

Why I Believe The Bible To Be The Word Of God

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1. It has power to change lives. It makes sinful people holy; dishonest people honest. What other book brings such results to the reader who obeys its commands? To the helpless it offers help. Psalm 19:7.

2. It is indestructible. Nations, kings, emperors, and all sorts of rulers have tried to destroy it. Atheists have ridiculed it; philo-

sophers have brought scorn upon it; even religious leaders have denied its authority but the Book still stands. The Bible may be neglected yet it still remains the best seller. I Peter 1:23-25.

3. The Bible is always fresh. It is an ancient book yet it is up to date. It never grows old. It was good years ago and it will be good tomorrow. Old grandma or young junior can read it and obtain some spiritual help. You can read

it through over and over and each time you are delighted with "new" truth. Its message will speak to you. Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 119:104, 105.

4. The character of its teachings excel all other books. Where else can you find the answers to such subjects as God, heaven, hell, angels, and Satan? It answers the ultimate questions such as: (1) Where did I come from? . . . God created me; (2) Why am I here on this earth? . . . to glorify God and enjoy Him forever; (3) And where am I going after I die? . . . which depends on your coming to Christ as Savior. Psalm 12:6; Proverbs 9:10.

5. It has marvelous unity. The Bible was in composition for some 1600 years in different countries, in various languages, with some 40 different writers, with all sorts of occupations, under varying conditions and only in rare occasions did they know each other, yet it is one book, coherent, progressive in thought, yet fully complete. This has never been duplicated. John 10:35.

6. It has prophetic truth. We find prophecies given in detailed, minute ways, complete, foretelling of events and persons given centuries before fulfillment. Yea, even today's and tomorrow's conditions are revealed. Matthew 24, II Tim 3.

7. The unusual honesty of the writers. They write of the evil as well as the good. The writers show the hero's faults and sins as well as his good points. Truth is always given but sin is never condoned. This shows that the author is God even though human writ-

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Through T. B. E. and your sermons I have been saved. God bless you and your wonderful work.

—Mrs. Sam M. Sexton
Virginia

T. B. E. is better than ever. I have been encouraged by it many times.

—Floyd Cotton
New York

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Thanks so much for the sermon "Present Tense Salvation." It

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T. B. E. has certainly been a blessing to us because it and the Bible are our only means of hearing God's word in truth.

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—A. D. Chasteen
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My only regret is that I have not had T. B. E. for my ministry before now.

—Kenneth Gibson
Ark.

Enclosed find an offering of \$10.00 for The Baptist Examiner. I came to the U.S.A. from Europe 8 years ago. Four years ago I turned from the Catholic church after I found the truth of the Bible. My wife and 11 children are still strict Catholics. The kids still go to a Catholic school. They all consider me some kind of a nut and they will not accept the true doctrines of the Bible. I was the same way for 38 years. I hope they have been chosen of the Lord. For if so, He will bring them out of error. I met you once at your Bible conference and thank God for the ministry of The Baptist Examiner.

—Bill Vander Kallen
Ohio

T. B. E. has been an inexpressible blessing to me.

—Jack Brashear
Kentucky

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"SALVATION"

"Salvation is of the Lord." — Jonah 2:9.

I would like to say at the very outset that this word "salvation" is truly a great word, and an all inclusive and comprehensive word, yet I am afraid that mighty few people realize and understand the meaning of it.

Several years ago I wrote a letter to an outstanding personality in America and I referred in that letter to people being saved through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There was quite a little controversy and reaction to that portion of the letter because the individual to

whom I wrote, didn't even know what I meant, when I referred to being saved through the blood of Jesus. I want to tell you that man to whom I wrote this letter was an outstanding personality in American public life, and if I were to tell you that he is recognized as one of the educational leaders of America, then you would wonder how a man of that mental caliber would be unable to grasp what I had meant by this expression that we were saved through the blood of the Lord Jesus. I think, beloved, that he stands not as an isolated case, but rather he stands pretty well

characteristic of the average American, for the majority of people seemingly do not have any great conception as to what the word "saved" or "salvation" may mean. To me the word "salvation" is a marvelous word. It is marvelous from this standpoint, that it is an all inclusive word, for salvation includes all of the redemption acts that have been spoken of in the Word of God.

Now we often talk about justification, and redemption, and grace. We often speak about propitiation and imputation, and we often talk about forgiveness, and

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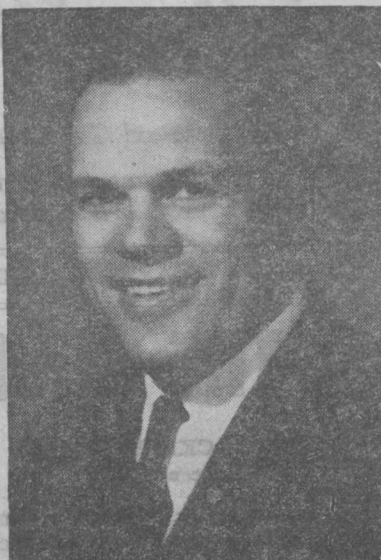
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APPRECIATED LETTER WITH WHICH WE START A NEW YEAR



ELD. ROBERT MCNEILL

Here is a wonderfully encouraging letter from one of God's men, which we wish to share with our readers.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

This is the last day of the old year, so I'll close it out right, and start the new year off with a gift for your fine paper. You have been through some real trying waters this past year, so I know that almost any kind of a year will be an improvement over 1964.

We pray that God will continue to bless your efforts for getting out the truth in a very dark hour.

Yours in Christ,
R. E. McNeill
West Virginia

Thank you, Bro. McNeill, for this splendid testimony and encouragement from you. We serve a sovereign God and He has put it into the hearts of over 1000 folk to encourage us within the past few months just as you have today.

We have this assurance that this same God will lead us on in 1965.

"I SHALL RETURN"

The famous Gen. MacArthur has now gone on a journey from which he will **not** return, until the resurrection day. But all will long remember his famous words when he left Corregidor, "I shall return." He **did** return, and brought victory to his nation.

How meaningful are the words of Christ, "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." (John 14:1-3).

Often our Lord spoke of His **return**, and always with the thought of final triumph and victory.

—Christian Victory

"Salvation"

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sanctification, and glorification. Well, may I remind you that every one of those terms are included in the one term "salvation." I know of nothing that has blessed my soul more through the years than just to study what

the Word of God says, and how the Word of God teaches us of salvation.

For example, we find that the old prophet of God, Simeon by name, took up the baby Jesus in the temple and said:

"For mine eyes have seen **THY SALVATION**."—Luke 2:30.

Salvation, beloved, is not a creed; salvation is not a religious tenet; and salvation is not the religious belief that you have, but salvation is a person—the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. When Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms, he said, "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation." I would remind you then that salvation is not a creed, but salvation is a person, the person of Jesus Himself.

Then we read:

"And Jesus said unto him, This day is **SALVATION** come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham."—Luke 19:9.

This is a portion of the story of Zacchaeus, which tells of his conversion, and that Zacchaeus

"I Should Like to Know"

1. Have the women a Scriptural right to speak in the church or make motions, be Sunday School Superintendents or teach mixed classes of adults, or be president of a B.T.U.?

No. Read I Cor. 14:33-37; I Tim. 2:8-15.

2. If God elects men to salvation is God a just God?

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

3. Is there only one Spirit? (In the Godhead).

God the Father is a Spirit; but the third person in the Godhead is called the Holy Spirit.

4. Did not the Holy Spirit dwell with, and lead the prophets, including John the Baptist?

He led the prophets, but He did not abide in them.

5. Was the Spirit that came at Pentecost, the same Spirit that the prophets had?

Yes.

6. In John 20:22, is the Holy Ghost the same in whom the apostles were baptized and spoke at Pentecost.

Yes.

had made a public confession of His faith. Then it was that Jesus said, "This day is salvation come to this house." This is another marvelous presentation of this word "salvation."

In the book of Acts we read: "Neither is there **SALVATION** in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

Beloved, I say to you, the only way that we can have salvation is through the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

We have another statement relative to salvation when the Apostle Paul says:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto **SALVATION** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Rom. 1:16.

Here you see that salvation comes through the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We don't get salvation by joining the church; we don't get salvation by any of the ordinances of the church; and (Continued on page 3, column 3)

7. Can women pray in church they have their heads covered?

No. The word in I Tim. 2: "men" is "males"—or "men" distinguished from women, children. Only men led in prayer under Paul's ministry. Paul permitted no women to do so.

8. If a Baptist church grants a letter to a member to join another, but the member has the letter joins another denomination, what steps should the church granting the letter to recall the member for heresy.

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

9. Who was Melchizedek?

He was king of Salem, of the most high God, received Abraham's tithes, and a type of the priesthood of the Lord. Beyond that, the Scriptures say nothing; and we have no of knowing what God has revealed. Cf. Gen. 14:18-20; 7:1-21.

10. Where you so often use word "Baptist" why not use as Christians, children of saints, etc.? The Lord, the Paul, used these terms.

In Paul's day there were no denominations. All church members were Baptists. The only word that differentiates between those who baptize believers those who baptize babies; those who make disciples by they baptize them, and those make disciples by baptizing is the name Baptist. The Baptist today, as in the day the Lord gave it to John, for work that is distinct Baptist, namely, making men disciples and then baptizing them.

11. Does the Prodigal Son represent a backslider or a sinner? The Master said he represented one who was dead and lost. 15:32.

12. To whom was Christ referring in Matt. 7:13?

He was talking to His disciples about the difference between converts and false prophets, false professors. Read the below.

13. Why should women silence in the churches?

Because the Lord has mandated them to do so. 14:34.

14. Can a man be a Christian and believe in evolution?

No. John 5:47.

15. Are unsaved people called children of God before conversion?

Yes. John 11:52. Even the unsaved, all the elect are children of God in the light of God's five purposes.

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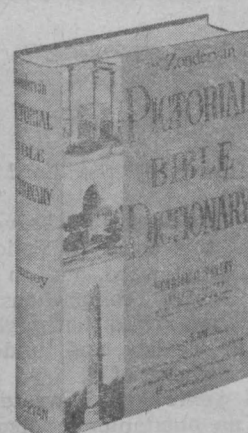
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"... CALL UPON ME," God says, "in the day of trouble: I WILL DELIVER THEE, and thou shalt glorify Me" (Ps. 50:15).

In prosperity your Pastor KNOWS he must pray, yea, he must HAVE BEEN storming the gates of God, and perhaps you have also! For when the great machinery of the Church of God begins at last to run smoothly it is to be recognized that "the streams that turn the machinery of the world have their rise in SOLITARY PLACES..." It was

said of the man in the Scripture, 'If he be ALONE there is TIDINGS in his mouth.' NO man has tidings unless he takes time to be ALONE and APART WITH God." The CLOSETS are NEVER CROWDED in this (St. Matt. 6:6).

In poverty your pastor feels the dread need of prayer. Whether he takes advantage of it or not—depends on a lot of things. Perhaps he CAN pray victoriously and effectively while he is mowing the church lawn, shovelling off the snow from the church pavements in winter, mimeographing the church calendars at midnight Saturday night, writing letters for you to the insurance company you feel should pay you for your sore finger, driving you to the dentist and back, etc., etc., but I should think he might PRAY MORE IN DEPTH if freed from these tasks that OTHERS IN THE CHURCH CAN DO (Acts 6:1-4). Maybe that is why a good many ministers failed THE FOLLOWING TEST:

Some years ago a conference of ministers met to discuss the problems of their church. They

gives us another statement relative to salvation, for he says:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be SAVED. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto SALVATION."—Rom. 10:9, 10.

Paul says that we believe in our hearts and with our mouths we confess that we have been saved. It is thus that salvation becomes a reality.

Again we read:

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto SALVATION through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—II Tim. 3:15.

Some people say that God does not use any means in bringing men to salvation. The Hardshells deny it is necessary that the Word of God be preached for men to be saved, but the Apostle Paul says that the Holy Scriptures make you wise unto salvation. In other words, we never would know anything about salvation, and salvation would never become a reality to any of us, if it were not that we ourselves are made wise by the Scriptures unto salvation.

Notice another portion of God's Word that talks about salvation:

"For the grace of God that bringeth SALVATION hath appeared to all men."—Titus 2:11.

Salvation doesn't come to us because we are good; salvation isn't brought to us because of anything that we do; salvation isn't brought to us as a result of our union with a church, but rather it is the grace of God that brings salvation.

Listen again:

"And cried with a loud voice, saying, SALVATION to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."—Rev. 7:10.

Never will any individual praise himself for his salvation. Never will any individual praise the preacher, or the rabbi, or the priest for his salvation. Never will any individual praise the church, and the ordinances of the church, for his salvation. Rather, beloved, throughout a never-ending eternity, we'll all praise the Lord eternally for our salvation that has come to us through Jesus Christ.

Now having read to you these eight Scriptures that tell us a little about salvation, and show us how wonderfully it is presented to us in the Word of God, I'd like to turn to my text which says "Salvation is of the Lord." I'd like for you to see that the Lord in giving to us salvation, offers it to us under certain conditions.

HE OFFERS SALVATION WITHOUT PLANNING

Of course God planned for our salvation before the foundation of the world, because the Bible speaks of Jesus in the book of Revelation as a "lamb slain from the foundation of the world" but so far as we are concerned, God offers salvation to us without any planning on our part.

I turn to the book of Isaiah and I find that Isaiah says:

"I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them THAT SOUGHT ME NOT: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name."—Isa. 65:1.

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on the part of these individuals to be saved. They weren't planning to be saved, but rather after they were saved, they said concerning the Lord that they were found without having sought Him.

Beloved, that is exactly true so far as every one of us are concerned. There isn't one of us that ever planned to be saved. There isn't one of us that ever thought of the plan—that ever in any wise devised the plan of salvation.

There are two individuals in the Bible that present tremendous examples of salvation: Abraham, in the Old Testament; and Paul, in the New Testament.

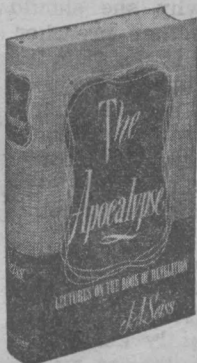
Take for example Abraham and think of his experience. I rather imagine that tradition is very nearly correct when it says that Abraham was a priest in a heathen temple, in the land of the Chaldees. God does specifically tell us that all of Abraham's people were idolaters, and I wouldn't be surprised if Abraham were not an idolater. As I say, tradition says that he was a priest in a heathen temple, in the Ur of the Chaldees.

One day God called Abraham and said, "Abraham, get out of this country and go to a country that I shall lead you to, and show you of," so Abraham started out following after the Lord. At that time Abraham wasn't a child of God. He believed in God, but he did not believe in Jesus. He went over to what we call half-way Haran, and lived there until his old father died; then he moved out into the land of Canaan, and lived there for a while until a famine came. Then he went down into Egypt and was there for a while, and then he came back out of the land of Egypt, into the land of Canaan.

Abraham wasn't a saved man. He was a religious man, for he believed in God. He had come to the place that he believed that

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talked for several days but they found no solutions. They felt defeated as the conference was about to adjourn.

Just then one of the older ministers arose and asked for the floor. He said: "Brethren, how many of you spend just one hour a day alone with God in reading His Word and in prayer?" Not a single one of them could honestly raise his hand. Then he asked: "How many of you spend just one-half hour each day alone with God that way?" Only a few of them dared to raise their hands. Once more he asked: "How many of you spend just fifteen minutes each day alone with God?" Less than half of them could raise their hands. Then he said: "Do you still wonder that we make so little progress in solving these problems...?"

If this be true with your shepherd, he needs to trace his steps back to 2 Chronicles 7:14 and CRY OUT TO GOD! Will you in love and co-operation HELP HIM, and GO WITH HIM?



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(Continued from page two) we don't get salvation by the works that we do, but rather, Paul says that salvation comes as a result of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ being preached unto us.

Then again the Apostle Paul

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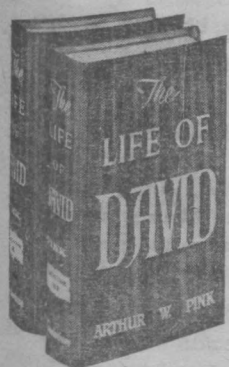
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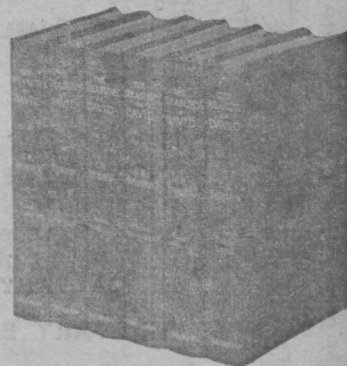
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We know it is right for all baptism to be under the authority of a church. When the pastor is unable physically to administer the ordinance of baptism, is it Scriptural for the church to vote for some other preacher to administer the ordinance in their behalf?

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I know of no Scripture that would be violated if this were done. Let us remember that the churches of New Testament times—most of them at least, had a plurality of elders. (See 2 Peter 5:1) We have nothing with which to prove that only one of these was selected by the church as the one to do the baptizing.



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We read in God's Word:

"Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."—1 Cor. 11:2.

This was addressed to the church at Corinth. One of the ordinances delivered by Paul to this church was baptism. Therefore, baptism is a church ordinance, and not an individual ordinance.

Since it is a church ordinance, then the church has every right to appoint someone to act in her behalf if her pastor is not physically able to administer the ordinance.

In the sixth chapter of Acts, the Holy Spirit gives us the picture of a church appointing others besides her pastor to take over some of the work. In this chapter the Apostles asked the church to appoint seven men to look after the poor and the widows. Their request pleased the whole multitude (church), so they appointed seven men to act for her in administering the ordinance of baptism.

A Biblical illustration of this is found in Acts 2, where 3000 were baptized, and added to the church. The Scriptures do not reveal how many men were engaged in the baptizing of this great number, but we can rest assured that there was more

than one.

When the Head of the church, Jesus Christ, gave the commission to the church to make disciples, and then baptize them, He did not designate any particular member to do the baptizing, but left it to the church to decide who was to act for her.

Another illustration of the government of a true church is found in Acts 1. In this chapter we see the church appointing one to take the place of Judas Iscariot. Now the Lord Jesus was with His church after the death of Judas, but He did not appoint the successor of Judas. He left it with His church to make their decision.

From these Biblical illustrations, we can see that the church is acting Scripturally in appointing someone besides the pastor to administer the ordinance of baptism, but only after she has asked for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

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Absolutely. There has been some objection to this recently and I want my position to be clearly understood. My position is based on the fact that the authority lies in the church and not the individual. For my Scriptural basis let us notice the great commission. (Matthew 28: 16-20)

This commission is given to the church and not to the individual "... lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

This commission is given in three parts:

(1) "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, ..." This is the commission to evangelize, preach to the lost, send missionaries, etc.

(2) "... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This is the commission to observe the ordinances, the first being baptism.

(3) "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." This is the commission to teach the saved all the doctrines of God's Word, how to live in this world, and what to expect in the future.

Now, my friends, our churches authorize an evangelist to hold a revival or help support a mis-

sionary as part of the fulfillment of the first commission. Our churches oftentimes authorize some preacher to teach the church some particular portion of God's word or some particular doctrine as part of the fulfillment of the third commission.

Why would it be wrong for our churches to authorize some other preacher to administer our ordinances for them?

When we baptize we say "Upon your confession of faith and by the authority of the — — church, I baptize you etc."

How many of you write, asking who baptized a certain person, when requesting a letter? None of you, because you recognize the authority of the church and not the individual to baptize.

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Since baptism is a church ordinance, and very definitely so, I see no reason why she should not authorize another preacher, or even a deacon if she feels led to do so to administer the ordinance. It is most certainly not a preacher ordinance. The preacher apart from church authority has no more authority to baptize than some non church member.

It is believed by many that the Phillip who baptized the eunuch was one of the first ordained deacons, and I certainly believe he had been given authority by the church at Jerusalem to baptize anyone who came to believe through his preaching, whether it be in Samaria or in the desert.

Too many people seem to think that a preacher's ordination authorizes him to baptize anyone anywhere and anytime just as it authorizes him to perform the marriage ceremony. But the preacher's authority to perform the marriage ceremony must come from the state. In the same way what authority he may have to baptize must come from the church into which the candidate is being baptized. All Scriptural baptism is that which baptizes the candidate into a New Testament Church.

If we can get far enough away from the idea of baptism being a preacher ordinance, it will not be too hard for us to see that the church can Scripturally authorize a deacon, or some other preacher to administer the ordinance of baptism if it becomes feasible for her to do so.



"Salvation"

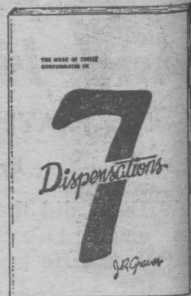
(Continued from page three) there was one God, and that Jehovah was that God, but so far as knowing anything about Jesus Christ, he didn't.

One night, after Abraham had a fear come over him, as a result of defeating the enemies and recovering Lot's possessions, after that Abraham and Lot had separated. Abraham wondered, what is going to happen to me? Here are these nations round about; they can rise up and wipe me out of existence in a moment's time. Here are all of these people who are able to blot me out of existence, if they cared to do so. He knew that he had struck a surprise attack with his 318 servants the night before. He knew that only because he struck a surprise attack was he able to recover Lot, and Lot's possessions. Now he is worried. He is scared that he is going to be blotted out of existence, and his name is going to

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perish forever from the earth. Then God came down and walked beside him, and God said:

"Fear not, Abram; I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."—Gen. 15:1.

I imagine Abraham felt considerably better then, knowing that God was standing beside him. Walking hand in hand, God said, "Abraham, look up and count the stars." Abraham started counting, and then he said, "Lord there are too many—they are beyond my comprehension." God said, "Abraham, so shall your seed be."

When the average man reads this, he thinks that the word "seed" is a reference to the des-

perish forever from the earth. Then God came down and walked beside him, and God said:

"And he believed in the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness."—Gen. 15:6.

When was Abraham saved? wasn't saved when he lived with the Chaldeans. He wasn't saved when he left the Ur of the Chaldees. He wasn't saved at Haran. He wasn't saved in Canaan. He wasn't saved in Egypt. He wasn't saved when he came back to Canaan. He was saved there Canaan after he had walked with God as a believer in God for many years; he was saved when he saw that "the seed" referred to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I tell you, beloved, Abraham wasn't looking for salvation. He wasn't looking for somebody to take care of him. Abraham was looking for somebody to stand by him, since he realized that the night before he had won a battle, as a result of a surprise attack, with a little handful of men, and he knew that he was no match for the enemies round about. Abraham wasn't looking for salvation. The last thing that was in his mind that night was believe in Jesus Christ; the last thing that was in his mind that night was that he was going to be saved. The thing that he was thinking about was, how am I going to be able to get out of this mess that I am in? How am I going to be able to survive with these enemies round about? He loved, he believed in the Lord, and it was counted to him as righteousness, and the man who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ today, has the same blessed experience. I say to you, Abraham was saved without any plan for salvation on his part.

Now let's look at the one great example of salvation in the New Testament—namely, the Apostle Paul. Let's see the Apostle Paul as he goes toward the city of Damascus, not for a pilgrimage and not in order that he shall make a better man, but he is going there for the purpose of destroying every Christian that could find.

I heard a preacher here in Ashland sometime ago say that God never did save any man who didn't want to be saved. I say then, that is the biggest lie I ever heard any preacher tell from the pulpit. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

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cendants of Abraham, but when you come to the book of Galatians, you will find that the word "seed" is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

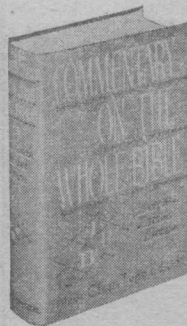
"Now to Abraham and HIS SEED were the promises made. He saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to THY SEED, WHICH IS CHRIST."—Gal. 3:16.

When did Abraham become a believer in Christ? Go back there and stand with Abraham on the night that he held onto God's hand and tried to count the stars, and God said, "So shall thy seed be," and every little star whispered to him and said, "Have

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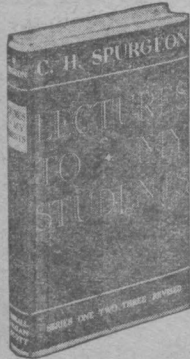


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He went on to say that he never saved a man unless the man was looking for salva-

tion. He loved, there is not a word of it. Abraham wasn't looking for salvation. Paul wasn't looking for salvation. Paul was looking for Christians that he could professing believers in Jesus Christ, that he could drag them to Jerusalem and persecute them. As he was going toward the city of Damascus, a light shined from Heaven, and Saul fell to the ground. We read:

"And he fell to the earth, and a voice saying unto him, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am whom thou persecutest; it is I. Get up, and stand on thy feet: for thou hast been in the service of the Lord."—Acts 9:4, 5.

When God started dealing with Saul, there was no way for him to escape God, and God revealed to him that day that Saul was in a vessel. Listen:

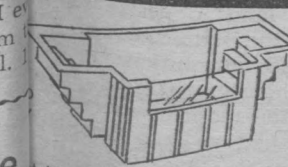
"And the Lord said unto him, Way: for he is a CHOSEN vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and before the children of Israel."—Rom. 9:15.

Then, sister, God offers salvation without any planning on our part. Abraham didn't plan to

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be saved, but God saved him. Saul didn't plan to be saved, but God saved him. Now don't misunderstand me, for God did a lot of planning. If you will turn to the Word of God, you'll find that God planned our salvation long before the foundation of the world.

"According as he hath CHOSEN US in him BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Eph. 1:4.

Before God ever laid down one single rock on another—before God ever sprinkled any dirt on top of those rocks—before even one blade of grass had grown up out of that soil, God had already chosen us in Christ Jesus unto salvation.

Oh, the marvel of it! We didn't plan it, but God planned it. We didn't design it, but God designed it. We made no plans for our salvation, but God made those plans before the foundation of the world.

Notice again:
"For God hath not APPOINTED us to wrath, but to OBTAIN SALVATION by our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Thess. 5:9.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because GOD hath FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

One day the Spirit began to work within my heart. One day I believed the truth that Jesus Christ died for my sins. But, beloved, long before the Spirit began to work, and long before I believed the truth, God had already chosen me unto salvation.

And when did he do the choosing? The day that I was saved? No, no, beloved. The Word of God says that He chose me from the beginning. I don't know when the beginning was, but I know one thing; while I didn't plan for salvation, my God planned it for me.

Oh, the marvel and the praise of it all, to think that God planned for my salvation. I didn't plan for it; I couldn't have planned for it. I could have made no plans for it, but God planned it from the beginning. So, beloved, when I talk about salvation, I say first of all that He offers salvation without planning.

HE OFFERS SALVATION WITHOUT PRICE

This is a strange thing to think about, since we are so used to the fact that we have to pay a price for everything we get. Anything we get, anything we buy, anything that comes into our possession, we have to pay a price for it. However, in this case, God offers salvation without a price. Listen:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath NO MONEY; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and WITHOUT PRICE."—Isa. 55:1.

Every time I read this Scripture I think about the vendor that goes along the city streets calling out his wares, trying to sell. His problem is trying to get people up to his price. I remember in Charleston, South Carolina, years ago, that a shrimp salesman pushed a little cart through the streets of Charleston every morning before breakfast time; in fact, before I got out of bed. He would awaken me as he pushed his little cart through the streets shouting about the sale of shrimp. His problem was to get people up to his price.

Beloved, I have often thought that my God has a problem too. His problem is to get people down to His price. When we try to sell, we try to get people up to our price, but God has to get us down to His price. What is His price? Without money and without price. He offers, as I say, salvation without price. Listen:

"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.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.

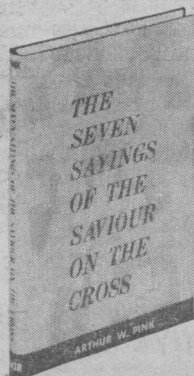
"Thanks be unto God for his UNSPEAKABLE GIFT."—II Cor. 9:15.

I say to you, my God not only offers salvation without planning, but He offers salvation without price. It is hard for us to realize that. It is hard for us to realize that God offers to save us for nothing, yet that is exactly what the word "grace" means. The best definition of "grace" that I know is it means "something for nothing." When God saves us, He gives us something, and asks nothing in exchange. We are so used to bargaining, selling, and buying and trading, that it is hard for us to understand that God offers salvation without price.

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III

HE OFFERS SALVATION WITHOUT WORKS

We don't work for salvation. Listen:

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

When the Lord Jesus was here in the days of His flesh, He fed a crowd of people—some 5,000 men, not counting the women and children. Growing out of that marvelous experience whereby He miraculously and supernaturally fed them, a large crowd came to Him the next day. We read:

"Then said they unto him, What shall WE DO, that we might WORK the WORKS of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the WORK of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."—John 6:28, 29.

No works; just work. Not plural, but singular. Cut the "s" off, for it has the hiss of the serpent. No works, but work. Just one work, and what is it? That you believe on Him whom God hath sent.

The Lord Jesus Christ tells about the judgment, and He says that men are going to come up to the judgment, some of them depending on their works, and He is going to say to those individuals who are depending upon their works, that there is no sal-

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FOR WOMEN ONLY

O Woman of God with stars for your crown;
In beautiful robe of righteousness gowned!
All white and gleaming in our Fathers sight!!
Do the fashions of this world to you seem alright?
Do you think that you might have forgotten one thing?
That might be displeasing to Jesus our King?

How about that High Heel with its nicely shaped toe?
Do your legs look so shapely you strut as you go?
O blessed of the Lord, O tempter of Men,
What have you done about that Dress Hem?
Are your Bumps and your Lumps every single one see
That you might speak to the world that you're trim and lean?

How about your Face; is your radiance from Him?
Or do the Paint tubes beautify your skin?
O blessed of the Lord — "Apple of His Eye"
Are you so prayerful, the things that you buy?
Does Christ help you select the things that you wear?
That you might not stain that testimony you bear?

"The fashion of this world passeth away"
But how YOU regard it is here to stay!!!
Do not wear the things the "world highly esteems".
Be NOT adorned with the worldly means.
For Jesus our Saviour greatly loves me and you.
Let our HEARTS be ADORNED with the works that we do!!!

Exodus 19:5; I Corinthians 7:31; Luke 15:16; I Peter 3:4
Romans 12:2.

—Anonymous

vation for them. Listen:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done MANY WONDERFUL works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Mt. 7:23.

There are unsaved preachers that stand up at the judgment bar of God and say, "Lord, we preached sermons and prophesied in your name. We preached big sermons in your name." He listens to them as they make their defense. Then another says, "Lord, we cast out devils in your name," and He listens to them. Then another one says, "Lord, we have done many wonderful works." Just as soon as that man mentions his works in the presence of my God, Jesus said, "THEN will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Jesus may listen to an unsaved preacher make his defense. But He will not allow any man to bring his contemptible, filthy, repulsive works into His presence.

I tell you, beloved, nobody is saved on the basis of works. He not only offers salvation without planning on our part—He not only offers salvation without price, but He offers salvation without works. No wonder the Apostle Paul said:

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith WITHOUT THE DEEDS OF THE LAW."—Rom. 3:28.

"Knowing that a man is NOT JUSTIFIED by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ,

and NOT BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW: for by the works of the law SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED."—Gal. 2:16.

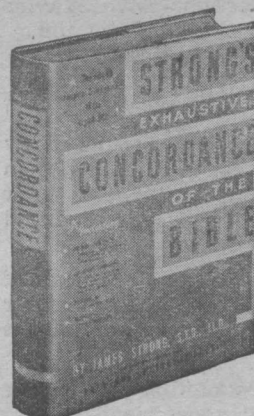
I am thinking of a preacher not too far from here who sometime ago said, "Now it is just like this: grace saves the sinner and works saves the Christian." He said, "We are saved by grace, and we continue by our works." You know, a lot of folk thought that was wonderful and a lot of folk were swayed by it, but do you know, there is not a word of truth in it? Listen:

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."—Rom. 11:5, 6.

Salvation is not through a mixture of grace and works, but just grace, grace, grace.

But we ask the question: if you were to quit going to church, and if you were to quit praying, and if you were to quit reading your Bible, and if you were to quit tithing, and if you were to quit living like a Christian ought to live, I ask you, would you be saved? Now be careful, that is a loaded question. I ask you, if you were to quit reading your Bible and going to church, and quit praying, and quit tithing, and quit living like a Christian ought to live, would you be saved? "Oh, no, Brother Gilpin, I'd be lost." Beloved, you couldn't be lost; you are already lost. That just shows that you are depending on some of those things for your salvation.

I tell you, beloved, we are saved (Continued on page 7, column 3)



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I remained horrified. Her words fell upon me as a thunderbolt. I regretted having heard them, though I was determined to respect her request not to reveal the terrible secret she had entrusted to me. My God knows that I never repeated a word of it till now. But I think it is my duty to reveal to my country and the whole world the truth on that grave subject, as it was given me by a most respectable and unimpeachable eye-witness.

The terrible secrets which Sister Urbise revealed to me rendered my stay in the Hotel Dieu as unpleasant as it had been agreeable at first. Though not quite recovered I left, the same day, for Longueuil, where I entered the Monastery with a heavy heart. The day before, two of the fathers had come back from a two or three months' evangelical excursion among the lumber men, who were cutting wood in the forests along the Ottawa River and its tributaries, from one to two hundred miles north-west of Montreal. I was glad to hear of their arrival. I hoped that the interesting history of their evangelical excursions, narrow escapes from the bears and the wolves of the forests; their hearty receptions by the honest and sturdy lumbermen, which the superior had requested me, some weeks before, to write, would cause a happy diversion from the deplorable things I had recently learned. But only one of those fathers could be seen, and his conversation was anything but interesting and pleasant. There was evidently a dark cloud around him. And the other Oblate, his companion, where was he? The very day of his arrival, he had been ordered to keep his room, and make a retreat of ten days, during which time he was forbidden to speak to anyone.

I inquired from a devoted friend among the old Oblates the reason of such a strange thing. After promising never to reveal to the superiors the sad secret he trusted me with, he said: "Poor Father D has seduced one of his fair penitents, on the way. She was a married woman, the lady of the house where our mission-

aries used to receive the most cordial hospitality. The husband having discovered the infidelity of his wife, came near killing her; he ignominiously turned out the two fathers, and wrote a terrible letter to the superior. The companion of the guilty father denounced him, and confessed everything to the superior, who has seen that the letter of the enraged husband was only giving too true and correct a version of the whole unfortunate and shameful occurrence. Now, the poor, weak father for his penance, is condemned to ten days of seclusion from the rest of the community. He must pass that whole time in prayer, fasting, and acts of humiliation, dictated by the superior." "Do these deplorable facts occur very often among the father Oblates?" I asked.

My friend raised his eyes, filled with tears, to heaven, and with a deep sigh, he answered: "Dear Father Chiniquy, would to God that I might be able to tell you that it is the first crime of that nature committed by an Oblate. But alas! you know, by what has occurred with one female cook not long ago, that it is not the first time that some of our fathers have brought disgrace upon us all. And you know also the abominable life of Father Telmont with

by the devil, and more firmly kept in his chains, than the secular priests. The sharp eyes of the public, and the daily intercourse the secular priests have with their relations and parishioners, form a powerful and salutary restraint upon the bad inclinations, of our depraved nature. In the monastery, there is no restraint except the childish and ridiculous punishments of retreats, kissing of the floor, or of the feet, prostration upon the ground, as Father Brunette did, a few days after your coming among us. There is surely more hypocrisy and selfishness among the regular than the secular clergy. That great social organization which forms the human family is a divine work. Yes! those great social organizations which are called the city, the township, the country, the parish, and the household, where every one is called to work in the light of day, is a divine organization, and makes society as strong, pure, and holy as it can be. "I confess that there are also terrible temptations, and deplorable falls here, but the temptations are not so unconquerable, and the falls not so irreparable, as in these dark recesses and unhealthy prisons raised by Satan only for the birds of the night, called monasteries or nunneries. "The priest and the woman who falls in the midst of a well-organized Christian society, break the hearts of the beloved mother, covers with shame a venerable father, cause the tears of cherished sisters and brothers to flow, pierce, with a barbed arrow, the hearts of

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the two nuns at Ottawa!" "If so," I replied, "where is the spiritual advantage of the regular clergy over the secular?"

"The only advantage I see," answered my friend, "is that the regular clergy gives himself with more impunity to every kind of debauch and licentiousness than the secular. The monks being concealed from the eyes of the public, inside the walls of their monastery, where nobody, or at least very few people, have any access, are more easily conquered

thousands of friends; they for ever lose their honour and good name. These considerations are so many providential, I dare say Divine shields, to protect the sons and daughters of Eve against their own frailty. The secular priest and the woman shrink before throwing themselves into such a bottomless abyss of shame, misery, and regret. But behind the thick and dark walls of the monastery, or the nunnery, what has the fallen monk or nun to fear? Nobody will hear of it, no bad consequences worth mentioning will follow, except a few days of retreat, some insignificant, childish, ridiculous penances, which the most devoted in the monastery are practicing almost every day. "As you asked me in earnest what are the advantages of a monastic life over a secular, in a normal and social point of view, I will answer you. In the monastery, man, as the image of God, forgets his divine origin, loses his dignity; and as a Christian, he loses the most holy weapons Christ has given to His disciples to fight the battle of life. He, at once and for ever, loses that law of self respect, and respect for others, which is one of the most powerful and legitimate barriers against vice. Yes! That great and divine law of self-respect, which God Himself has implanted in the heart of every man and woman who live in a Christian society, is completely destroyed in the monastery and nunnery. The foundation of perfection in the monk and the nun is that they must consider themselves as corpses. Do you not see that this principle strikes at the root of all that God has made good, grand, and holy in man? Does it not sweep away every idea of holiness, purity greatness! every principle of life

which the Gospel of Christ had for its mission to reveal to the fallen children of Adam? "What self-respect can we expect from a corpse? and what respect can a corpse feel for other corpses which surround it? Thus it is that the very idea of monastic perfection carries with it the destruction of all that is good, pure, holy, and spiritual in the religion of the Gospel. It destroys the very idea of life to put death in its place. "It is for that reason that if you study the true history not the lying history, of monachism, you will find the details of a corruption impossible, anywhere else, not even among the lowest houses of prostitution. Read the Memoirs of Scipio de Ricci, one of the most pious and intelligent bishops, our Church has ever had, and you will see that the monks and the nuns of Italy live the very life of the brutes in the fields. Yes! read the terrible revelations of what is going on among those unfortunate men and women, whom the iron hand of monachism keeps tied in their dark dungeons. You will hear from the very lips of the nuns that the monks are more free with them than the husbands are with their legitimate wives; you will see that every one of those monastic institutions is a new Sodom! "The point of perfection is attained only when you consider yourself a corpse in the hand of your superior, is anti-social and anti-christ; it is simply diabolical. It transforms into a vile machine that man whom God had created in His likeness, and made for ever free. It degrades below the brute that man whom Christ, by His death, has raised to the dignity of a child of God, and an inheritor of an eternal kingdom in Heaven. Everything is mechani-

cal, material, false, in the life of a monk and a nun. Even the virtues are deceptions and the monks and the nuns are perfect only when they have pronounced their own free will intelligence to become corpses can have neither virtues nor vices. "Their best actions are mechanical. Their acts of humility are to crawl under the feet of the monks or nuns, to make a cross on a floor with their tongue, once down in the dust to let the monks or nuns pass over them! Have you not remarked how those so-called monks with utmost contempt of the life of the world? One must have opportunities as I have had of seeing the profound hatred which exists among all monastic orders against each other. How Dominicans have always hated the Jesuits, and how they both hate the Jesuits, who pay them in the same coin! What a shade and nameless hatred divides the Oblates, to whom we belong, from the Jesuits! The Jesuits never find an opportunity of showing their supreme contempt! You must be aware that, on account of our bad feelings, it is absolutely forbidden to an Oblate to confound a Jesuit, as we know it is forbidden to the Jesuits to confound an Oblate, or to any other

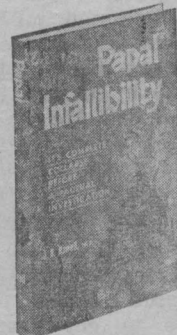
"I need not tell you, for you know, that their vow of poverty is a mask to help them to enrich with more rapidity than the rest of the world. Is it not the mask of that vow that the monks of England, Scotland, France became the masters of the richest lands of those countries by bloody revolutions, to win from their grasp? Is it not under the mask of extreme

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GOLD SOCKS GAVE HIM AWAY?

Two young men were arrested for robbing twenty participants in a Brooklyn dice game. They wore masks, but one victim noticed that one of the robbers wore a pair of distinctive gold socks.

Acting on this information, detectives seized the accused robber and his companion a short time later.

The Bible does not say: "Be sure your socks will find you out"; but it does say: "... be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23).

If sins are not found out here, they certainly will be, hereafter. "For everyone of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). And "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccles. 12:14). — NOW

Fifty Years

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erty that the monks of Italy are among the richest proprietors in that unfortunate country? "I have seen much more of the world than you. When a young priest, I was the chaplain, confessor, and intimate friend of the Duchess de Berry, the mother of Henry V., now the only legitimate king of France. When, in the midst of those great and rich princes and nobles of France, I never saw such a love of money, of honour, of vain-glory, as I have seen among the monks since have become one of them. When the Dutchess de Berry finished her providential work in France, after making the false step which ruined her, I threw myself into the religious order of the Charreux. I have lived several years in their magnificent gardens; but was not there long without seeing the fatal error I had committed in becoming a monk. During the many years I remained in that splendid mansion, where laziness, stupidity, filthiness, gluttony, superstition, tediousness, ignorance, pride, and unmentionable immoralities, with very few exceptional cases, reigned supreme, I had every opportunity to know what was going on in their midst. I soon became an unbearable burden, but for the hope I had of breaking my fetters. At last I found out that the best, if not the only way of doing this, was to declare to the Pope that I wanted to go and preach the gospel to the savages of America, which was, and is still true. "I made my declaration, and by the Pope's permission the doors of my goal were opened, with the condition that I should join the connection with which I should evangelize the savages of the Rocky Mountains. "I have found among the monks of Canada the same things I have seen among those of France and Italy. In very few exceptions they are all corpses, absolutely dead to every sentiment of true honesty and real Christianity; they are trid carcasses, which have lost the dignity of manhood. "My dear Father Chiniquy," he added, "I trust you as I trust myself, when I tell you for your own good a secret which is known to God alone. When I am on the Rocky

Mountains, I will raise myself up, as the eagles of those vast countries, and I shall go up to the regions of liberty, light, and life; I will cease being a corpse, to become what my God has made me—a free and intelligent man; I will cease to be a corpse, in order to become one of the redeemed of Christ, who serve God in spirit and in truth. "Christ is the light of the world; monachism is its night! Christ is the strength, the glory, the life of many monachism is its decay, shame, and death! Christ died to make us free; the monastery is built up to make slaves of us! Christ died that we might be raised to the dignity of children of God; monachism is established to bring us down much below the living brutes, for it transforms us into corpses! Christ is the highest conception of humanity; monachism is its lowest. "Yes, yes, I hope my God will soon give me the favour I have asked so long! When I shall be on top of the Rocky Mountains, I will, for ever, break my fetters. I will rise from my tomb; I will come from among the dead, to sit at the table of the redeemed, and eat the bread of the children of God'."

I do regret that the remarkable monk, whose abridged views on monachism I have here given, should have requested me never to give his name, when he allows me to tell some of his adventures, which will make a most interesting romance. Faithful to his promise, he went, as an Oblate, to preach to the savages of the Rocky Mountains, and there, without noise, he slipped out of their hands; broke his chains to live the life of a free man of Christ, in the holy bonds of a Christian marriage with a respectable American lady.

Weak and timid soldier that I was once; frightened by the ruins spread everywhere on the battlefield, I looked around to find a shelter against the impending danger; I thought that the monastery of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate was one of those strong towers, built by my God, where arrows of the enemy could not reach me, and I threw myself into it. But, hardly beginning to hope that I was out of danger, behind those dark and high walls, when I saw them shaking like a drunken man; and the voice of God passed like a hurricane over



EACH HUMAN SOUL INDIVIDUALLY DEALT WITH

"COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAITH THE LORD: THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW..." — ISA. 1:18

JACK HAMM



me. Suddenly, the high towers and walls around me fell to the ground and were turned into dust. Not one stone remained on another. And I heard a voice saying to me: "Soldier! come out and get in the light of the sun; trust no more in the walls built by the hand of man; they are nothing but dust. Come and fight in the open day, under the eyes of God, protected only by the gospel banner of Christ! Come out from behind those walls—they are diabolical deception, a snare, a fraud!"

I listened to the voice, and I bade adieu to the inmates of the monastery of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. When, on the 1st of November, 1847, I pressed them on my heart for the last time, I felt the burning tears of many of them falling on my cheeks, and my tears moistened their faces; for they loved me, and I loved them. I had met there several noble hearts and precious souls worthy of a better fate. Oh! if I could have, at the price of my life, given them the light and liberty which my merciful God had given me!

But they were in the dark; and there was no power in me to change their darkness into light. The hand of God brought me back to my dear Canada, that I might again offer it the sweat and the labours, the love and life of the least of its sons.

Dear Reader: This man Chiniquy is more than a priest. Read on to his conversion under the blood, and see what God can do with a mere man, as He did with Paul.

"Salvation"

(Continued from page 5) by the grace of God without any works on our part. Don't misunderstand me; If a man is saved, he ought to join the church, he ought to be baptized, he ought to live like a Christian, and if he is

saved, he will join the church, he will be baptized, and he will live like a Christian. I say to you, he is not saved because he does those things, but he does those things because he has been saved.

If I speak to somebody who is thinking that he'll go to Heaven because he has been pretty good, or because of his good deeds, or because of his good works—if I speak to somebody who hopes to go to Heaven because of some goodness on his part, if so, may I demolish every hope that you have, and may I show you that your works have not one thing to do with your salvation, but that God offers us salvation without works on our part.

If there were one million parts to salvation, and I were to do one part and Jesus Christ did 999,999, I would go to Hell, because I have ruined God's plan of salvation. He saves us without any works on our part.

An artist was painting the dome of a great cathedral, and when he had finished the painting, he stood there looking at his work, turning and glancing in each direction, to see if there were any finishing touches that should be made. As he stood there, glancing about, he kept moving around unconsciously until he backed up

to the very edge of the platform. Standing there on the edge of the platform, he was leaning backwards looking up at the dome and his assistant down below realized that he was just about to fall over the platform, maybe to his death. He realized that if he shouted the man probably would look to see why he was shouting at him and he might fall, so the assistant picked up a paint brush and threw it at the dome and splattered the man's finished work. This caused the man to rush forward, and thus his life was saved.

Brother, sister, I beg you to take the paint brush of the Word of Almighty God and demolish every work which you have, ruin everything that you have ever done by way of works, and realize that Jesus Christ did it all at the cross of Calvary. If you are saved, you are saved because He offers salvation without works on your part.

HE OFFERS SALVATION WITHOUT END

Isn't it wonderful that God does all this for us? The Word of God very definitely tells us also that the salvation that we have is one that shall never come to an end. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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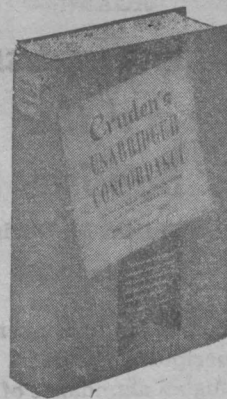
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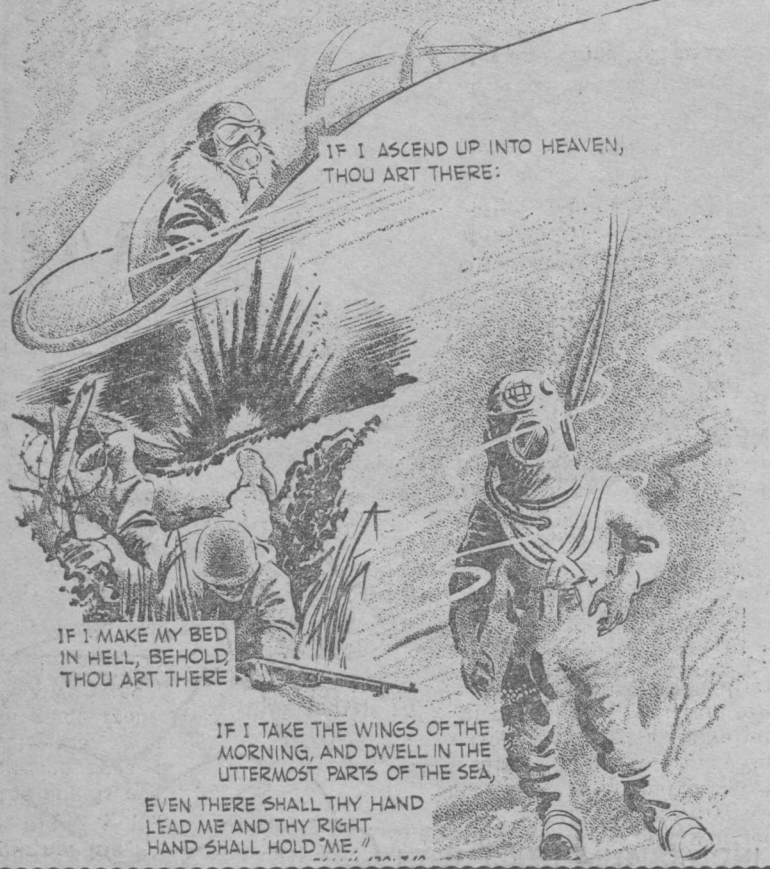


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THE SERVICE MAN'S PSALM

WHITHER SHALL I GO FROM THY SPIRIT? OR WHITHER
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IF I ASCEND UP INTO HEAVEN,
THOU ART THERE:

IF I MAKE MY BED
IN HELL, BEHOLD
THOU ART THERE

IF I TAKE THE WINGS OF THE
MORNING, AND DWELL IN THE
UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE SEA,

EVEN THERE SHALL THY HAND
LEAD ME AND THY RIGHT
HAND SHALL HOLD ME.

Dancing

(Continued from page one)

In a setting of soft lights, young people . . . sip coffee . . . dance if they wish . . . play cards . . .

Have these pastors and other church leaders forgotten the commands of Scripture to "love not the world"? (I John 2:15-17); and to "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul"? (I Pet. 2:11)—Christian Victory.

"Salvation"

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Listen:

"And being made perfect, he became the author of ETERNAL SALVATION unto all them that obey him."—Heb. 5:9.

This says that He gives to us eternal salvation.

Go back to the fifth chapter of Acts and hear the preachers when they got out of prison. The angel said to them:

"Go, stand and speak in the Temple to the people all the words of THIS LIFE."—Acts 5:20.

Notice, when they were let out of prison following the second persecution that fell upon this infant church, the angel that let them out said, "Go right back where they arrested you, and stand; don't back up; don't leave, and don't run; but stand and speak in the temple all the words of this life." the word "life" here is the same word that is translated "eternal life" dozens of times in the New Testament. So the angel said, "You go preach eternal life."

Beloved, listen, the only thing the angels ever told preachers to preach was eternal life. These Arminian preachers never got a message from the angels. These fellows who believe in falling

from grace, and who preach falling from grace, didn't get their message from the angels. The angels don't know anything but eternal life, for they told these Baptists preachers of the first century to preach eternal life.

Then we find the Apostle Paul telling also about this life that is ours, for he says:

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will PERFECT it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:6.

The word "perform" is the word for "finish," so it tells us that He will finish it unto the day of Jesus Christ. God never begins anything He doesn't finish. Sometimes an individual starts to build a house, and for some reason he doesn't finish it. A man starts to build a table or some little item of furniture around his house, and for some reason, lays it aside, and never finishes it. I was in a home sometime ago and a man had over a hundred things started that he had never finished. When I start something I like to get it done. I don't like the idea of starting and stopping. but I like to go ahead and finish it. This man had over a hundred items by way of knickknacks that he had started, and never finished.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ isn't like that, for whatever He starts, He finishes. The Word of God says that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." I am not worried about going to Hell. I am not worried one particle about losing my salvation. I know this, that my God offers salvation without end. The same God that offers salvation without planning, who offers salvation without price, who offers

salvation without works, has likewise offered salvation without end, and the salvation that we have in Christ Jesus is an endless salvation.

CONCLUSION

When I think about all this, it surely makes my Lord mighty precious to me. It surely makes my salvation something for which I thank Him, and praise Him. It surely makes me want to get on my knees, and thank God, and praise Him, for the blessings that I have. My salvation was without planning, it is without price, it is without works, and it is without end. He planned it, He paid the price, He did the work, and He keeps me unto the end. I praise Him for my salvation.

Is it any wonder that I said at the beginning, that salvation is a wonderful word to me? Is it any wonder that I said salvation is the all-inclusive term, and that it takes in everything that has to do with the redemptive acts and processes? How we ought to praise Him that our salvation was planned for, and paid for, and worked for, and is continued by the Lord Jesus!

May God bless you, and may God save you.

The Bible

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ers record.

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find the finest, the noblest, and the righteous aligned on the side of the Bible. You will notice that the wicked and sinful folk oppose it. II Cor 2:17.

What if people do not believe the Bible? "to whom shall we go . . . for the words of eternal life? (John 6:68). "Yea, let God be true and every man a liar" Rom. 3:3, 4.

Church—Pentecost

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word *ekklesia* which in our version is translated congregation. The prophecy, then, testifies that the Lord's praise was uttered in the church.

This prophecy is picked up in Hebrews 2:12 and explained: "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." The Lord sang "in the midst of the church." When? The only instance of His singing as divinely recorded took place the night He instituted the Lord's Supper and observed it with the disciples present, Matt. 26:30: "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives."

The plain facts are: (1) The Lord sang in His church. (2) He sang in His church before His death. And (3) the church of necessity had to exist if He sang in it. Therefore the church existed before Pentecost.

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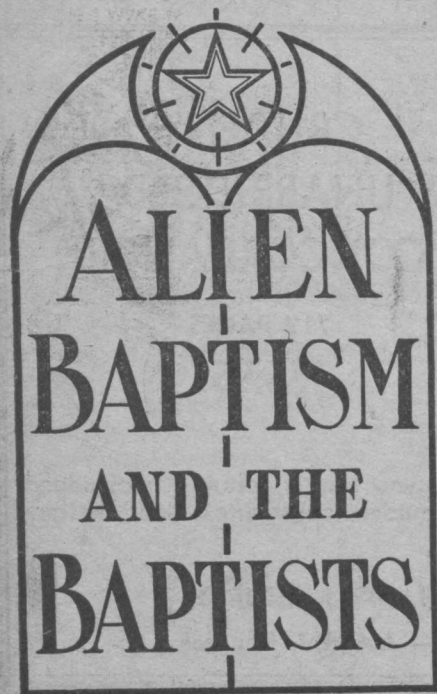
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