:10).

"Only Luke is with me" (II Timothy 4:11).

"At my first answer no man stood with me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge" (II Timothy 4:16).

The apostle Paul was a man of like passions as we (James 5:17; Romans 7:18). It is true that he had a very close walk with the Lord; it is true that he was used of the Holy Spirit to open a great portion of the New Testament; it is true that he was the outstanding missionary of apostolic times: yet Paul often felt loneliness due to the lack of human fellowship and encouragement in his firm, courageous, dedicated service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul loved men. He wept over men. As strong as he was in the "narrow" and "hard" doctrines of the Word of God, he possessed a deep compassion for others. He did not rejoice at the downfall

JAMES CRACE TO TAKE FLORIDA TOUR

Shortly after the first of January, Bro. Crace plans to make his last trip prior to leaving for New Guinea, and it is his expectancy to visit a number of churches both in Florida, and on the way, to and from Florida, as well.

In other words, shortly after the first week of January, he plans to leave here and visit churches that may be interested in his message and his ministry—that is, churches between here and Miami, Florida, both going and coming. Several brethren have indicated their desire to have him already, and a trip to Florida is a fulfillment of several invitations that he has had.

If you live in Florida or if you live somewhere on the way between here and Florida in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, or Tennessee and can have Bro. Crace to come to the church of which you are a member for one or more services, we would be exceedingly glad to hear from you at once.

We are beginning to arrange his itinerary, and just as soon as we have had an opportunity to hear from different brethren who have contacted us in the past, we will make an announcement through the columns of this paper. Even though you might not be able to have him in your church, it could be that he would be near enough that you could visit where he would be preaching, and we would certainly be glad to have you meet him, and be blessed by his ministry.

of others; he did not take it lightly when a man turned heretic; he did not fall into a "take-it-for-granted" attitude toward those who were engulfed in the deepest of sins.

He said his heart's desire for the blinded Israelites was that they might be saved (Romans 10:1). He told Timothy to be meek toward those who oppose themselves, for it could be that God would grant them repentance (II Tim. 2:25). Even while appearing as an enemy, Paul was only desiring to be a blessing to men (Gal. 4:16).

Paul was often misunderstood—else deliberately misinterpreted. When he preached Christ as the fulfillment of the Law, it was said that he preached against Moses' law. When he preached the love of God for sinners, he was charged with saying, "Let us do evil that good may come." So he suffered. Not only persecution from man's tongue, but bodily torture. Not only that—greater than this, Paul had a heavy heart because of men's rejection of his message.

Paul's heart was heaviest when his own brethren were not steadfast. When fellow-missionaries like John Mark forsook him (Act 15:38); when companions like Demas went back to the fleshpots of the world (II Tim. 4:10); when professing Christians in Galatia turned their ears to false teachers (Gal. 3:1); when some even preached the Gospel in order to add to Paul's persecution (Phil. 1:16); when men like Peter compromised and it was left to Paul to deny himself and subject himself to scorn by rebuking the great apostle (Gal. 2:11); such things caused Paul the greatest of grief.

Paul often found himself a lonely man because of his unflinching adherence to the Lord. But in his lack of human fellowship, he seemed to pass through the valley with the Lord and come out into the light of the day with even greater courage and more determination.

We often have reason to think of Paul's experiences, and certainly we feel that other Christians—particularly preachers—have similar experiences. If you are trying to stand unflinchingly for the Lord, there will be some infamous characters in your life such as Demas, Hymenaeus, Alexander, Phygellus, Hermogenes, and Philetus. You will most likely have a John Mark or two to quit on you; there will be some Peters, perhaps, who will compromise the Truth. You will feel that all men have forsaken you; perhaps only Luke will be with you. Good old Luke! how faithful to Paul he must have been; what an encouragement, amid discouragement when Paul had

to write, "Only Luke is with me."

Paul's experiences are history. Yet they will be repeated in the lives of all who stand for the Word of God faithfully. This is the inevitable reproach attached to the Christian faith. By God's grace, we want to go on in this reproach.



The "Bride of Christ"

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from any reward, since they were not in a New Testament church."

The answer to this is that Old Testament saints have their reward and the New Testament church has its reward. In other words, there are distinct rewards. Old Testament saints are not slighted. John the Baptist was not in the bride (John 3:29), yet he will have a great reward, doubtlessly.

The Figure of a "Bride"—What Does It Mean?

In speaking of the "bride" of Christ, we are using a figure of speech. God's church is often referred to under figures of speech—such as house (1 Tim. 3:15), temple (Eph. 2:21), body (1 Cor. 12:13, 27), city (Heb. 12:23), building (Eph. 2:10), and household (Eph. 2:19).

These figures serve to give us a fuller revelation into the characteristics, functions, and nature of the church. When we think about the figure of a "bride," what do we learn from it? There are at least three things about a bride that can be applied to the church in her relationship to Christ:

(1) **Intimacy.** The closest possible relationship between human beings is that of husband and wife. They are "one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). This certainly is true of Christ and His church. Those outside of the church, even though saved, do not enjoy this degree of intimacy due to their failure to follow the Lord fully (Eph. 1:22, 23).

(2) **Subjection.** The bride is to be in subjection to her husband (Eph. 5:22). She should count this an honor. She is to obey the husband (1 Peter 3:6). This exactly parallels the relationship of Christ and His church (Eph. 5:23). Those who are not in the church, even though saved, have not subjected themselves to Christ in this manner.

(3) **Chosen.** The husband chooses the bride. The bride of Christ is also chosen (Rev. 19:8).

All three of these points magnify the idea of reward. It is the bride's reward to enjoy these blessings. Just what—either in a material or spiritual sense—this reward consists of, we will not attempt to discuss; actually, we do not believe it is fully revealed in the Word. However, we do believe that the whole significance of the figure "bride" has to do with the reward of the Lord for those who have been faithful in serving Him in the church He established (Jude 3, Acts 20:27, Rev. 2:10).—BLR.



Did Christ Baptize Infants?

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which infants were incapable."

Another Puritan annotator, Matthew Poole, comments:

"We must take heed we do not found infant baptism upon the example of Christ in this

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Does "much water" In John 3:23 imply baptism immersion?

Yes, the expression is definitely significant. It is evidence of the fact that baptism is an immersion. It doesn't take but a small amount of water to sprinkle or pour; but for an immersion, it takes a great amount of water. John the Baptist baptized by immersion, thus baptized "in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there."

Was the Holy Spirit created?

No. Read Hebrews 9:14. He is here called, "the eternal Spirit." God—Father, Son and Spirit—are all eternal (Isa. 9:6; Micah 5:7, John 1:1, Deut. 33:27, Rom. 1:29, Psalm 90:2, 93:2).

What was changed in the case of Hezekiah's life (Kings 20:1-11)?

God's secret purpose in the case of Hezekiah was to preserve the man for fifteen years longer. Because of the bad health of Hezekiah, if the natural course of things were uninterrupted, he would die. God revealed to him this fact, through the mouth of the prophet (v. 1). This caused Hezekiah to pray for the preservation of his life. This was God's purpose all along, but unknown to all but God. So actually, what happened was this: God brought about the prayer of Hezekiah through His providence, and the prayer was in absolute harmony with the secret will and purpose of God. God did not change at all. He only made Hezekiah pray according to His own will. Then God healed Hezekiah, but it was not because of Hezekiah's prayer. Certainly, it appeared to be, as far as human eye could see. But it was the works of God that man even prayed the prayer that he did. And if it had not been the purpose of God to heal Hezekiah, it would not have caused him to pray for healing.

Can it be said that God changes His mind?

Job said, "But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth." (Job 23:13). In any case wherein it might appear that God changed His mind, it is only so to human eye, not in the secret will and purpose of God. Numerous are the Scriptures which teach that God is immutable in all things.

What about the saying, "Prayer Changes Things?"

This can only be accepted so far as it relates to human beings, etc. Prayer does not change God. All true prayer is offered as a result of the Lord's working within us (Rom. 8:26). And certainly, if God prompts us to pray for something, then it must be His will and purpose to perform it. As in the case of Hezekiah, already referred to, it was God's purpose to heal him, so He prompted Hezekiah to pray for healing. As to our own understanding, prayer changes things; but all the while what ever happened was the purpose of God.

text; for it is certain that He did not baptize these children." (On Matt. 19:14).

But alas! Poole's warning was given in vain, for scores of Paedobaptists from the Puritans onwards (not to mention the Fathers and Reformers before him) have appealed to this incident. Of these J. C. Ryle is one:

"A direct argument in favour of infant baptism the passage certainly is not. But a stronger indirect testimony it seems impossible to conceive." (Knots Untied, p. 100.)

This is one of Ryle's four reasons for infant baptism. Again, there is the Prayer Book Service of Infant Baptism in which the only Scripture read is the account of Christ's blessing the children. Apparently the English Reformers also regarded this incident as sanctioning, or at least favouring, the baptism of infants.

Other Paedobaptist writers, however, have been more discriminating. For example, Alfred Plummer writes:

"That little children may be

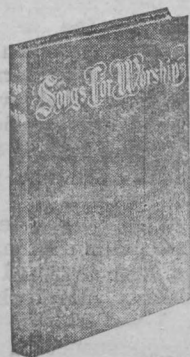
brought to Christ, and are of type of Christian innocency does not prove that they are fit to receive baptism." (Expository Dictionary of the Bible, B. B. Warfield is so sure to state:

"Nobody supposes that Jesus and his disciples were in the habit of baptizing infants." (Studies in Theology, p. 36.)

That so many should have appealed to Christ's blessing children as proof for infant baptism is indicative of the absence of stronger proof. Bishop Jewel Taylor states the matter thus:

"From the action of Christ in blessing infants, to infer that they are to be baptized, proves nothing so much as that there is a want of better argument. The conclusion would be with more probability derived thus: Christ blessed infants, and dismissed them, but baptism is not; therefore infants are not to be baptized." (Liberty Prophecy, p. 327.)

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In this article I want to supply readers with as much information as I can in a few words concerning our situation here in Korea.

Our Personal Situation

Concerning our personal circumstances, we are still getting along. We have a sufficient amount of income to get by on, but not have a surplus. As expenses, they have all been paid out of my salary.

Personal effects are, at present, still in Inchon at customs' office. I think this is a fault of the freight company rather than the customs. Needless to say, we are hampered by not having these things and have been living by with the barest necessities. It will surely seem good to us when we can stop living out of suitcases. Still, God has cared for us and I would rather be trying to do His will than all of the comforts in the world.

We have had some trying experiences, but I firmly believe God has sent them to us for our own good. For one thing, the upstairs portion of our house and the landlord's families in the other part. We have a legal contract with them, but we have the right to rent from for 30,000 won as advance (to be given back to us when we leave) and rent money 5,000 won per month. Well, some people have tried to force us to pay an extra 2,500 per month, contrary to the terms of our contract. When I refused to do this, they turned off our electricity and abused us in various ways. For this reason we are strongly considering getting out of this place. Then, too, the short time we have been here, I believe I have learned more than in any similar length of time in my life. I hope I have learned to deal firmly with the situation here and persevere in the work.

In time God will reward our prayers, toil and pain. In time, God will reward the prayers and offerings of those who have helped support us.

I am glad to say that we have had services in our home. We met in the living room on the bare floor, there being no furnishings of any kind. I sat cross-legged, along with the people, and preached the Word. I felt greatly blessed, needless to say.

A New Interpreter

I had to get rid of the interpreter I had. He was a capable man in many respects and it was like parting with my right arm.

concentration of missionaries in this particular vicinity of Seoul and surrounding areas.

I hope within the next few months to go to the east coast of Korea on a preaching trip. I would take my interpreter and leave my family at home. We would have to live in Korean homes and eat Korean food. This would be mostly in the rural areas.

I have written one tract in English and my interpreter is in the process of translating it. I may have it printed here as it may be cheaper in the long run. I hope to do much in the work of Christian literature, as God shall lead and bless. As for preaching, I just want to preach the plain gospel and teach as I did back home, verse by verse in the Bible.

What Has Been Accomplished?

I have been able to do very little as yet, chiefly due to the fact that we have been so busy trying to get settled and be ready for winter. Those who support us have a reasonable right to expect some results for their mission money. I feel very much my responsibility in this respect. But, on the other hand, too many people nowadays are "dollar conscious," — that is, expecting a soul won for every dollar, or something like that. My responsibility is to God, to obey Him and seek His leadership. I must give account to Him. But as much as I am able I intend to labour here and persevere in the work.

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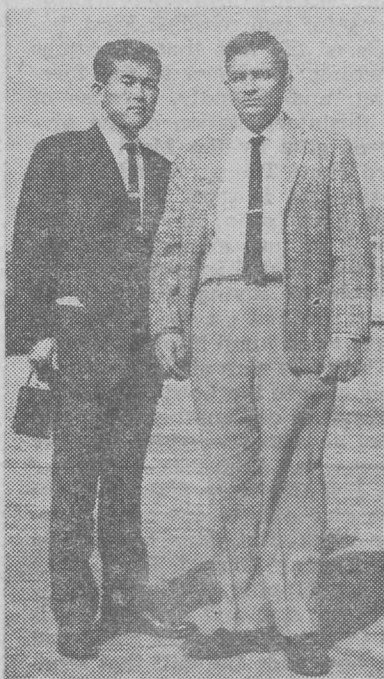
I think I have mentioned before our need for transportation. If I am to reach out and go to remote areas, I will need a vehicle. It will take 6 months to import a Landrover from England, unless I could buy a used vehicle of some kind. One needs a rugged vehicle, such as a Jeep. The "Jeep-type" vehicles can be brought in duty-free. We do not now have any money to buy one. We about "cleaned out" the mission fund when we came. Please pray with us about this matter.

We need more financial support. For one thing, the interpreter has to have a salary. Chuckie's schooling is terribly expensive. Things are high here. I have set, as a minimum, for my salary the amount of \$300.00 per month. Someone will immediately think this is too much. The fact of the matter is, I can just barely get by on this amount. I am not trying to get rich or live "fancy." I only want to "provide for my own house."

There are personal items we have need of. Mostly, however, we need financial help. Most things can be purchased here if one has the money. But the price is usually very dear.

We need your prayers. I think if some Christians could come here for a month they would return home with a determination to pray more for God's missionaries and to make more of an effort to help them. I don't mind saying that we have had trials in fair abundance. Satan has great power here, more power, if that is possible, than back home, since Christian influence is greater there. This is not a Christian country. Christianity is a foreign doctrine to most people and not at all necessary. Remember to "hold up" our hands in prayer. Pray for us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
(See "Special Notice" in column 2)



Brother C. W. Bronson and his Korean interpreter.

The main difficulty was that he wanted to be a boss rather than an interpreter. Too, he was unsaved and consequently too worldly for a work like this. I had to be very firm as he did not want to go.

He had not been gone an hour before the Lord sent me another man. The new man has no head for business, but is a born-again child of God. He is a young preacher (just saved four years) and is going to school. He seems to have some grasp of Bible doctrines and believes in election and predestination. I hope to teach him what I know. In time, I think he will make a good helper. He is very zealous, humble and loves the Lord Jesus.

Our Needs

I think I have mentioned before our need for transportation. If I am to reach out and go to remote areas, I will need a vehicle. It will take 6 months to import a Landrover from England, unless I could buy a used vehicle of some kind. One needs a rugged vehicle, such as a Jeep. The "Jeep-type" vehicles can be brought in duty-free. We do not now have any money to buy one. We about "cleaned out" the mission fund when we came. Please pray with us about this matter.

We need more financial support. For one thing, the interpreter has to have a salary. Chuckie's schooling is terribly expensive. Things are high here. I have set, as a minimum, for my salary the amount of \$300.00 per month. Someone will immediately think this is too much. The fact of the matter is, I can just barely get by on this amount. I am not trying to get rich or live "fancy." I only want to "provide for my own house."

There are personal items we have need of. Mostly, however, we need financial help. Most things can be purchased here if one has the money. But the price is usually very dear.

We need your prayers. I think if some Christians could come here for a month they would return home with a determination to pray more for God's missionaries and to make more of an effort to help them. I don't mind saying that we have had trials in fair abundance. Satan has great power here, more power, if that is possible, than back home, since Christian influence is greater there. This is not a Christian country. Christianity is a foreign doctrine to most people and not at all necessary. Remember to "hold up" our hands in prayer. Pray for us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
(See "Special Notice" in column 2)

Did Christ Baptize Infants?

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Let us mark this well. The Lord did not use this occasion as well He might, had He wanted to institute infant baptism. Up to this time He had not ordered His disciples to baptize infants. If therefore it was His will that henceforth infants should be baptized, what better occasion than this to say so? Why should He not give His disciples a lesson by baptizing these infants there and then? Or why not explicitly order His disciples that in future infants were to be baptized — especially as He had just taught them, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven?"

Perhaps some will say that these words provide a warrant for the baptism of infants. But if this were case, why did not the disciples go and baptize these children? Or was it that Christ's words were not plain enough? Professor John Murray is undoubtedly correct when he writes:

"These two assertions — (1) that little children belong to the kingdom of God; (2) that they are to be received in Christ's name — do not offer stringent proof of infant baptism and they do not provide us with an express command to baptize infants." (Christian Baptism, p. 65.)

So, whatever the meaning of the words "of such is the kingdom of heaven", the fact that these children were not baptized indicates, if anything, that infants are not to be baptized.

One last point. If any ceremony is sanctioned by the action of Christ's blessing the children, it is not Infant Baptist, but Infant Blessing.

(Chapter IV next week)

God Is Able

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"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us out of the burning fiery furnace" (See Dan. 3:10-25). Beloved, I call on you to realize that God is able to do whatever He desires.

2. God is able to save.

In Hebrews 7:25 we are told that God the Son, Jesus Christ, is able to save all that come to God by Him.

I believe this. God is able to save every last one that comes to Him through Christ. None who come to God by way of the cross will find a shackled God. All who will come to God through simple trust in Christ shall find that God is able to save to the uttermost. They will not find God lacking in ability to save. He possesses all the strength and means to save everyone who will come to Him in His way.

God says in Ps. 50:5, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

What sacrifice? Read Heb. 9:26-28 with me:

"But now in the end of the world (age) hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself . . . So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look

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for him shall He appear the second time without sin unto the salvation."

I tell you, beloved, God is able to save you, if you will come to Him by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. There will not be a one of you who comes through Christ turned away. Neither will God be lacking in ability to save you. You can trust God. You can safely believe that God is not only able, but He will save you if you come to Him through His Son.

3. God is able to keep.

Christ said in John 10:29 that no one is able to take a saved person out of God's hand. Why? Because God is able to keep them that trust His Son as Savior.

In Romans 4:21 we are shown where Abraham's strength was. We read, "He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able also to perform."

Beloved, I would have you to be in like manner fully persuaded that God is able to perform what He has promised.

In another place we read, "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she had judged Him faithful who had promised" (Heb. 11:11).

The Lord of glory is not only able to keep His promises, He is also faithful in keeping them. He has promised to save to the uttermost all who come to Him by faith in the Person and work of Christ. Further, He has promised to keep those that He has saved. He has promised that no one shall be able to take one of His children away from Him. I call on you to believe that God is able to save you, and keep you saved forever if you make a covenant with Him by the sacrifice of His Son.

What do we mean when we say that Christ is the sacrifice for all who trust Him? We mean that God punished Jesus in the stead of all those whom He saves. We mean that Jesus died the death for sin that His people ought to have died. "By His stripes ye are healed" (I Peter 2:24). (Continued on page 4, column 1)

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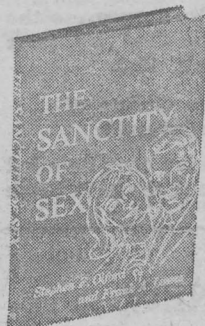
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Finally a kind-hearted woman came along and helped me up. I traveled with her to her home that night to tell her son about Christ and His power to save. I invited him to a gospel service which he attended and before long he was converted to Christ.

One day I was riding in a car with some Christian friends through a small village. One of my friends pushed me out the window. Quickly a man came over and lifted me up. Now some missionaries would have to introduce themselves to a stranger before they witnessed of Christ, but I started right away to tell the kind man of Jesus' love and death on the cross for him. He was too busy to stand and talk, so I traveled along the street with him. He wanted to hear more.

I can carry Bibles with me on my travels, but this time I gave the man an address to which he could write and get a New Testament. He has his Testament now and is reading it regularly.

Often my travels take me to beds of the sick and dying, but I fear no disease; I can work myself into broken homes, hospitals, prisons, and many of my brothers have gone behind the iron curtain of Russia and the bamboo curtain of Asia.

We can preach the gospel everywhere and the police cannot kill us. For, you see, our life is no physical life. We are only made of paper and ink and yet we bring strength to weak bodies, hopes to the despairing and faith to the fearful. Our life is the power of God behind the words printed on our pages.

Perhaps you have friends or loved ones who are unconverted. They may live too far away for you to visit them and tell them of Christ. Or they might not listen to your words of witness.

I will be glad to come to your house and you may introduce me to your friends. Some of them may find Christ as their personal Saviour from sin through reading my pages.

Pray that God will bless my missionary work and will lead me to souls who are seeking eternal life. —Tract

(Please see our list of Gospel tracts on page 15)

God Is Able

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2:24). God was able to holily, righteously, and justly punish Christ for the sins of those who trust Him, instead of punishing those people themselves. Jesus Christ was able to bear our sin in His own body on the cross.

If you will but by faith receive Christ as Saviour you will see that the only reason you do not have to go to hell for your sins is because Christ paid that eternal sin-debt for you. This is what we mean by Christ being a sacrifice for His people.

Christ acted as substitute for all who will trust Him. He lived the perfect life His people were required to live. He died the eternal death His people were required to die. He is our righteousness (Romans 10:4).

Conclusion

Beloved, I tell you that you need not fear to trust God. He is able to save you.

He is able to keep you, if you but will come to Him by faith in the Son of God.

There is nothing that God is unable to do. I cannot say that of any human being on this earth. You do well not to trust your soul to any human being — not even yourself. But you will do very well indeed if you will rely on Almighty God.

The Lord bless you all.

Christmas

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gifts, and all the other things that go along with the Christmas celebration. However, I do think that certain passages in the Bible may be direct references to the heathen celebration that is now called Christmas. (See Jeremiah 10:1-6). Certainly the precept applies.

Note these facts about Christmas:

(1) Christ was not born on December 25, even Roman Catholics admit. No one knows the date of His birth.

(2) We are not commanded in the Bible to celebrate the Lord's birth. (Baptists seek to follow the Bible; Roman Catholics follow tradition).

(3) The Scriptures plainly warn against inventing such observance of days.

"In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." — Matt. 15:9.

God commands us not to "add unto these things" (the things of the Bible — Rev. 22:18).

He commands us to neither "add unto the Word" nor "diminish ought from it." (Deuteronomy 4:2).

But the observance of Christmas transgresses this clear commandment of God.

"Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?" — Matt. 15:2.

But Isn't the Giving of Gifts Scriptural?

Many people have been deluded into believing that there is Bible

ground for exchanging and giving gifts at Christmas. It needs to be pointed out to these wrong, but honest and sincere, people, that the giving of gifts in connection with the Christmas celebration is wrong for two reasons: First, because of the fact that Christmas is wrong, as shown in the foregoing; and secondly, because of the misinterpretation of the giving of gifts by the Magi to the Lord Jesus. The perverted idea as to this act is that, because the Magi gave gifts to Christ, we should in turn give gifts to one another. That interpretation is as possible as saying that because Christ walked on the water, we ought to go jump into the lake!

The godly men of the East gave their gifts to the Lord Jesus Himself, not to one another. They did so as an act of worship, for they knew who Christ was — King of the Jew (Matthew 2:2). Do those who give gifts to one another today think that they are hereby worshipping Christ? If so, they are worshipping in vain (Matthew 15:9) for a friend or relative is not Christ, the King of the Jews! Oh, how wide the gulf that separates the modern gift-swapping that people practice at Christmas and the giving of gifts by the Magi to Christ!

No Christian Is Under Obligation to Observe Christmas!

I emphasize this matter of giving presents for an important, Biblical, God-honoring reason. I am interested in the glory of the Saviour and the honest, sincere efforts of saved people to do all that they can to glorify His name. Many people think that they are under obligation to God to observe Christmas, to spend much money on friends and relatives in buying gifts, and to put forth 100 per cent effort to be in the "Christmas spirit."

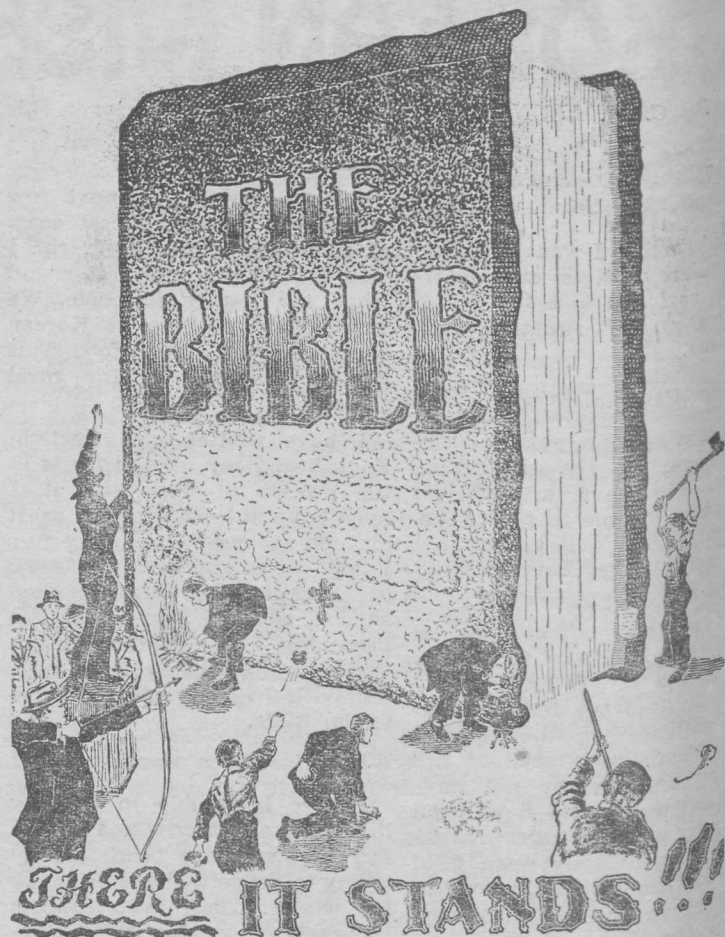
Oh, Christians, hear me! On the basis of God's Word, I boldly affirm that you are under no obligation to God, to friends, or to relatives! You are, however, under obligation to God to renounce this heathen, Popish, worldly, commercialized holiday, and to not waste your time, money and energy upon it. Take your stand for the Lord and His Word! Do not be brought under the yoke of this slavery any longer. Headaches, heartaches, nightmares, a burdened mind are often produced by the expense, time, and energy that go into the "spirit of Christmas." Such financial, physical, and mental burdens in no wise promote spiritual growth in the Lord. Instead, they rob the Lord of that which is due to Him — YOUR ALL!

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, WHICH ARE GOD'S." — (I Corinthians 6:20).

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I am disappointed with many Christians who try to take advantage of this "gift-swapping" spirit that prevails at Christmas time in order to "promote the cause of Christ," as they put it. Christians can never "put Christ back into Christmas" for the simple reason that Christ was never in Christmas.

Some religious periodicals put on subscription campaigns at Christmas-time, urging people to send "Gift Subscriptions" to others. But you will find no such appeal in this paper. Although we have a campaign in progress, we have not, we do not, and we will not make any such appeal to our readers. Our appeal is that you send subscriptions for the glory of God and for the salvation and edification of His people. I believe that the Lord looks upon the ef-



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forts of Christians to use Christmas — the Roman Catholic and heathen holiday — for the glory of God with shame and disgust.

We are asking you to pay for subscriptions for others for our Lord's glory. We want to get God's glorious Word into the hands of all these preachers in these Baptist groups. Oh, think how widely His Word could be spread with all the time, money, and effort that will be wasted, given to lust, gluttony, and idolatry at the Christmas season!

May you be one who will have no part nor lot with the spirit of Christmas. May you be one who will stand for the Word of God, and who will send in subscriptions for those who need the Word!—BLR.

"Unsearchable Riches"

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to notice why Paul was chosen, and why you and I have been chosen, and that was that we should preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, which leads me to tell you that all the riches and all the blessings that you and I have, come from God. That is true of the material blessings. There isn't a single material blessing that you possess but that it has come from the hand of God. Listen:

"The BLESSING OF THE LORD, it maketh rich." — Prov. 10:22.

All that you have this morning is a blessing of the Lord.

The prophet says:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Mal. 3:10.

Where do your blessings come from? I ask you this morning to tell me the source of the blessings that you have received in the past year. I am satisfied that you will agree today, in the light of God's Book, that every blessing

we have materially, has come from God.

Then, beloved, what is true as to the material blessings and the riches of God, that you and I enjoy, is likewise true of the spiritual blessings, or the spiritual riches that we have in Christ. All these have come from God. Listen:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath BLESSED US with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places IN CHRIST." — Eph. 1:3.

All the spiritual blessings that we have enjoyed have been given to Christ, and we get them by being in Christ.

Notice again:

"In whom we have REDEMPTION through his blood, the FORGIVENESS of sins, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE." — Eph. 1:7.

How is it that we have these spiritual blessings. It is according to the riches of His grace.

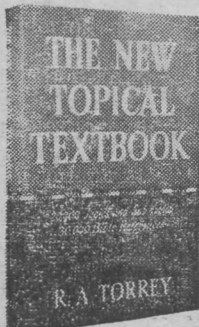
It is conspicuous to me to notice that while in time he refers to the riches of His grace, he also speaks of the exceeding riches of His grace in eternity:

"That in the ages to come he might shew the EXCEEDING RICHES of his grace in his kindness toward us THROUGH CHRIST JESUS." — Eph. 2:7.

Now it is the riches of his grace. (Continued on page 13, column 1)

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1. Not blind to our own faults. Matt. 7:1-3.
2. Not unduly considering appearances. Jno. 7:24.
3. Not after fleshly inclinations. Jno. 8:15.
4. Not prematurely questioning motives. Rom. 14:3.
5. Not airing our own judgment before the time. I Cor. 4:5.
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Thoughts On Salvation

Our text tonight is found in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved?"

What Is Salvation?

The dictionary tells us, salvation is preservation, or deliverance from destruction, danger or great calamity.

Here is a man who is drowning, he is going down for the third and last time, another man leaps and saves him; that is one type

of salvation.

Here is a child in a burning building, flames encompass her, but a brave fireman rushes in and brings the child to safety; this is another type of salvation.

Here is a business man who is about to lose all that he has. A friend comes to the rescue with a gift of money which saves his business, and puts him back on his feet. This is a third type of salvation.

But the greatest and best salvation is the one which Christ gives sinners.

It is eternal . . . A man may be saved from drowning and yet die in another manner. . . . A child may be saved from a burning building and be killed in another way. . . . You may save a man's business one year and he still can lose it. . . . But not so with the salvation God gives . . . Also God's salvation is both spiritual and material. It not only is good for us in this life. It is necessary that we have it or we cannot have a future life. Now this salvation of God is vested in one person—Christ, and I want us to study it and see what it is and how you can get it for your very own.

I. Salvation is an experience. In the old days the preachers spoke of salvation as an experience of grace. They meant, that something happened between God and the sinner in which the sinner received grace. God and the sinner met and the sinner came away with grace. This meeting took place when the sinner saw his sin and repented and God had mercy and forgave. It truly is an experience. If you have not had this meeting with God, then you do not have salvation. Scripture tells us plainly that this experience is necessary to salvation.

In John 1:12, we are told, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

In II Cor. 5:17, we read, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

In I John 5:4 we read, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith."

All of these verses tell us that salvation is an experience. It is adoption into God's family. It is spiritual rebirth into a new person. It is living a life of victory with a new inner force—Christ. Yes, salvation is an experience. It is an experience in which God always takes the first step. He draws the sinner to Himself, reveals the sinfulness of the sinner and the Holiness of Himself. Men are saved when they respond to the drawing power of God. When the first man sinned, we hear God saying, "Adam, where art thou?" Jesus tells us, "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost." When a man responds to this drawing power of God he soon finds himself singing:

"I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!
He loved me 'ere I knew him:
He drew me with the cords of

love,
And thus He bound me to Him."

Yes, God draws us to the door of salvation. This door swings open on the hinges of faith, faith that makes us trust our small finite lives and personalities to a great and Divine Being; faith that makes us see our need and flee to the only one who can help us in that need.

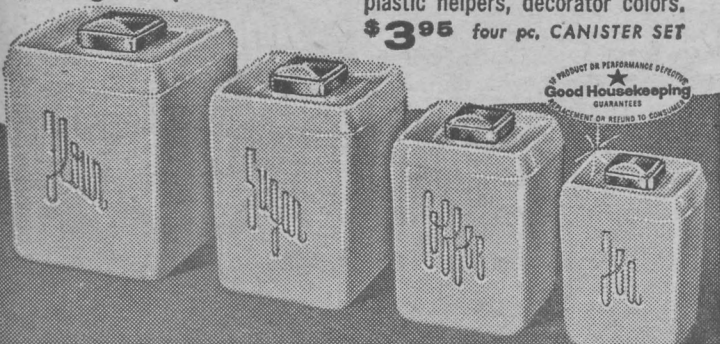
When my automobile will not run I have faith to seek a mechanic; when I am sick, I have the faith to seek a doctor; when I need legal advice I have faith to seek out a lawyer. And when God showed me my lost condition and my need of salvation, He also gave me the faith to come to the great Soul-Saver, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is a specialist in this field and has never lost a case. He says, "All that the father gives to me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Maybe I can show you how it works by this simple story. In 1941 there was a great forest fire

in New Jersey. Some soldiers were sent out to fight the flames. Eighty of these soldiers were soon trapped by the fire. The pilot of a small plane which was flying overhead saw their plight. He flew down quite low and dropped a note to these men, telling them (Continued on page 6, column 2)

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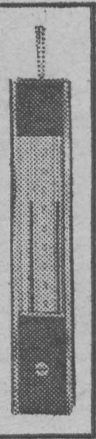
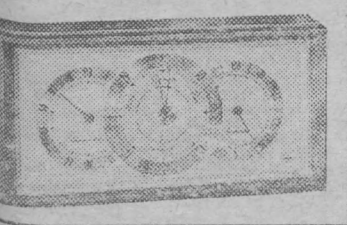
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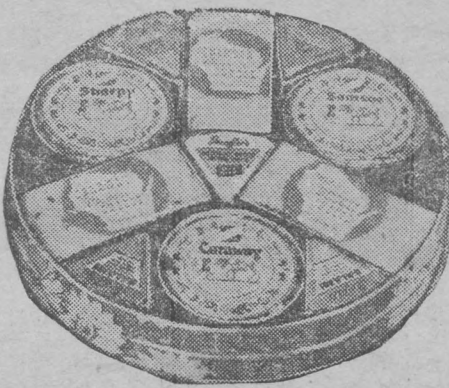
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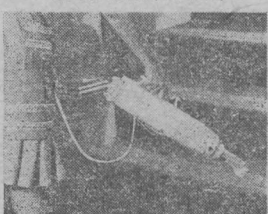
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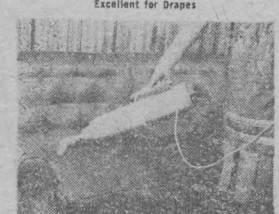
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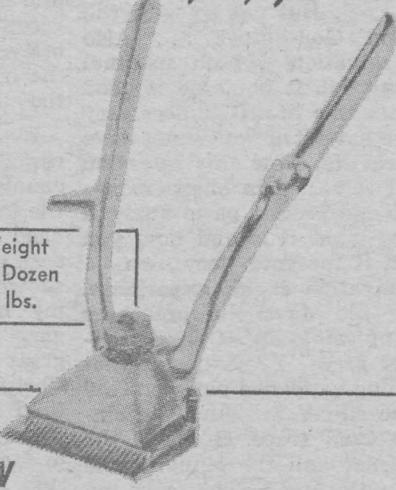
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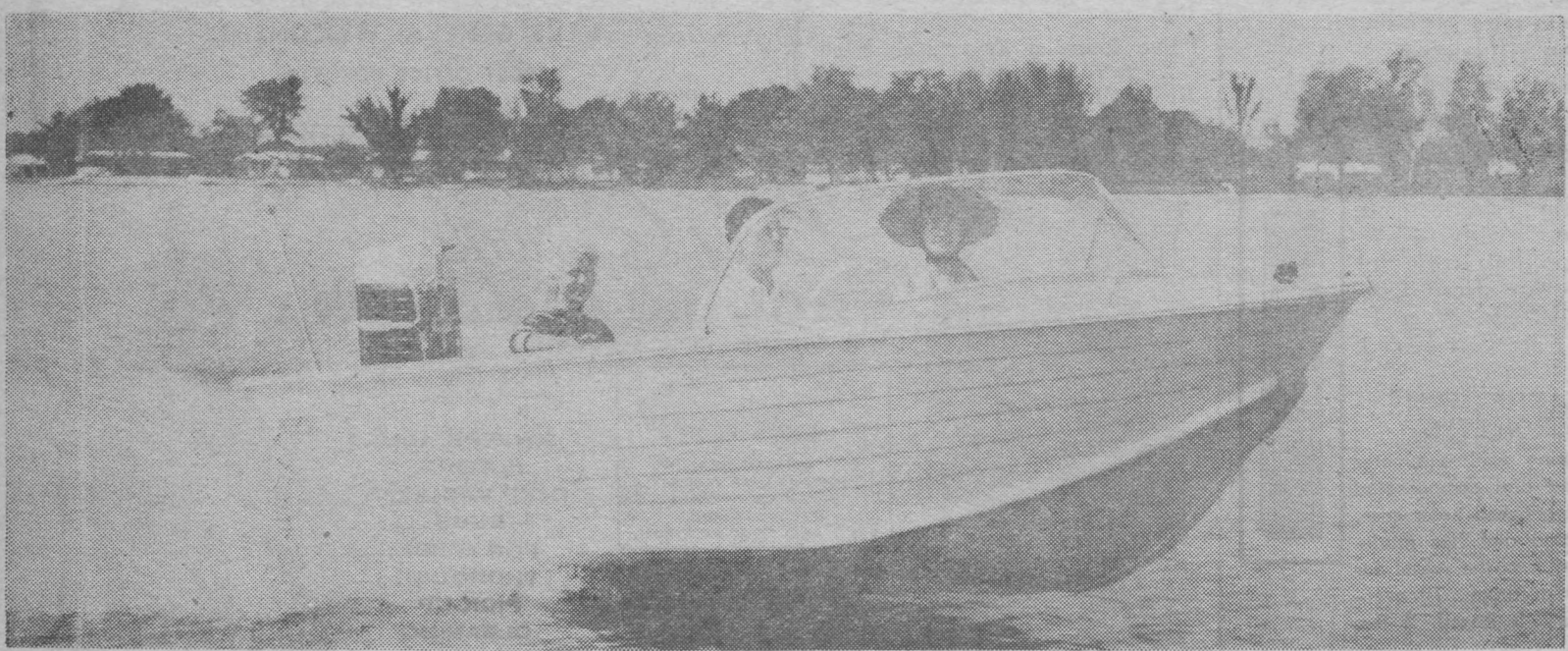
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that he could see just one way out and that if they would follow him, he would guide them to safety. They obeyed instantly . . . they followed him on the double quick. He was able to lead them to safety through the flamed-lined channel. So it is with us. We are lost, shut up in a wall of flame, but Christ above sees our condition and He says to us, "There is only one way out . . . Follow Me and I will save you . . . 'I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.' " So by faith we receive Him and follow Him. He is the only way out. Have you had this vital experience with Jesus Christ.

But let me go on to say—
II. Salvation is revealed in an expression. After the experience of conversion the Bible tells us



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to give expression to the things which have happened in our hearts. The experience is inward and the expression is outward.

There is the expression of public confession. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I deny before my Father which is in heaven. (Matt 10:32-33). So you see that salvation is an experience of the heart that should be and must be proclaimed by the mouth.

There is the expression of Baptist Baptism. The Bible is very plain when it speaks of baptism



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being an outward expression of an inward change. Baptism is to follow salvation and is to give a picture of the new life found in Christ. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4). When a person is saved he should seek out a New Testament church and request New Testament baptism as an outward expression of an inward experience.

Then there is the expression of
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public worship. The Bible says, Let us hold fast the profession of

our faith without wavering . . . not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another" (Heb. 10:23a, 25a).

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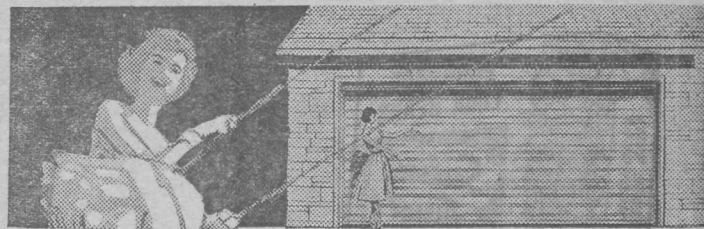
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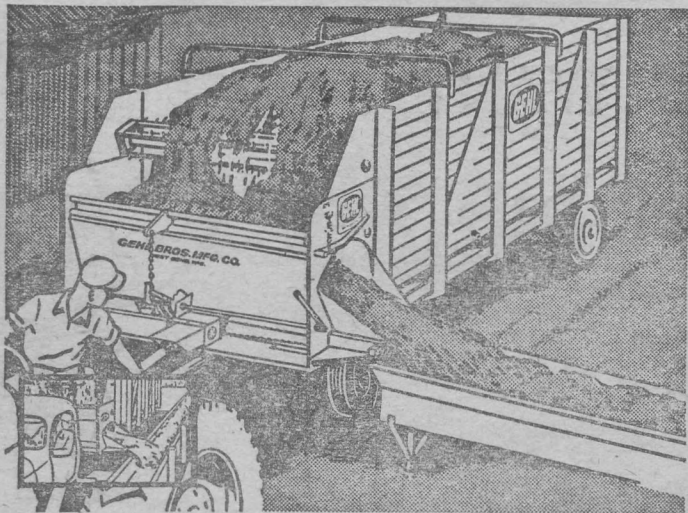
of God and public worship lets folk know whose side we are on. Those who fail here are like a man who fails to take his proper place in line of battle and thereby gives over to the enemy his place. They leave gaps in the line. So you see it is important to make a public expression of your experience and if your experience is really of God you will do this. The only way I can know of your inward experience is by your outward expression of that experience. James tells us, "Wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? . . . For

as the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 1:20, 26).

III. But again, salvation works out in exercise. "Wherefore my beloved as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, (Continued on page 10, col. 4)

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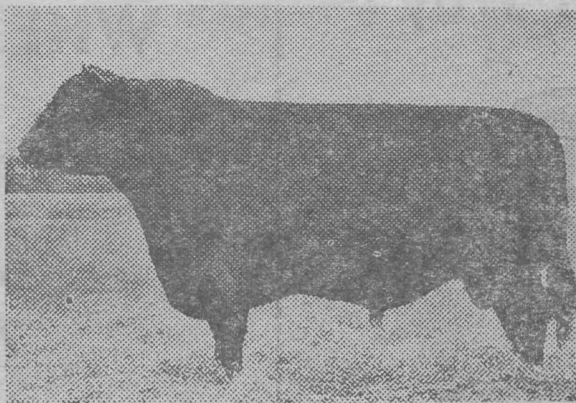
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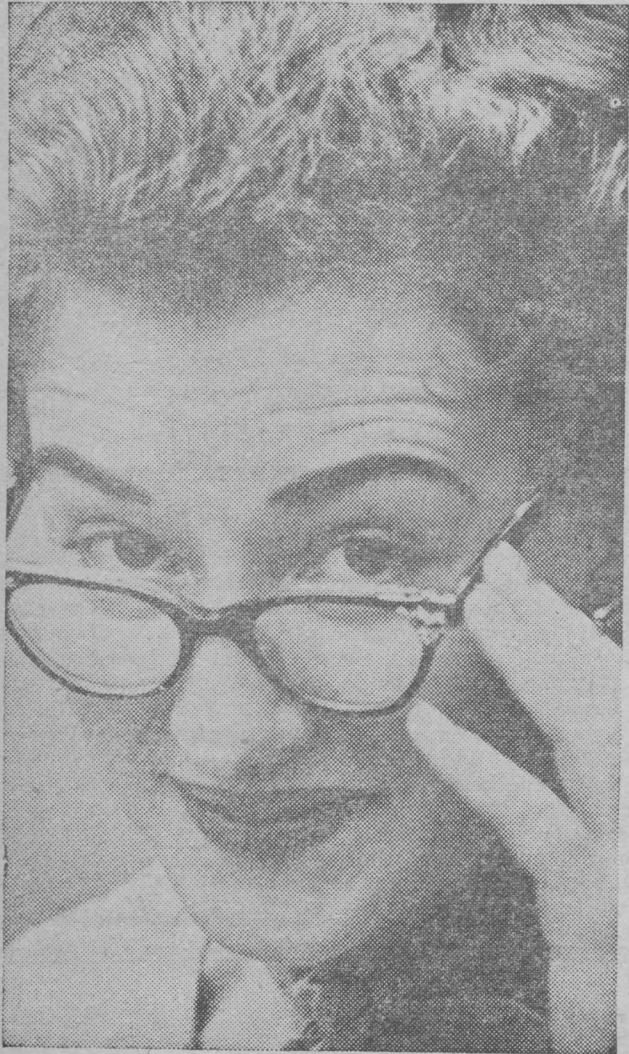
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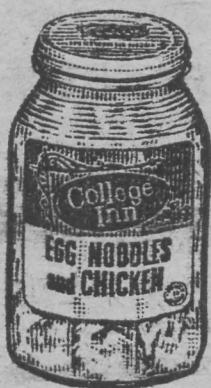
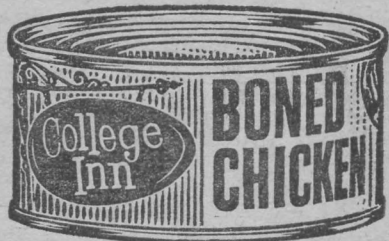
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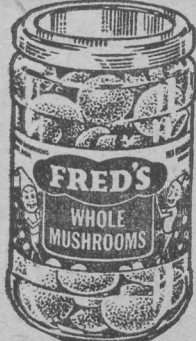
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to work. The trouble with some
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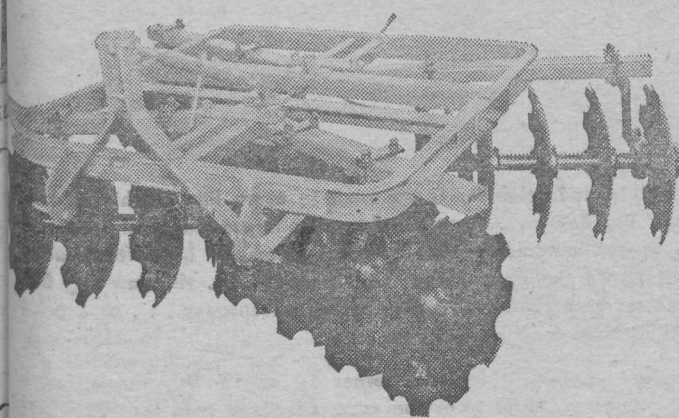
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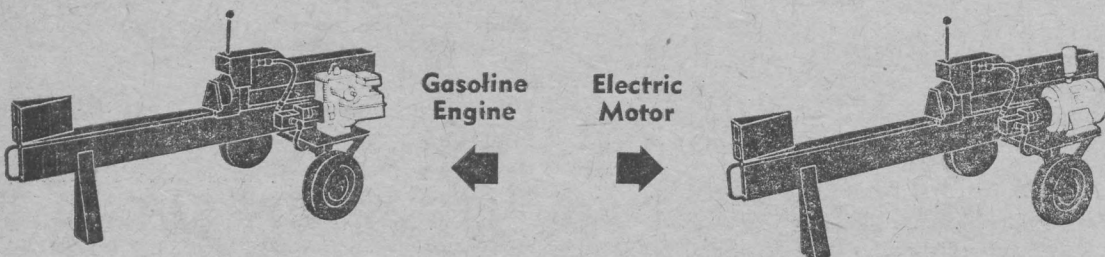
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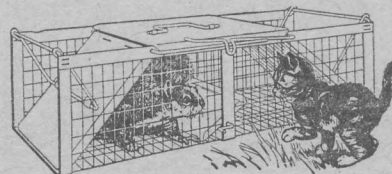


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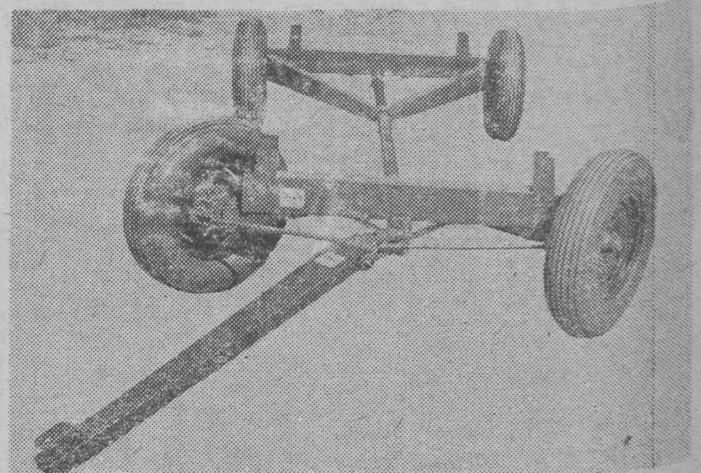
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"Unsearchable Riches"

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face that is ours to enjoy. All that we have today spiritually according to his grace, but someday when we stand face to face with Him, He is going to show us the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Yes, I tell you this morning the blessings that we have today, spiritually as well as materially—all the riches that are ours to enjoy have come to us through the Lord Jesus Christ.

He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him **FREELY GIVE** us **ALL** things?"—Rom. 8:32.

possible. Let your lives be a constant testimony telling the world of God.

IV. **Salvation is an expectation.** We have heard people say, "I have nothing to live for." That is certainly true of a man who would live without God but for a Christian this is not true. A Christian has much to look for—

the mainspring is to the watch, the sunshine is to the flowers, the rain to the parched earth, is the heavenly hope to the Christian.

God has given us this promise, let not your heart be troubled, believe in God believe also in me. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also."

Wonder, do you have the salvation I am speaking of tonight?

What is salvation?
Salvation is an Experience.
Salvation is revealed in Expression.
Salvation is worked out in Exercise.

Salvation is an Expectation.

Do you have such a salvation? It makes a difference in your life here and hereafter. David Livingstone had such a salvation and when he died, in Africa, his body was sent to London for burial in Westminster Abbey. His funeral procession was one of the greatest London ever saw. A richly dressed man pushed his way toward the front of the crowd for a better view. The people rebuked him for elbowing his way toward the front, and he said to them, "I have a right to see David Livingstone. I knew him better than any of you. We went to Sunday School together. But he decided for Christ and I decided against him."

Two Sunday School lads. . . One grows up to be listed as the greatest of men while the other is but a poor wreck of a man. . . How different it with you? It makes a difference in this world and the world to come as to what you do with Jesus and the salvation He has to give. . . What is your response? . . . Come, says Jesus' sacred voice, and make my paths your choice; . . . will guide you to your home; . . . weary pilgrim, hither come."

—West Indies Beacon

much more the grace of God, and **THE GIFT BY GRACE**, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many." — Rom. 5:15.

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive **ABUNDANCE OF GRACE** and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:17.

"Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, **GRACE DID MUCH MORE ABOUND.**"—Rom. 5:20.

What blessings! what riches!—the grace of God.

And did you ever pause to think that that grace of God is ours only in Jesus Christ?

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), **FULL OF GRACE** and truth."—John 1:14.

How do we get that grace? Listen:

"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."—John 1:16.

Put these two verses together and they tell us that the Lord Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth, and of this fulness we have all received, and grace for grace, or literally, grace upon top of grace.

Talk about heaping up the measure until it runs over! Talk about heaping up the measure, until the measure is full, and is pouring over the side. It is thus that the grace of God has been given to us — grace on top of grace. This grace is a blessing. It is a part of the exceeding riches of God.

There is an illustration of this in the book of Ezekiel that has been clamoring for expression on my part for several days. In fact, for several weeks I have been wanting to make a special sermon from this. I have been especially impressed relative to this passage of Scripture because of what it

LIQUOR AND PROTESTANTS

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means to me. Ezekiel says:

"And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born, thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all."—Ezek. 16:4.

Here is a parable that Ezekiel is giving us of an abandoned child. Can you imagine a child that is born unwanted, and cast out? I saw this in actuality. One morning years ago I was called to the garbage dump, back of Russell, Ky., to help remove the remains of a little unwanted girl that had been abandoned—perhaps the day before, in the garbage — unwashed, unattended, uncared for, and perhaps one-third eaten by the rats in a night's time. This is what Ezekiel is telling us. Can you imagine anything much more repulsive? Ezekiel is telling us that primarily this was the status of Israel. In a secondary manner, it is the status of every one of us. We stand in God's sight just as spiritually repulsive.

This surely is illustrative of the sinner's depravity, for Ezekiel says that no one cut the navel — no one washed the child with

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water — no one swaddled the child — no one pitied the child but rather the child was cast out into an open field. Surely this is the picture of everyone of us in the sight of Almighty God today. I tell you, beloved, you and I are mighty loathsome creatures in God's sight.

Oh, when a man would dare to stand up and boast about the fact that he saved himself, or when a man would dare boast or give himself credit for his salvation, he doesn't realize in any wise at all the pit from which he was digged.

Ezekiel goes on to tell us that which was done for this little child. Listen:

"And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live. I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments; thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine.

Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed thy blood from thee, and anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head."—Ezek. 16:6-12.

Beloved, notice the change. The little unwanted babe that was cast out now becomes a child of beauty. On what basis? Because of what somebody else did in that case.

I tell you this morning, the only reason that there is any beauty in you and me so far as God, and God's service is concerned, is because of what God has done for us. In the case of this child that was abandoned, the child's beauty came because of what was done for her, and all that you and I have this morning from a spiritual standpoint comes as the result of the grace

of God, as a part of His exceeding riches to us.

II
GOD'S LOVE.

We read:

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I HAVE **LOVED THEE** with an **EVER-LASTING LOVE.**"—Jer. 31:3.

Too many people love with a temporary love. They love today; they forget to love tomorrow. They love for a while, but they don't love forever. Too many people love for a day, or love for a month, or love for a year, but God loves us forever.

Notice again:

"For God **SO LOVED** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his **GREAT LOVE** wherewith he loved us."—Eph. 2:4.

Notice that word "great." It is one of the most interesting words translated in all the New Testament. We read:

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is **PLENTEOUS**, but the labourers are few."—Mt. 9:37.

The word that is translated "plenteous" in Matthew 9:37 is the same word that is translated "great" in Ephesians 2:4. He has loved us with a great love; He has loved us with a plenteous love.

Notice again:

"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is **BREADTH**, and **LENGTH**, and **DEPTH**, and **HEIGHT**; And to know the **LOVE OF CHRIST**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."—Eph. 3:18, 19.

Can you tell me how long is God's love? Yes, the love of God is long enough that it goes back yonder to eternity past, and it extends through time, and yonder to eternity to come. Do you know how broad it is? It is broad enough that it encompasses the elect of God out of all nations and all colors. It encompasses the elect of God in all the races of mankind.

Do you know how deep that love is, beloved? It is deep enough that it gets down beneath man in his deepest sin. Find the man who is the deepest in sin and the love of God can go deeper than that. It is high enough that it can lift us up above the highest heights. When Paul talks about the length, and the breadth, and the height, and the depth of the love of God, he then prays that

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OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST

Psalm 1

I. MEN ARE BORN OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. The doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man is untrue.

"Ye are of your father the devil" — John 8:44.

"We are by nature the children of wrath" — Eph. 2:3.

"Ye must be born again" — John 3:7.

"Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" — Gal. 3:26.

2. Just because you were born into a Christian family doesn't make you a child of God, or a Christian.

Romans 9:6-8.

David's children — Absalom, Amnon, Tamar.

Psa. 51:5 — "shapen in iniquity"; "conceived in sin."

II. MEN OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST ARE VOID OF ANY RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE GOD. — Isa. 64:6, Romans 10:1-3.

III. MEN OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST ARE BONDSLAVES TO SIN AND SATAN.

Eph. 2:1-3 — Drink, lust, worldliness, cursing.

All men are either slaves to Christ or slaves to sin and Satan.

Sinner, did you ever stop to think that the reason you despise religion is because you love sin? Did you ever stop to think that the reason you never received any blessings from Christ is because you are not His and do not serve Him?

IV. MEN OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST ARE ENEMIES OF THEMSELVES.

1. Mark 5:1-5 — The maniac of Gadara.

2. Luke 15:14-16 — Prodigal son.

V. MEN OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST ARE UNDER THE CURSE OF THE LAW. — Gal. 3:10, James 2:10; Rom. 6:23.

VI. MEN OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST WILL MISS HEAVEN AND LAND IN HELL. — Psa. 9:17.

The epitaph of a lost man is "Thou Fool." (Luke 12:20).

VII. HOW MEN GET INTO CHRIST:

1. By faith: John 5:24, Acts 16:31, 10:43, 13:38, 39.

2. "In Christ" — Rom. 5:1, 8:1, 6:4, Gal. 2:20, 21, 4:4, 5, I Cor. 15:55-57.

—Bob L. Ross

"Unsearchable Riches"

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he might be able to know that love of God, which he says "passeth knowledge."

Oh, how richly He has blessed us this morning! No wonder Paul says in my text: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." No wonder he refers to the blessings of Christ as the "unsearchable riches." His grace is unsearchable, and his love is unsearchable.

III
SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Our spiritual life is one of the unsearchable riches. Listen:

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it MORE ABUNDANTLY." — John 10:10.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us ABUNDANTLY through Jesus Christ our Saviour." — Titus 3:5-6.

Beloved, we just don't barely have life; we have an abundant life. Politicians have wrought havoc with that expression, "the abundant life," within the past 30 or 35 years. The politicians of both parties have talked about their party platform as being the abundant life for America. It is not so. The abundant life is life that we have in God through Jesus Christ. It is a spiritual experience, and it is a part of the exceeding riches of Almighty God. It is a part of the unsearchable riches.

We read:

"And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared MY dinner: MY oxen and MY fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage." — Mt. 22:3, 4.

Notice, God has prepared the dinner. God has furnished the oxen and the fatlings. God has made all things ready. Therefore God invites you to come to the marriage.

Beloved, that is true so far as our spiritual experience is concerned. He is the one that takes the initiative. He is the one that has provided. He is the one that has made ready everything for us.

Then we read:

"So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." — Mt. 22:10.

Notice, many individuals came, and when they came, both good and bad, they looked alike, because they were all clothed in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. They all had that abundant life.

When I read this Scripture, I know that our spiritual life is a part of the unsearchable riches of Jesus for us.

Who gave to us the grace that we have? God did. Who gave to us the love? It was God that did so. Who is it that has given to us our spiritual life? It has come as a part of the unsearchable riches of God.

JOY.

We read:

"I say unto you, that likewise

joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." — Luke 15:7.

Heaven isn't the only place that there is joy when one is saved. I tell you, beloved, when one is saved, there is joy in the heart of that individual. The Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples:

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that YOUR JOY might be full." — John 15:11.

God puts His joy in us. With what results? That our joy might be full.

Peter talks about that joy, for he says:

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with JOY UNSPEAKABLE and full of glory." — I Pet. 1:8.

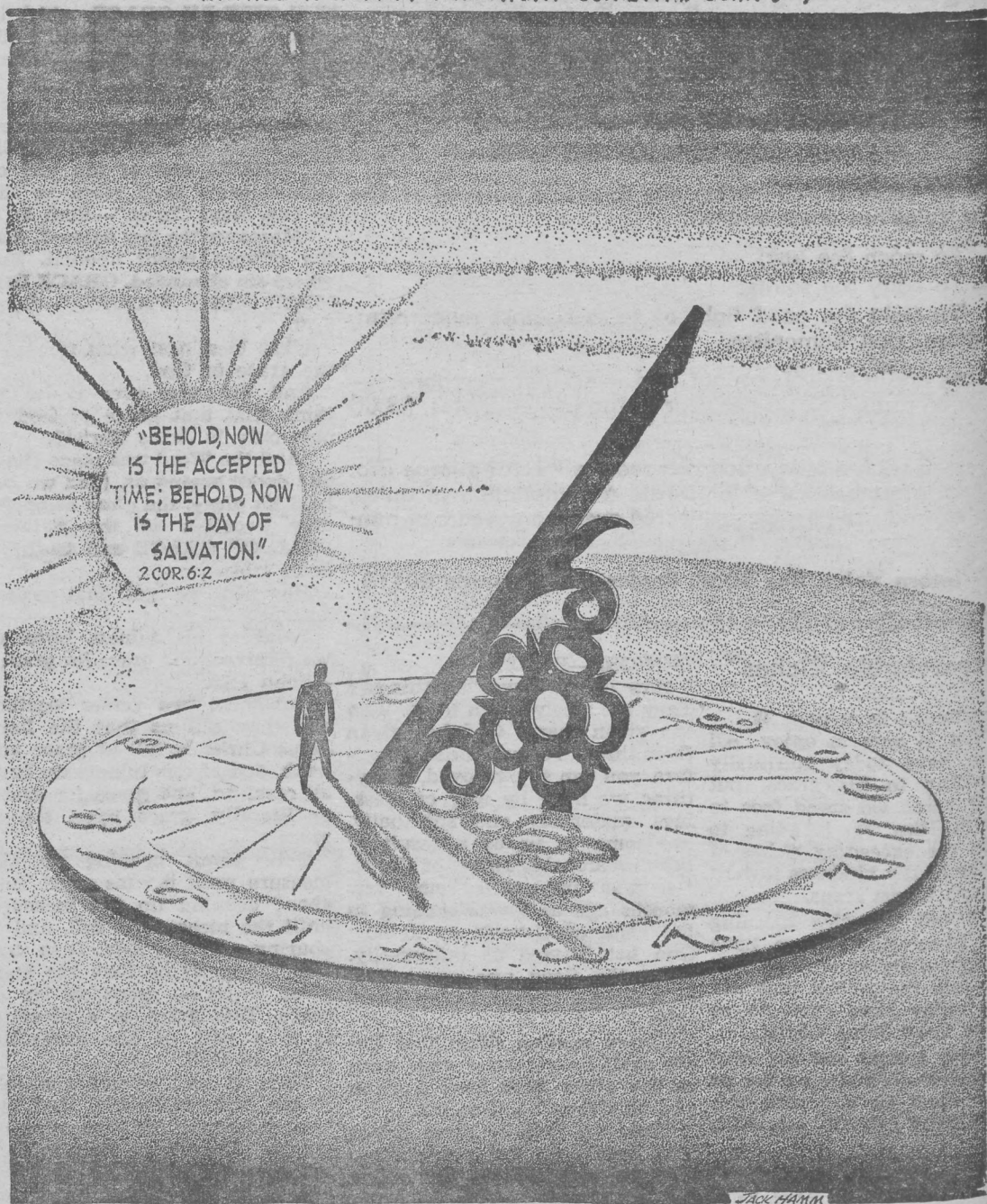
Beloved, you and I have something that we can't speak about, it is so big in our hearts. You and I can't even speak about it; we can't even describe it, so marvelously rich is the unspeakable joy that is ours to experience.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with EXCEEDING JOY." — Jude 1:24.

Brother, sister, I want you to know that I am a happy man. I have something deep down inside that has made me happy, and every child of God is happy this morning in the same way.

Oh, I know we have our seasons when things go wrong. I know we have our experiences when the troubles of life upset

"WHILE IT IS DAY; THE NIGHT COMETH..." JOHN 9:4



JACK HAMM

tiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. The grace of God is unsearchable. The love of God is one of the unsearchable riches. The abundant life that we have in Christ is unsearchable, and truly, as far as we are concerned, the joy we have is one of the unsearchable riches.

V
REVELATIONS.

The revelations that He gives to us are part of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Do you realize that God reveals things through His Word to His children? Listen:

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all

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things that I have heard of my Father I HAVE MADE KNOWN UNTO YOU." — John 15:15.

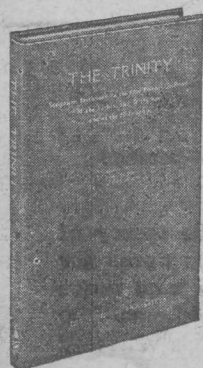
Notice, Jesus says all that He heard of God, He has made known unto us. Talk about revelations, beloved. He has revealed things to us as His people. He has revealed everything to us that He heard of God the Father.

Notice again:

"But as it is written, Eye hath

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not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But GOD HATH REVEALED THEM UNTO US by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."—1 Cor. 2:9, 10.

Notice, beloved, the revelations of God's truth haven't entered into our being through our eyes, or through our ears, or through our hearts. We haven't understanding because of our material ability. Rather, God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit.

Isn't it wonderful to know that God has some revelations that He has made to His people.

Listen again:

"Unto whom it was REVEALED, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the ANGELS DESIRE TO LOOK INTO."—1 Pet. 1:12.

I find that there are some things that the angels desire to look into — things that have been revealed unto us. God has treated me better than an angel. God has treated me greater than He has treated the angels. They have to look into things. They have to go to church to learn things. They have to study in order to learn things. But God has made revelations unto you and me, to the extent that the things of the Lord have been revealed unto us.

Notice again:

"Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having MADE KNOWN UNTO US THE MYSTERY of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself."—Eph. 1:8, 9.

Notice, He has made known the mysteries of His will. Some of the old Puritans writers — some of the theologians of days gone by, refer to this as the confidence of God — that God takes us into His confidence. I like the term "revelations"; but whether you speak of it as revelations from God or that God has taken you into His confidence, the fact remains the same, that you and I have had many things revealed to us we would never have had, if it hadn't been that those confidences, or those revelations came to us as a part of the exceeding riches of God.

VI

WE ARE CONQUERORS.

I am talking about the exceeding riches, the unsearchable riches, the unspeakable riches of God. I am not talking about the money we have. I am not talking about the material things that come to us. Rather, I am talking about the things that are spiritual, the things that are unspeakable — His grace, His love, our spiritual life, the joy that is ours now, the revelations or the confidences that He has taken us into,

and then the fact that He is going to make us completely conquerors.

"Nay, in all things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through him that loved us." — Rom. 8:37.

This certainly would indicate that we are not going to barely get into Heaven, but we are going to be more than conquerors.

You say, "If I could barely get into Heaven I would be satisfied." Beloved, God isn't going to have anyone just barely get to Heaven. You are going to be more than a conqueror. You are already "more than conquerors". You are already more than a conqueror in Him.

I have heard people say that the day a man is saved, there begins a footrace between him and the Devil to see which one gets to Heaven first; if the Devil gets there first, the man has lost his salvation, and if the man gets there first, he is saved.

No, no, beloved, I am not running any footrace with the Devil.

MOUNTAIN MUSINGS
By SIMON MUSE

Clim Cavanaugh is strong for formul like religion, and he's bin tell'n me that th' best prayers is thin that's rote out first, thin red. Fack uf th' mattur, he sed, "Thar ain't but one kind uf prayer in th' Bible an' that's rit'n." I sed "Well Clim that makes some thangs ruther hard fer a dumb feller like me to onderstand." He sed "Why, what's so all-fangled hard 'bout that?" "Well," I sez, "I wuz jest wondering if thar wuz a kandle er lantern in th' fish's belley fer ole Jony to reed his prayer by."

Special note: I wants to repollagise fer my recint absince in TBE. I's had a bad case uf arthur-ritis in my fangurs. Howsumever, I will try to git a say'n er two to TBE each weak. Also, my book uf sayings will be sint out as soon as it is print'd. A copy is ow'd to all uf ye who sint in subs durin' my 2-weak kampagne. Thanks. —Simon.

I am more than a conqueror, and I know it already. I know already that I am more than a conqueror. Paul says that "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

I like to think of it in this respect: When the Lord Jesus fed the five thousand, how much was left over? Oh, they didn't have enough? Oh, yes, they did, beloved. Five thousand people came to dinner with Jesus that day and He didn't get up at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and bustle around all morning to provide food for them like some of us have today. Five thousand people came to dinner with Him. He said to a little boy, "Let me have your lunch." He took that lad's lunch — a couple of sandwiches or there about, and magnified and multiplied it to the extent that He fed five thousand men. We will not count the women and children. I assume that doubtlessly there were thirty or forty thousand that ate of His bounty that day. All that He had to start with was a couple of sandwiches — a boy's lunch. Then, when He got through, the Word of God says that they picked up twelve baskets of fragments.

I tell you, beloved, there was more than enough to satisfy. In the same way, we are more than conquerors. I am not just barely getting salvation. I am not just barely getting to Heaven. Rather, beloved, we are going to be more than conquerors through the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the Son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have GRAVEN THEE upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." — Isa. 49:15, 16.

The word "graven" means "tattoo," so that you and I are tattooed in the palms of His hands.

You know, beloved, when a man has a tattoo on any part of his body, the only way that he can get that tattoo off is to cut it off. The only way that tattoo mark can be removed is to cut it out. You and I are graven in the palms of His hand. How I thank God that we are safe and secure in Him.

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

Talk about security! Talk about conquerors! Beloved, He says that "their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." God will never forget but one thing; He is going to forget our iniquities. Yea, He has already forgotten them!

Now some people are blessed with not being able to forget anything, and other people are blessed with a good "forgetter", for they just forget everything.

Some people can forget everything in this world; God only forgets one thing. What is it? Our sins.

In the book of Hebrews we read that our labor of love He will not forget (Heb. 6:10), but, beloved, He is going to forget our iniquities. Why? They have been blotted out in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Talk about the unsearchable, the unspeakable riches of God, we have them. What are they? His grace is unsearchable, His love is unsearchable, the life that He gives to us is unsearchable, the joy that we have is unsearchable, the revelations that He has given to us are unsearchable, and He has made us to be more than conquerors. Beloved, it is all a part of the unsearchable riches (Continued on page 16, column 1)

"TIS A POINT I LONG TO KNOW"

'Tis a point I long to know;
Oft it causes anxious thought;
Do I love the Lord, or no?
Am I His or am I not?

If I love, why am I thus?
Why this dull, this lifeless frame?
Hardly, sure, can they be worse,
Who have never heard his name.

Could my heart so hard remain,
Prayer a task and burden prove;
Every trifle give me pain,
If I knew a Saviour's love?

When I turn my eyes within,
All is dark and vain and wild;
Filled with unbelief and sin,
Can I deem myself a child?

If I pray, or hear, or read,
Sin is mixed with all I do;
You that love the Lord indeed,
Tell me, is it thus with you?

Yet I mourn my stubborn will,
Find my sin a grief and thrall!
Should I grieve for what I feel,
If I did not love at all?

Could I joy His saints to meet
Choose the way I once abhor'd;
Find at times the promise sweet,
If I did not love the Lord?

Lord decide the doubtful case,
Thou who art Thy people's sun:
Shine upon Thy work of grace,
If it be indeed begun.

Let me love Thee more and more,
If I love at all I pray;
If I have not loved before,
Help me to begin to day.

—John Newton

WHAT IS THIS POINT YOU LONG TO KNOW?

What is this point you long to know?
Methinks I hear you say, 'tis this—
I want to know I'm born of God,
An heir of everlasting bliss.

Is this the point you long to know?
The point is settled in my view—
For if you want to love your God,
It proves He first has loved you.

I want to know Christ died for me,
I want to feel the seal within;
I want to know Christ's precious blood,
Was shed to wash away my sin.

I want to feel more love to Christ,
I want more liberty in prayer;
But when I look within my heart,
It almost drives me to despair.

I'll want a mind more firmly fixed
On Christ, my everlasting Head;
I want to feel my soul alive,
And not so barren, or so dead.

I want more faith, a stronger faith;
I want to feel its power within;
I want to feel more love to God,
I want to feel less love to sin.

I want to live above the world,
And count it all but trash and toys;
I want more tokens of God's grace,
Some foretaste of eternal joys.

I want—I know not what I want,
I want that real, special good!
Yet all my wants are summed up here,
I want to love! I want my God!

Is this the point you long to know?
The dead can neither feel nor see;
It is the slave that's bound in chains,
That knows the worth of liberty.

So where a want like this is found,
I think I may be bold to say—
That God has fixed within Thy heart,
What hell can never take away.

However small thy grace appears,
There's plenty in thy Living Head;
These wants you feel, my Christian friend,
Were never found amongst the dead.

—Daniel Herbert

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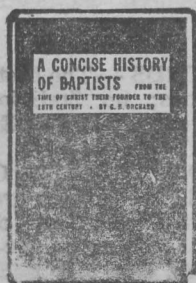
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"Unsearchable Riches"

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of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I think we can easily comprehend how great are the riches of the Lord. Every time I think about the unspeakable riches, I think of the old song, "How Great Thou Art." These riches are surely unspeakable.

CONCLUSION

Paul, in writing to the church at Colosse, said:

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are COMPLETE IN HIM, which is the head of all principality and power." — Col. 2:9, 10.

We are complete in Christ. What more can we ask for?

I have mentioned some of these unspeakable riches, but I could go further and mention many others that are purely unspeakable so far as you and I are concerned. The reason that they are unspeakable is because all the

fulness of God is in Christ, and we are complete in the Lord Jesus Christ. How unsearchable are His riches! I can't praise Him enough this morning for His goodness.

John said:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." — Rev. 5:12.

When I stand in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ to realize that all of these unspeakable riches that I have mentioned have come to us as a result of His special gift to us, then, like John, I say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

Oh, might it please God today to help you and me to praise His name and to rejoice for those unspeakable, unsearchable riches that we have in Him this morning.

May God bless you!

God's Opening the Eyes

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whom we have seen. The cure is usually accomplished by the most simple means. The man's eyes were opened with a little clay put into them and then washed out at the pool of Siloam. God blesses insignificant things to the conversion of souls. It is very humbling, sometimes, to a preacher who thinks, "Well, I did preach a pretty fair sermon that time," to find God does not care a pin about him or his sermon, but a stray remark he made in the street, which he hardly thought was of any value whatever, was what God blessed; that when he thought he had succeeded worst, then God blessed him.

Many a soul has had his eyes opened by a man who never dreamed of being so useful; and, indeed, the whole way of salvation is in itself extremely simple, so as to be well compared to the clay and spittle which the Saviour used. When Paul laid aside human wisdom and said he would not use the excellence of speech, he only laid aside what would not have been of much service to him. When David put off Saul's armour, and took the sling and the stone, he slew the giant. We must keep to the simple things, to the plain gospel, plainly preached. The clay and the spittle were not an artistic combination, taste was not charmed by them, or culture gratified, yet by these and a wash in Siloam eyes were opened, — even thus it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

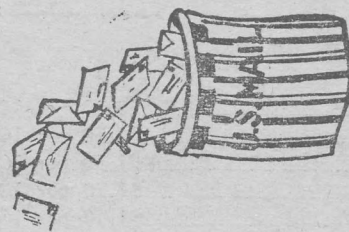
In every case salvation is a Divine work. In this case it was evidently the Lord Jesus, who opened the man's eyes literally, and it is always His work by the Holy Spirit spiritually. No eye is ever opened to see Jesus except by Jesus.

Do you remember the first sight you had of Christ? O, you must recollect. There is fixed in the memory of some of us the first time we saw the sea, and the first time we gazed upon the Alps, but these were nothing; we felt there were still but pieces of this old world, and we had only seen a little more of what we had seen before: but conversion opens up a new world: it teaches us to peer into the invisible and to see the things not seen of mortal eyes. When we receive new eyes, we see a thousand things which utterly astound and at the same time delight us. Do you wonder if young converts get excited? I neither wonder nor blame, I wish we had a little more excitement in our gatherings for worship. Who hears now-a-days the cry, "What must I do to be saved?" or who hears a soul saying, "I have found him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write?"

Oh, what a marvellous work is this! May everyone of us know it personally. I put the question, Do we know it? Have we thus had our eyes opened?

Then, it came to pass, that this man with his eyes opened was driven out of the synagogue. One of the worst things that can happen to a man as far as this world is concerned is to know too much. If you will barely keep abreast with the times you may be tolerated, but if you get a little ahead of the age you must expect ill-treatment. Be blind among blind men. It is unsafe to have your eyes opened among blind men. They cannot see. If the blind men shall be in the majority, the probabilities are you will have to go out of door or window. But notice, when the blind man was put out Jesus Christ found him. It was a blessed loss for him, to lose the Pharisees and find his Saviour. Prize men for their real worth and not for their guilt, and believe those to be the greatest men who are the holiest men, and those to be the best company who keep company with Christ.

When the blind man's eyes were opened, he did not know who Jesus was, but he knew He must be someone very good; He thought He must be a prophet. When he came to know Jesus better, he believed that Jesus was God, he fell down and worshipped Him.



Beloved Pastor:

We in Owosso have so very much to be thankful for that if I were to expound it all it would tire my fingers and your eyes. But I wish to express my thanks for some things that have been given to us this year.

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