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## THE SCANDALS OF ROMA

By Charles Chiniquy om "Fifty Years In The

Church Of Rome"

power to fulfill my duties and others free in their abominable do what the church requires of doings, when they are almost all me. The conduct of my priests equally guilty? Would not the of this diocese is such, that, general interdiction of these unexpected visit of my should I follow the regulations priests be the death blow to our had at first rejoiced me by of the cannon, I would be church in Illinois? Besides, how be that he would bring me forced to interdict all my priests can I punish them, when I know encouragement. But with the exception of you and that many of them are ready my disappointment two or three others. They are to poison me the very moment he said to me: "My dear all either notorious drunkards, or I raise a finger against them. I iniquy, I must reveal to given to public secret concubin- suppose that you do not ignore thing that I have not yet age; several of them have chil- the fact that my poor predecesown to anyone. It is condren by their own nieces, and two sor was poisoned, by one of those and I request you not by their own sisters. I do not priests who had seduced several word before it is ac- think that ten of them believe in nuns, when he was in the very hed. I cannot remain any God. Religion is nothing to them act of investigating the matter. Bishop of Illinois! No! I but a well paying comedy. I intend to go to Rome, as soon longer resume the Where can I find a remedy to as I receive my permit from the bilities of such a high such a general evil? Can I pun- Pope, to renounce at his feet the because it is beyond my ish one of them and leave the (Continued on page 6, Column 5)

## Nothing To Pay . . . Nothing To Do

NOTHING to pay, No, not a whit; Nothing to do? No, not a bit:

All that was needed to do or to pay Jesus has done it His own blessed way.

NOTHING to do? No, not a stroke; Gone is the captor, gone is the yoke:

Jesus at Calvary severed the chain, And none can imprison His free-man again!

Christ is my peace, and I've nothing at stake,

NOTHING to fear? not a jot; nothing within? No, not a spot:

Satan can that, neither harass nor shake. NOTHING to settle? All has been paid, nothing to

worry, Peace has been made; Jesus alone is the sinner's resource, Peace He has made by the blood of His cross.

WHAT ABOUT judgment? I'm thankful to say, Jesus has met it and borne it away; Drank it all up when He hung on the Tree, Leaving a cup full of blessing for me.

-Selected

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## easons The Mourner's Bench Is Unscriptural

esus Christ. I realize that act accordingly. ill bitterly resent what is hder this message. But I ver, and I only ask that ho have hitherto believed Him. practice of sinners' praysalvation, give us a fair

a challenge to every o diligently compare what

the only source of salva- they be truthful, then because

We write not to condemn perof no bitter motive ing them away from a practice ceived this issue late. which would cause them to miss

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." -Isaiah 45:22.

with set forth with the this who is not familiar with unmistakable teachings what is commonly called the "al-Word. If the Scriptures tar" or the "mourner's bench."

TBE's Rally Day is almost at hand. In fact, some of you may even receive this issue after Rally Day, due to slow mail delivery. But we hope you will not let that hinder you from still article is written with no of this article are erroneous, then having a part in our Rally Day Durpose than to point lost by no means accept them. But if offering. We always allow a only source of salva- they be truthed, then and come in before we consider something like this closed. So you can herein and will oppose sons, but to point souls to the to be counted in the Rally Day still get your contribution to us All-Sufficient Saviour, thus lead- offering, even if you have re-

But some of you have not re-(Continued on page 4, column 4)

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## The "Great Society" Being **Built On Drink And Crime**

By William Ward Ayer

We hear and read so much today about "The Great Society" that millions are brainwashed into believing that this glorious "Rock Candy Mountain with Lemonade Springs" is so near we can reach out and touch it.

Our leading politicians know how to sell Americans a bill of

nor drool over the promised crookedness and a thousand other "goodies." There are many sins. trust, the Spirit-led logic (Continued on page 5, column 2) is the speaker for each broadcast hurdles to surmount and first of (Continued on page 8, column 1)

all, a solid moral and financial foundation to build. There can be no Great Society until there is a good society, and America has become such a criminal nation that, if our crime continues, collapse is inevitable. We could never build an Empire State Building on a mouldering and decaying strawstack. So if we are to have a Great Society here, goods. They have talked con- the first thing the President, the vincingly in glowing phrases Cabinet and Congress must do about this man-made millennium is to clear away the criminal which they will shortly create in and moral rubble that is making our nation, especially its big But let's not get too stary-eyed northern cities, shambles of crime,

## SURE YOUR

NEW YORK DAILY tells the following:

blinking red lights of that might have saved that might have savelilts and children from a death in the Harlem had been blacked out by when the tragedy occur-The lack of warning (apparently) brought on agedy . . . The 11 died man escaped with his life the auto, jammed with relahear 132nd St., Bronx, N.

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and ye men of Israel: I will help every one of us. -Isa. 41:14.

plunged into 35 feet and man in an analysis of man in companion of the foot of Lincoln comes to the matter of speech terms. For example, we read:

Man is often "But we are all as an Ul and man in all things, and that describes man wherein God mals that are spoken of as uncontrast is especially so when it speaks of man in complimentary clean. The very first part of this hip worse tragedy occurs I suspect, sometime or other in RIGHIE OURIES II and we all do nesses are as filthy rags.

If the results in the res on page 8, column 4) to man, God speaks in a way

description of man is always most unclean thing. In the Old Testa-There is a very definite and uncomplimentary. I don't know ment we read about the camel, marked contrast between God any place in the Bible where God the donkey, and the various ani-

"Fear not, thou worm Jacob, that actually takes the ego out of thing here that would compliment man in any wise at all, for

## THE CHRISTIAN'S

Chicago (AP) - Judging from the clothes hoard found at the late wealthy sportswoman's home in suburban Wilmette, Mrs. Wolfner did little more than look at her fantastic wardrobe.

Many of the more than 1,000 thee, saith the Lord, and thy re- If you will turn through the in the very beginning of the dresses and coats were unworn; deemer, the Holy One of Israel." Bible you will find that God's verse God says that we are as an dozens of the 1,500 pairs of shoes were never taken from their boxes. This (fantastic) wardrobe is part of a \$3 million estate left by Mrs. Wolfner.

In addition to the dresses, coats verse says that we are as an un- and shoes are several hundred St., Bronx, N. and comparison. Man is often "But we are all as an UN- clean thing, and then He particu- hats, more than 100 negligees, given over to flattery. Most of us, CLEAN THING, and all our larizes as to our uncleanness, for several hundred purses and pairs tragedy occurs I suspect, sometime or other in RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS He says that all of our righteous- of gloves." . . . More than 100 negligees, where the says that all of our righteous- of gloves." . . . More than 100 negligees, and pairs the says that all of our righteous- of gloves." . . . More than 100 negligees, and pairs the says that all of our righteous- of gloves." . . . More than 100 negligees, and pairs the says that all of our righteous- of gloves. believers yank out Gos- life have been given over to flat- FILTHY HAGS; and we all do like the wind obscure the true tery, but that is not true with fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, and obscure the true tery, but that is not true with fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, some righteousnesses about each cluding nine jackets of sable, erof us. I am sure there is not one mine and mink, and two full (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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#### "Thou Worm"

(Continued from page one) of you but that you are just a little proud of some of the righteous things which you have done. From man's standpoint, and judged by man's standards, you probably would have reason to be proud of some of the things that you have done righteously. However, when God looks at even those righteous things those righteous acts, God says that all of our righteousnesses are but as filthy rags.

I often say that if our rightus, looks like a dirty, filthy, rewant to touch, then pray tell me what do our sins look like in the I want to tell you, beloved, sight of a Holy God? If the very God doesn't hand out any combest there is about you looks like pliments relative to the human a rag that you want to push off family. If God says that our morto one side with a stick, so you al and spiritual condition is so won't have to touch it - if the bad that even the righteous deeds very best about us looks like that to God, then, brother, sister, pray God says that our moral deeds tell me, what do your sins look are so bad that they remind him like when God looks upon you? of an individual that has the itch, That isn't very complimentary. I tell you, you will never find God goes further and tells us that our handing out compliments or bouquets to the human family.

Isaiah, in speaking for God in behalf of the human family, says:

"From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and PUTRIFYING SORES: they have not been clos-

who has running sores all over corpse. his body so that not only his face, but from the crown of his head to the soul of his feet, as you look upon him, you see putrifying sores? You wouldn't think that such an individual was very at-

me down to the waist and looked at my condition and he said, "Man, you have the itch." Beloved, I had been living back there in the hills associating with some situations that were not too pleasant from the standpoint of cleanliness and sanitation, and I had caught the itch. Beloved, I itched, and I suffered, and I scratched, and the putrifying sores aggravated me for some two weeks after I came home from that meeting. I never stood before a mirror to look at my body covered with those open festering sores without realizing eousnesses, the best there is about that that is exactly how God sees us morally and spiritually every pulsive rag that you wouldn't hour of our lives until after we are saved.

of our lives are repulsive, and if how much worse is it when God condition is the same as a corpse? Paul says:

"And you hath he quickened, who were DEAD IN TRES-PASSES and sins." - Eph. 2:1.

You that are saved today, are alive now, but you were dead. Beloved, do you realize how deep before their eyes." — Rom. 3:13- Bible that shows the helplessness, ner can turn to God and ed. neither bound up. neither lifted you? Do you realize how mollified with ointment." — Isa. low down you were before God saved man that his throat is as inability more than this passage saved you? Beloved, God de- an open sepulchre. What is the of Scripture, I know not where it is. God certainly doesn't leave

I ask you, is there anything pleasant about a corpse? The morticians do all within their power today to make a funeral as pleasant and as easy as humanly possible for the sake of the family. The dirt is covered over open grave? Several years ago I was holding with artificial grass so that people revival meeting back in the are no longer reminded that hills and along about the middle "dust thou art, and unto dust of the night in the second week shalt thou return." With beautiof that meeting I awakened with ful flowers adorning the room n't go back to sleep, to get any the mortician does his best to rest. The next day I went to see cause the individual not to rea doctor in town, and he stripped member how awful death is.

### PLEASE!! Don't Forget Us



#### ON RALLY DAY JULY 6, 1965

death is a terrible experience so terrible that even though you would want to keep your loved ones with you, when an individual dies, his body must be put unthree days time at the most, because the body soon becomes offensive, smelling, and repulsive. Beloved, God says you and I before we were saved were nothing but a corpse - we were dead in AND WORM. trespasses and sins.

complimentary that God refers to on the part of the human family,

chre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of I'll challenge you with the Word

poison of an asp is under your tongue this very day.

If you would see how awful you are in the sight of God, then listen as God says, "There is no fear of God before their eyes." Beloved, if there were any fear of God before the eyes of men today, they wouldn't be living like they do. People wouldn't go to places they go, they wouldn't do the things they do, they therein. Most of the art wouldn't act like they act, they ten will carry the n wouldn't talk like they talk if deeper things of God's they had any fear of God before reading this paper our their eyes. There is no fear of are enriched. So much God before the eyes of the unsay- writings today are of li ed man today. Beloved, that is In this day with such God's description of man.

hand out any bouquets. God cer- tive teachings. tainly doesn't speak in complimentary terms when He talks by some type of Ecc about the human family. He lik- bodies, therefore it has ens us morally and spiritually to this body. Since T.B.B an individual who has the itch. under control of an Eco Need I remind you, beloved, that He describes us as though we body it has no such were a filthy rag — so filthy support. So there is no that we would not want to touch but a few small churche such a garment of filth. He de- dividuals who love the scribes us as a corpse. But, belov- help support it. ed, the most uncomplimentary der the ground within two or thing that God ever said about human beings, He said in my text - "Thou worm."

## SIMILARITY BETWEEN MAN

The Word of God certainly re-If you would see how un- veals to us the human inability us, then listen:

"Their throat is an open sepul- Every time I read this Scripture for man is as helpless as a worm. I say, "Come on, old Freewiller. asps is under their lips: Whose of God." You talk about man be-

## Why I Supp R TBE On Rally And Every

I believe in suppo Baptist Examiner becal truth of God's Word th phasis put on doctrine As I have said, God doesn't stands as a lighthouse

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and whenever he wan said, "But, brother, John says that 'no man can me, except the Father W sent me draw him,' an says that in spite of you

Notice again: "Can the Ethiopian ch skin, or the leopard his then may ye also do 90 are accustomed to do evil

Whenever a Negro white, or whenever a leo change his spots, then ca saved man turn to God saved on his own accord is as unable to be sav from the work of the Ho of God, as a Negro is the color of his skin, or 8 is to change his spots.

Come on, old Freewi

believe a man can do any wants to without the air that he can turn to time he wants to. Come fidel, or near-infidel, the elective grace. I tell yo

Listen again:

"For to be carnally " ed is life and peace." -

Man, woman, if you ar ed, you have never yet God one moment of y You may have pleased ents, you may have plea teachers, you may have your friends, you me pleased your teachers, may have pleased your as

## WHAT

WILL BE YOUR ANSWER TO OUR APPEAL RELATIVE TO RALLY DAY

mouth is full of cursing and bit- ing free so far as his will is con- the sovereignty of God terness: Their feet are swift to cerned, and that man can turn to shed blood: Destruction and mis- God whenever he wants to. God ever you find a Negro ery are in their ways: And the looks down upon us and says, change the color of his way of peace, have they not "Thou worm." I tell you, beloved, a leopard that can ch known: There is no fear of God if there is any Scripture in all the spots, then I'll believe

meaning of the word "sepul- is. God certainly doesn't leave death; but to be spiritual chre"? It is a tomb or a grave, us any grounds for thinking anyand God says your throat is just thing but that man is totally unlike an open sepulchre. Would able to come to Him. Listen: you want to stand, or sit, or live you want to reside or have your me DRAW HIM: and I will raise residence side by side with an him up at the last day." - John

God looks further down in your throat and says that the poison heard me preach forty years ago have pleased your frield of asps is under your lips. You who was a member of the Freetalk about a boa constrictor, or a will Baptist denomination. The but you have never plea python, or any of the most pois- next morning after hearing me one time. Those that a burning sensation all over my and with all of the nice things onous, venomous snakes. Beloved, preach he met me on the street, much so that I could- that go along with funerals today, they are just garter snakes in comparsion to an asp.

It is said when Cleopatra realized that she was going to have to die that she experimented among her servants, and her maidens, and the girls who attended her as to what was the easiest and the quickest form of death. As a result of the experiment whereby a great number of the girls in her court were killed as guinea pigs, they came to the conclusion that the sting of an asp was the quickest death that one could experience. So Cleopatra had a bunch of flowers brought to her in which was hidden an asp. She didn't know in which flower the asp was hidden, but as she picked up the flowers she was stung by the asp and died virtually immediately.

May I say to you, beloved, that God would remind us that the

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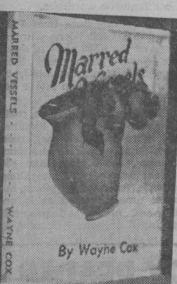
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and the lack of free will, and our without the work of God says concerning every un- powerlessness, and our human Spirit.

"No man can come to me, EXbeside an open sepulchre? Would CEPT the Father which hath sent

> I remember an old man who and as he shook his cane in my say that you haven't do face, he said there wasn't a word it says you can't do it. If of truth in which I had said. He a thousand years, you'll said, "A man can turn to God and able to please God until be saved any time he wants to, (Continued on page 3, co

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"Thou Worm"

Continued from page 2) begins to work within your

at a similarity between man he worm, for man is just as and is possessed of the human inability that the stands possessed of today. worm can't order his own He may try to do so, for by try to wiggle hither and here and there. Man likewise order his course too, yet utterly man comes to fail in dering of his course. Listen: that I knew where I might him that I might come even seat; I WOULD ORDER CAUSE before him, and fill outh with arguments. —Job.

Said, "If I could just find would order my cause." A may try to order his course, the end, like Job, he'll

WAIT TIL YOU HEAR THIS! "Say, fellows, why don't we huddle with Baptists America for the Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist in Ashland, Kentucky over the Labor Day Weekend? That would be the play of the year!"

Saying, "I have to find re I can order my cause." life, without God, and om God. again:

in the Lord with all eart, and lean not unto wn understanding. In all acknowledge him, and direct thy paths."—

it down, beloved, that don't understand." lay try to order his course, but no man will ever any wise at all by way of of God him. "Thou worm."

a worm may try to orand ultimately to your stand." but for the

out in the street in the morning You need not tell me that the ic-stricken, and I like to hear come back unless we brought our after a rain when the fishing storms of life have never broken worms have all come to the top of over you. You need not tell the ground and you trample up- me that the storms of this on them, it is only for suffering life have never troubled your veson the part of the worm. Or when sel. I can't believe there is a per-Mamma bird goes out for food and brings back a picnic lunch, by way of a fishing worm which she divides among her hungry brood, it is not for pleasure on the part of the worm. Man may try to order his course just like the worm may try to order his course, but man can only suffer like the worm.

To see how utterly helpless we are and how apt is the comparison, may I go further and say that the worm is so small and so infinitesimal that many times you have walked along the street and have trampled upon one without even realizing that you were crushing the same under your foot. Beloved, that is just exactly your position in the sight of God. Don't come into this place thinking that you are somebody, or something, but come here realizing that you are a worm in God's sight. I am satisfied that many and many a time when God looks down upon us and sees us with every one of our sins that God would say to us, "Worm, get out of my presence." I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that many is the time in life when God has useless fight. You just felt like it said of you and of me, "Worm, crawl away from my sight."

"FEAR NOT."

You'll notice that God also

gives a marvelous promise, for He "Fear not, thou worm

"Don't be afraid, little worm, when you don't understand." Even though we are saved, we are still no bigger than a worm in God's sight. There are lots of things that come into your life and mine that we don't understand. We read:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do THOU KNOW-EST NOT NOW; but thou shalt is able to order his steps know hereafter." — John 13:7

Beloved, there have been many times in my life when God did things that I didn't know what it was all about. There have been many times in my life that God could have said to me, "What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Don't be afraid, little worm, when you

I took some seed some time ago, may try to order his and threw them down on the ground, and covered them over with the soil. It may have seemhimself until the ed cruel, and I am sure they begins to work didn't understand, but after while, they were a beautiful bunch of flowers. I have buried other kinds course, actually all that of bodies in the ground and I do is suffer. When you didn't understand, but I am sure You pick up that little some day there will be an underbut it on a hook, standing. "Little worm, don't be be to the pleasure of afraid when you don't under-

Or when you walk when the storms break over you." "Don't be afraid, little worm,

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I often think of the Apostle Paul when he was on his way to Rome. The Word of God says that a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon, swept down upon that vessel, and the vessel was tossed to and fro until the men were forced to throw out all the cargo of that boat. Then the Word of God says that they threw away their tackling, and everything that would lighten the vessel, to realize that they were hopeless and helpless. The Word of God says: , "And when neither sun nor

stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away." - Acts 27:20.

Beloved, haven't you had some of those sunless days and starless night? Haven't you had some of those experiences when no small tempest lay on you? Haven't you had some of those experiences when all hope was gone? You just felt like it was a

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was a wasted cause. You just felt like you might as well give up. It was then that God stood by Paul and said:

"Fear not, Paul." - Acts 27:24. I am here to tell you, as one who has passed through many of those sunless days and starless nights, that the same God who

when the storms break over you."

"Don't be afraid, little worm, a Christian shouldn't have any a bit of use of trying again enemies, but somehow God seems that everything was against you. mind this passage of Scripture. I God gives a way that everybody loves him, nasty temper. He told us not to (Continued on page 4, column 4) and he loves everybody, but that just hasn't been our experience, and that won't be your experience. You'll find as you tread the rocky way of life there will be many enemies that will arise up between now and the time you leave this world. "Fear not, little worm, when your path is beset with enemies.

I like to go back and stand by the shores of the Red Sea and see Moses when he looked out and saw those waves rolling angrily before him, and he looked backward and saw the armed chariots of Pharaoh in pursuit. I like to see Moses as he looked around him and saw all of that crowd of Israelites as they were near pan-

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Moses as he said:

them again no more for ever."-Ex. 14:13.

Beloved, that is the kind of God Jacob as he said: that looks down upon worms like Egyptians for you."

The greatest passage in all the personal dependence upon God is Commission. Listen:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH

things of the Bible. Then, and "I am with you all the way." this commission. God never gave any promise to a Baptist Church or a Baptist preacher unless first of all the things of this commission are put into effect.

There have been some mighty dark days in my life. I often say I fell like a battle-scarred veteran. When I look backward across the days of my experience and remember some of the things through which I have passed, I realize I have had some exceedingly dark days, but there has never been a day in my life that I haven't laid hold on this promise, and I have said, "Lord, to the best of my ability I have done what you have said: go, make disciples, baptize them, and teach the all things. This little worm has kept going even when his path has been beset with enemies because he claimed the promise.

"Don't be afraid, little worm, when you think everything is stood by Paul, has stood by me, against you." Did you ever get to and that same God will stand by the place that you just felt like you. "Don't be afraid, little worm, everything was against you? Well, dare say there isn't a person here but has had that experience when your path is beset with sometime along the way, and you enemies." Some people think that have just felt like there wasn't

I like to go back and read the said, them to many Christians. Some story of Jacob, how those boys he is safe because you have the people think that a Christian came out of Egypt, and said to keys." ought never have any enemies, Jacob, "Father, that man down and that he ought to live in such in Egypt that sells grain has a are nothing but little worms in

younger brother along with us. "Fear ye not, stand still, and He told us that we couldn't see see the salvation of the Lord, his face, and that we couldn't get which he will shew to you to one more grain of food unless we day: for the Egyptians whom ye brought our younger brother have seen to day, ye shall see along with us." Jacob said, "Why did you tell him?" They replied, 'Well, he asked us." Then I hear

"Joseph is not, and Simeon is you and me, and says, "You go on not, and ye will take Benjamin and serve me; I'll take care of the away; all these things are against me." - Gen. 42:36.

What did Jacob do? He mourn-Bible to me so far as my own ed for years over what he thought was the death of Joseph. Now that which is known as the Great Simeon was held captive. The price of grain had gone up, and it was getting more and more scarce. Now they can't go back to Egypt to buy more grain unless they take along their younger brother Benjamin. Jacob thought everything was against him, but really it wasn't. He dared to trust God, YOU ALWAY, even unto the end to take care of his son Benjamin, of the world. Amen." - Mt. 28:19, and Benjamin went down to Egypt. Pretty soon old Jacob God says, "Go, disciple, bap- stands outside his home, and sees tize, teach all things, and when a stream of wagons coming from you do these four things, I have the south, and as he looked, he a promise for you: I am with you wondered who it could be that is all the way." Beloved, a Baptist traveling from the south to the preacher has no possible way to north at that time of the year. lay claim to the last part of this He wondered who it was that was verse until he is certain he has traveling with a caravan of wagdone the four things that he has ons. As he looked, there was been told to do - go, make dis- Simeon sitting up there driving ciples, baptize, and teach the all one of those wagons, and there was each of his boys. What have only then, has he the promise of they done? Where have they gotten the wagons? I dare say that "All the way," means the days he thought his sons had turned of sunshine and the days of rain, robbers. No, no, beloved. He the days when the clouds hang learned pretty soon that Joseph low and the days when there is was alive, and Benjamin was not a cloud within the sky. The alive, and Simeon was alive; that promise is to those who carry out it never was true that all these things were against him.

Beloved, some of these days, you and I will learn the sequel to life's experiences and we'll find that the things we thought were against us weren't against us, but that they were all for us, for we read!

"And we know that ALL THINGS work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." - Rom. 8:28.

"Fear not, little worm, when you think everything is against you."

"Don't be afraid, little worm, when you must bid goodbye to a loved one." I turn to the Word of God and I find a tremendous comfort. Listen:

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." -Rev.

Notice, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ holds the keys of death.

I came back from the cemetery a few years ago when I buried my little grandson. It was the darkest moment of my life. I went out and sat in the backyard by myself and God called to my "Lord, thank you; I know

I tell you, beloved, you and I



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"What is the meaning of John 16:7-11 in the light of present circumstances?'

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Our Lord on the night before His death, spoke consolingly to His disciples, and told them that His going away would work for their good, inasmuch as His presence would be replaced by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would carry on a mighty mission-a threefold mission, that of reproving the world of sin, righteousness and judgment to come. Pentecost furnishes a good commentary on this, for under the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, more people were saved than perhaps were saved during the whole personal ministry of Christ.

we need the Holy Spirit - His been resurrected to spiritual life. presence, His empowerment, as For it is impossible to convince that the Holy Spirit would reprove of sin "because they be- alive, then conviction of sin can lieve not on me." So. the partic- come, but not before he has been ular sin that the Spirit reproves of is the sin of rejecting Christ. Most lost people don't consider rejecting Christ to be a sin, or sins." Eph. 2:1. at least not a very big one. Only condition as a Christ rejecter.

Then the statement, "the prince of this world is judged," has tremendous significance for today. As we view the world situation, Satan seems to be riding high, and without a knowledge of God's word, we could well get down in the dumps. But we who know and believe Christ's Word, can bear in mind that Satan's time is running short. Christ's death and resurrection defeated him, and he is already sentenced, and merely awaits the time of execution. Some of us knew in the later part of the last world war that Hitler and Mussolini were doomed. Like the devil, they swashbuckled about, but they were doomed, and we lived to see their end. Satan is likewise riding for his final fall.



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Lord reaffirm His promise to vince us that the judgment of our ciples as the church, and was is no sin on us, for the Lord bore

comforter were to those who were saved, never to the unsaved.

The head of the church, told His church, that when He the comorter is come He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. He did not state that He would try to do these things but would do them. I do not believe that He was having reference to the world of the ungodly, but rather

to the world of the elect. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform (finish) it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6.

When the Holy Spirit starts a work He will complete it, whether it be in church capacity or with an individual. Further proof of this is found in Christ's instructions to the church concerning the world of the ungodly, even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive. Jn. 14:17.

The only people the Holy Spirit convicts of sin are people who In the present circumstances have been made alive, or have perhaps nothing else. He said or reprove a dead man of anything. He first must be made quickened.

> "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and

We who are saved need the Holy Spirit wrought conviction Holy Spirit constantly to show will make a sinner see his true us the sin of doubting that which the Lord has declared in His Word, and none can see the sin unbelief except by light of Holy Spirit.

> Those whom He quickens, He convinces of sin. Having convinced them of sin, He then points them to the righteousness of Christ. He never points to our righteousness, only to reprove us and to convince us that we have no righteousness, and no means of working righteousness in the energy of the flesh. It is the Spirit's work in this present day to show to us who are saved. that the Lord was sent into the world to work righteousness, and that His death on the cross, His burial in a grave, His resurrection from that grave, and His ascension to the Father is positive proof that He was righteous, and could atone for the sin of His people. Now that He has gone to be with the Father, His work there is to be an advocate for those who believe in His finished work. Read I Jn. 2:1-2.

are convinced of sin, hope and guide into all truth.

In these verses we hear the Spirit as the comforter to con- our kinsman Redeemer.

Our enemy which would, if he the Father should, and eventually could, cast us into hell, has been will, convince everyone that He defeated by our Shepherd. Thus was the promised One. And then there is not the remotest chance He is to convict the world of of any of God's children ever judgment, because the prince of being lost. Their sins have been this world is judged. Since the atoned for by the Lamb of God. prince of this world is to be

terribly dark, but the child of judgment is coming to all who God, who is a member of a true die out of Christ. In the light of New Testament Church, has the present circumstances it may comforter to guide him, to re- seem to some that the Holy Spirit prove him of sin, righteousness is failing in His task, but may we and judgment, for which I bow suggest that it may be that the my unworthy head and give harvest is past, and we are now thanks to my Lord.

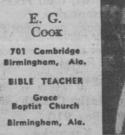


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These verses are just as true today as they were in the days of Christ. The work of the Spirit tarries.

The word "reprove" means "convince," and the word "world" means "individuals in the world" (vs. 8) The Spirit convinces a person that he is a sinner by convincing him that he has rejected the Lord Jesus Christ. (vs. 9). The Spirit convinces a sinner that he needs the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. (see vs. 10 and also Romans 4:5, 6).

The Spirit convinces a sinner that there is a judgment. The sinner is convinced that the judgment of all, who believe is placed on Jesus. (vs. 11; see also Roman 5:6).



It is better for us that our Lord, when He had finished the redemptive work, return to the Father and send us the Holy Spirit since He (the Holy Spirit) is omnipresent and can therefore be with all the saints at all times, whereas Jesus was somewhat limited by His humanity. In Jno. 4:4 we are told that "He must needs go through Samaria." The Holy Spirit can work a work of grace in an individual in Samaria and in one here in Alabama all at the same time. He can teach, comfort, console and guide all the saints anywhere Jno. 11 our Lord, due to His hu- one. This gives to all of those who man limitations, had to go to Mary and Martha to comfo assurance, which they could not console them. But, when He ar- die." have without the Holy Spirit to rived at their home He had all the power He needed to raise Further work of the Spirit in their dead brother. He was very this age is to reprove of judg- God, but He chose the human ment. Oh, how we need the Holy limitations that He might become

When the Holy Spirit came send the comforter, which was sin for which we have been con- He was to convict the world of to guide them into all truth. This vinced is already past. Even sin because they believed not on promise was given to the dis- though there be sin in us, there Christ. This conviction is not necessarily the sanctification of never given to anyone else. our sins in His own body on the Spirit which brings about the Therefore, we can gather from the tree. Proof that our sins have belief of the truth, 2 Thes. 2:13. this that the promises of the been judged in Christ is that the Every one who goes to hell will eventually be convinced that he should have believed on Christ. Then He is to convict, or reprove the world of righteousness because Christ went to the Father. The New English version says, "He will convince them that right is on my side, by showing that I go to the Father when I pass from your sight." The very

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Prince of this World is judged. fact that our Lord went back to Thus they are safe forever more. cast into hell, (Rev. 20:10) that Present day circumstances look should convince everyone that in the gleaning process, one here, and one there. It certainly appears that His work is just about finished so far as this church age is concerned. That is not pessimism, but optimism to the fullest. Even so come Lord Jesus.

## Rally Day

(Continued from page one) ceived it late. You still have time to take out a sizeable offering from your pocket-book (or check book), place it in an envelope and mail to us NOW. You may goes on as long as the Lord have been waiting until the last minute — well, the last minute has arrived. Wait no longer! Now is the time for all truth-loving Baptists to come to the aid of

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### STATE ! "Thou Worm"

(Continued from page 3) God's sight, but we can have some assurance today that the keys of hell and of death are in the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sure that you many times have turned away from a grave with a tear-choked voice and said, "Does He care?" old song, I am sure, would an-

"O yes, He cares, I know He

His heart is touched with my

When the days are weary. The long night dreary, I know my Saviour cares."

Thank God He cares for little worms like you and me. I'd say to you, "Don't be afraid, little worm, they may be at all times, but in when you bid goodbye to a loved

when you yourself come down to and darkest hours.

We read: "Yea, though I walk through (Continued on page 5, co

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the valley of the shadow of I will fear no evil: for ART WITH ME: thy rod 8 staff they comfort me.

When the day is comine end and the evening com and the shadows begin thick across the earth, it is when the mind plays tricks the human body. Often things that aren't there, imagine as we look to the ows that we are seeing that we are not actually The shadows frighten us Psalmist said, "Though through the valley of the of death, I will fear no ev thou art with me.'

Years ago, I went to Chi attend the annual Bible ence at the Moody Bible In While I was there I went the Moody Church. A man name of Philpot was pastol He was an elderly man had just buried his eight eight years of age. He was ed, except for one thing. "I stood there beside him hospital and that little looked up into my face a 'Daddy, am I dying?' back at him and said, you afraid to die.' He sal Jesus is with me."

Don't be afraid, little when you come to die God, He'll look after us, and in death.

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worm, for we read: "But I am a worm, man; a reproach of men, spised of the people."

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Bible says that the Lord was made lower than gels, but, beloved, He was even lower than that. He ade lower than a man. He on the par of a worm, admitted it Himself. He ed Himself to a helpless, rodden worm, passive ushed, and unnoticed by hat might tread upon it. pless Jesus was! He com-Rimself to the weakest of tures — a creature that is no bones, devoid of any except the right to suffer. ord said, "I am a worm."

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mass of misery. At Calvary, He his use of a so-called "altar," became the very essence of agony. the basic principle is that prayer At Calvary, my Jesus suffered is necessary in order to save or like a worm, a crushed mass of that prayer will help save a lost flesh. Can you imagine Him, de- sinner. serted of God, deserted of man, and deserted of the angels? Can you imagine Him outlawed from society, and even outlawed from the smile of Heaven, for God caused darkness to come over the earth for three hours time that He couldn't even see the face of the Father, which was the greatest sorrow that came into the life of Jesus. It was then that He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" No wonder He looked up at His face and said, "I am a worm, and no man."

Notice again some of the suffering through which this worm

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." - Phil. 2:7, 8.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

I tell you, beloved, when that worm went to Calvary, He went of worship, including prayer, althere that this worm might be made rich by God in this life, and in the life to come. Can you see Him as He was trodden under foot, as He fell beneath the weight of the cross, and even before He fell beneath the weight of His cross can you see Him as they beat that worm in Pilate's judgment hall? Can you see Him as they took Him out to Calvary where they spit upon Him, and mocked Him, and tormented Him? But, beloved, that worm died on the cross of Calvary to keep this worm out of Hell.

For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you."—II Cor. 13:4.

Thank God, one worm died for you and for me. He died for other worms-all of God's elect, that they might be saved.

ago in Indian territory, there was one who liked to tell about his salvation, and what God had done for him in Jesus Christ, but his speech was poor and he couldn't make himself understood very well. So he used an illustration to show what Jesus meant to him. He took some tumbleweeds and laid them down in a circle and worm down on the ground in the middle of that burning circle. The little worm moved to the right but there was the fire. He turned back and went to the left: He went forwards and backwards, but there was no escape because of the fire. Then the Indian reached down with his hand and picked up the little worm, as if to say, "This is what He did for me. When Hell was all about me and there was no hope for me, this is what one worm did for another worm. "This is what Jesus did for me."

How I thank God that Jesus Christ at Calvary died for worms like you and me!

May God bless you.

## The Mourner's Bench

(Continued from page one) So I see no need of giving a description or definition of what is meant by these terms. At the very heart of such practices is the teaching that prayer is essential for a sinner to be saved. Whether one is an extremist in

At Calvary, Jesus became a this practice or only moderate in

Here are a number of Bible true and why no one should believe, preach, or practice such.

1. No where in the Bible does God command the sinner to pray for salvation. One will search in vain to find the passage that teaches such. God's command throughout is repentance from sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

2. To speak of an "altar of prayer" for the sinner is entirely unscriptural and heretical. The word for "altar" in the Old Testament means "the slaughter place." In the New Testament, the Greek word for "altar" means "a place of sacrifice." "Mizbeach" is the Hebrew word in the Old Testament, and "thusiasterion" is the Greek word in the New Testament. The Bible clearly teaches that the animal sacrifices which were offered on the altar in Old Testament times were types of the Lord Jesus Christ who offered Himself as the Sacrifice for sin. Wherever you find an altar of any kind, you will find that the very first act which the worshipper of God did was to offer a sacrifice for sin. Every other act ways followed the offering of the sacrifice. In other words, they were saved by faith in Christ's sacrifice (typified by the animal sacrifices), and then prayer and all other acts of worship followed. To put prayer before faith in the sacrifice for salvation is to reverse God's order.

3. Notice some more truth as to the Scriptural altar. When Abraham and his son Isaac prepared to go upon Mount Moriah to worship God, the youngster, not knowing that he himself was to be the sacrifice, asked his father: "Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Isaac realized that neither he nor his father could approach God except they first offer a sacrifice for sin (type of Christ's sacrifice). Yet some people today instead of pointing men to Jesus Christ's sacrifice, point men to "an altar of prayer," thinking that the sin-Out in Oklahoma many years ner can do that which Abraham and Isaac dared not even attempt.

4. The prayer of a sinner is an abomination to God. In Proverbs 15:8, we read: "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight." Clearly do we see that the "sacrifice of the wicked" here referred to is set fire to them and put a little prayer since it is contrasted with the prayer of the upright. The reason that God so regards the unsaved one's prayer is that the individual has no sacrifice for his sins. But the sinner who has received Christ as the Sacrifice for his sins is "upright" before God, and his prayers are acceptable and delightful to God.

> 5. The sinner who prays for God to forgive his sins is simply asking God to set aside His divine Law and to permit the individual's sins to go unpunished. This to me is the most outrageous thing about the teaching of prayer for salvation. In reality it is the request of the most wicked creature on earth for the Most High to abandon His throne. From the book of Genesis to The Revelation, God's Word declares that no sin-either of saint or of sinnerwill go unpunished.

"Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne."-Psa.

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bedience received a just recom- pray in order to be saved. I cite pense of reward."-Hebrews 2:2. one instance in particular which

ping, rape, murder, and butchery of a small child, simply because crime and was exceedingly sorry for doing it? We would say that such a court is absolutely lawless. To think of such a thing is even detestable. A court is to enforce

But how much more horrifying is it to picture God as one who lets the sinner off because the sinner prays. Such a doctrine would produce a lawless universe were it not for God's Word. Prayer cannot atone for sin. Sin is not punished at a "mourner's bench" or at an "altar of prayer." As the blessed hymn says:

"Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know;

These for sin could not atone. Thou must save and Thou alone."

Sinner, if you would be free from all your sins, if you would find forgiveness, then look to that Sacrifice which alone atones for sin, satisfying the divine Law of God. Look to Christ.

faith and not through prayer. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8.

The Gospel of John was written for the express purpose of teaching men how to be saved. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Not one single verse in this Gospel instructs sinners to pray for the forgiveness of sins. But it literally bubbles over with instructions such as the following you, He that believeth on me hath saved: pray or believe? everlasting life." - John 6:47.

in the winning of souls proves (Cointinued on page 6, column 1)

"Every transgression and diso- that a sinner does not have to 'The Lord is slow to anger, and should leave us without a doubt great in power, and will not at all as to this truth. In the ninth acquit the wicked."-Nahum 1:3. chapter of John, we have the If God were to answer the account of the healing by Christ reasons why such doctrine is un- prayer of the sinner to "let him of the man who was born blind. off" for his sins, it would prove This man was healed before he one thing: God is simply not God. was saved. After he was healed What would we say of the court and before he was saved, he which freed a criminal who had made this statement in that heatcommitted the crimes of kidnap- ed discussion with the Jews which followed Christ's performing the miracle of giving him his that man sincerely confessed his sight: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners."

Here then was an unsaved man who did not believe that God would hear sinners pray. After the man was later cast out of the temple, Jesus found him. If prayer for salvation is true, this man was wrong, and here was the most opportune occasion that Christ ever had to teach the world the truth as to praying for salvation. But what did He say to his man? Here is the conversation as recorded in John 9:35-

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, 'Dost thou believe on the Son of God?' He answered and said, 'Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?' And Jesus said unto him, "Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.' And he said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him."

No altar, no mourner's bench. no prayer for salvation, was 6. Salvation is received through preached by Jesus Christ. He preached Himself for salvation! He said nothing whatsoever in opposition to the belief that God would not hear sinners pray. Why? Because it was the truth. That blind man, no doubt, had learned this truth from the Jewish teachers of the Old Testament. He evidently heard them teaching God's Word on the subject from such passages as Proverbs 15:8 and Proverbs 21:27. If prayer is an essential to salvation, then the first thing Christ would have taught this man would have been the necessity of his praying. Reader, what would your preachverse: "Verily, verily, I say unto er have told this man to do to be

Of course Christ saved others 7. The example of Jesus Christ without their praying, such as the

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(Continued from page 5) woman at the well (John 4), the woman taken in adultery (John 8), Zacchaeus (Luke 19), the woman in Simon's house (Luke 7), and many others. In fact, one will fail to find a single occasion of Christ's resorting to such methods in saving sinners. And He is still the same Christ today (Hebrews 13:8).

8. The example of Paul, the great missionary in the winning of souls to Jesus Christ, proves that salvation is not to be had through prayer. Again I think that we have a classic example which reveals this fact. If prayer is essential to salvation, then certainly Paul would have so instructed the trembling jailer in the city of Philippi. In Acts 16:30, we have recorded the question which the jailer asked Paul and Silas: "Sirs. what must I do to be saved?" The Apostle Paul and his co-laborer Silas were in absolute agreement with one another as to the way of salvation and in direct disagreement with those today who preach prayer for salvation. We read in Acts

"And they said. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

I have heard preachers preach sermons on this verse, and when they closed their message they gave an "altar call." But if there were an "altar" in this place, there is not one scintilla of a hint of such a thing. Again, dear reader, what would your preacher have told the jailer to do: pray or believe?

9. It is the gospel of Christ that is the power of God unto salvation, and not prayer. "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." -I Corinthians 4:15. And in Romans 1:16 we read: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that be-lieveth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.'

Read Paul's definition of the Gospel in I Corinthians 15:1-4, and you will find that prayer has no part in it. Also notice in the above quoted passage from Romans that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to the individual that "believeth."

not "prayeth." 10. To teach the sinner to pray for salvation is to divert the sinner's faith from the proper Object. Christ alone is the Object not save, but the Object of faith

The Mourner's Bench he believes that he is saved. This not the prayer of a sinner. is nothing more than faith in feeling. When the feeling dies or passes away, faith dies. This is the reason that there are so many "backsliders" among the folk who believe in prayer for salvation. They go to a so-called "altar" and pray and get some emotional feeling, and thereby think that they are saved. But when the feeling passes away, the individuals conclude that they are "backsliders" or that they are lost again. Certainly this is logical, for faith can be no stronger than the object of faith. Thus when feeling dies, faith dies. Saving faith has as its object, Jesus Christ. And that faith never dies because Christ the Almighty One lives forever. For this reason, we should direct the sinner's faith to Christ and not to prayer.

vation exalts "feeling" and "experiences" above the all-suffici- the altar (typical of Christ) for ent Christ as the Object of faith.

11. Faith must be produced, and the Bible teaches that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). And the character of the object of faith always determines the proportion of faith that one Thus one must hear about the object of faith before faith can be produced in the individual toward the object. The only object of faith that prayer offers to an individual is the object of feeling. But the Word of God offers the object of faith, Jesus

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Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ is produced by hearing of Him, not

12. If by prayer the sinner can get God to forgive his sins, then the death of Christ was a mistake. If God will by-pass the sins of one sinner who prays, then certainly He will by-pass the sins of all who pray. And if God does so, why did Christ die? If it is in keeping with the nature of God to let sin go unpunished, then the death of Christ was certainly a mistake. The Bible teaches that Christ died to suffer the penalty for the sins of all those who shall be saved. So certainly then, if God lets a man off without punishing his no sacrifice on their so-called sins because of his praying, there altars. was no need for Christ's dying in the first place.

13. Many teach that repentance is closely connected with prayer of saving faith. (The faith does for the forgiveness of sins. But this is entirely unscriptural, as saves). All faith that has as its repentance is wrought in an inobject anything other than Christ dividual by the Word and Spirit ALONE, is in vain. It will not of God, revealing to him his exsave. The only means by which an ceeding sinfulness, causing him individual who prays for salva- to have a complete change of tion can know that he is saved, is mind toward sin, himself, and by feeling. If he feels that his Jesus Christ. Repentance is the prayers have been answered, then work of the Spirit of God, and

#### Refutations Of Perverted Scriptures

There are a few Scriptures that the salvation-by-prayer advocates have perverted and which need to be clarified.

1. The Publican's Prayer. "And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me a sinner."-Luke

The chief difficulty here is the mistranslation of the King James version. The proper translation is as follows: "Be thou propitiated to me the sinner by the sacrifice.' (A. H. Strong. Also see margin of the Revised Version, 1884). So then we see that the publican was not praying to God for the The doctrine of prayer for sal- forgiveness of sins, but was by faith looking to the sacrifice on

God has never accepted any man's prayer until first of all a sacrifice has been offered for that rience to come forward man's sins. And God accepts no chancel as early as 1799. one's prayers today until first of great camp meeting that best all the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrifice of Christ has by the nineteenth century, extended the sacrification of the sacrificatio in the Sacrifice before God hears those who call upon His name. Otherwise, if God answered prayer, He would be answering the prayer of a man who had rejected Jesus Christ as the Sacrifice for sin. The worship of Cain and Abel (Gen. 4) proves that God does not accept a sinner, regardless of his prayers or works, until he has brought a sacrifice for sin. So the Scriptural order is faith in Christ first (that's salvation), and all other acts of worship (including prayer) come ar's bench is that old can afterward.

CONCLUSION

History has always been a solid

William P. Chandler, M. D vited seekers of a Christian and urged people to fall of knees where they were mourner's bench was a disti feature of the meetings con by Charles G. Finney fourth and fifth decades nineteenth century. In the Methodist church at the h the river in New Jersey, near New Republic, I rem to have seen an old mol bench, as it was used the the early days. This building back to 1780. Whether the "

"The mourner's bench h beginning in 1794, and is a 1700 years too young to New Testament way of lost sinners to Christ."

"The "mourner's bench 'anxious seat' were term came into use in America early part of the nineteent tury, at camp meetings and revival services."(\_\_James | secretary of the Methodistorical Society, New York

May God deal graciously those who read this, reveal all its truth, if it so please -Reprinted from an old



Continued from page Bishopric of Chicago, will not keep on any cons tion. If the Pope does no me another diocese, with a set of priests, I prefer to the rest of my life at the of a small congregation, I shall not have, on my sho the awful responsibility W killing me here. The last ho deeds of Courjeault and Le which you are the victim has filled the bitter cup God has put to my lips to It is overflowing. I canno longer endure it." When s ing so, the bishop's face bathed with tears. It was late; too late, indeed, to the remonstrances which ca my mind, in order to chang resolutions.

I determined to wait ti next morning, when I have plenty of time, I hop expel his dark thoughts give him more courage. Be was myself so discourage those awful disclosures, was in need of mental day was to be one of the bishop. What was my "The origin of the mourner's (Continued on page 7, column

### ON JESUS

"Oh man most blind and dead within Thou art a slave to wrath and sin. Thy path is dark, thy way is hard Thy heart is wicked, wholly marred. No good within, no way of peace No want, no will to find release. Oh wretched soul, thy bed is hell Thou art in sin as Adam fell.

Such state was I, in sin's death hold When once I felt death's chilling cold. Within I felt a pulling power That drew me strongly by each hour. The Word of God was preached to me And by God's power I was made to see My dying Saviour face to face 'Twas then He saved me by His grace.

Redeeming grace, so rich to all Who from the heart on Jesus call. Believe on Christ, God's given Son, In Him the finished work is done. His blood doth make the vilest clean-Oh lifeless soul - on Jesus lean. For in Christ is eternal life No fear of death or bitter strife."

Warren E. Hartman, Ohio

This is no comfort to the "altar" crowd because they have

The Thief On The Cross. "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."-Luke 23:42.

This has been offered as proof that lost sinners have to pray to be saved. But a careful study of verses 39-43 reveals that this thief had it revealed in his heart already that Jesus was the Christ. His request of the Lord proves this, for he calls Jesus, "Lord." So, evidently he was a saved man, for I Corinthians 12:3 says: 'No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Spirit." Some might call Him "Lord" hypocritically, but only the spiritually ignorant would say that this thief was a hypocrite.

3, "Calling On the Name Of the Lord." "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."-Romans 10:13.

This passage has been offered to prove that one must pray in order to be saved. But the folly is seen when we read the very next verse of this chapter. It says: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear

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the remission of sins. (Romans 3: supporter of the Bible. And in the case of the mourner's bench, history again has proven to be a handmaid to God's Word. If the Bible does not teach such a thing as an altar of prayer or a mourner's bench for sinners, then certainly it must have started with someone other than God. Read carefully the following quotations which give us the facts as to the history of such practices:

The question, "What is the as bodily rest. But, alas! the origin of the mourner's bench?" submitted to the National of my priestly life! Wh Conference of Jews and Chris- hour for breakfast came the tians, in New York City. They morning, I went to awake



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### Fifty Years

my housekeeper to give atheist priests and bishops. the bottle of wine which I to celebrate mass. It was me, at least, six months out letting the servants know of that man! I had found n such noble qualities! His ng so extensive, his heart so sincere, his charity so his plans so grand, he was of a bishop of Christ! It pleasant for me to know, the full confidence of a superior in our church!

Incerely than I loved him; le wound was made in my that day! what tortures I Without them, I should have known that instead about his project of leav- a compass or rudder. diocese. I answered him, I was not aware of it then,

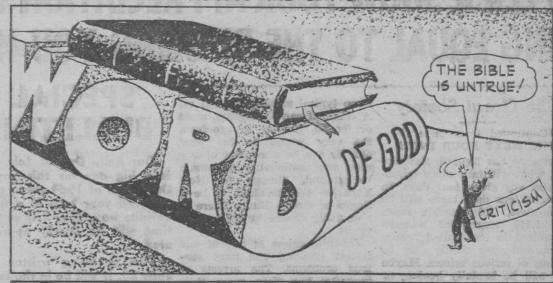
in a few words, that I could not disapprove the purpose; for I (Continued from page 6) would myself prefer to five dark forces, in the midst of wild dark forces, in the midst of wild animals, than among drunken, atheist priests and bishops.

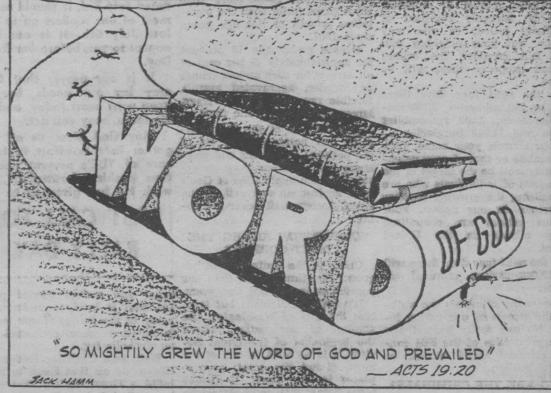
Some months later I learned, without regret, that the Pope arge bottle, containing nearly had accepted his resignation of Wart of wine-which would the Bishopric of Chicago, and appointed him Bishop of Natchez, whole of which he had drank in Louisiana. His successor to the ing the night! I had been told Bishopric of Chicago, was Rev. Bishop Vanderveld was a O'Regan. One of the very first kard, as well as the greater things which this new bishop of the bishops of the United did, was to bring Bishop Vandebut I had never believed veld before the criminal trialways drank very mod- bunals as a thief, accusing him before me, any time I sat of having stolen one hundred table or he at mine. It thousand dollars from the ars that it was at night, Bishopric of Chicago, and carrynobody could see him, ing them away with him. There he gave himself up to that is no need to say that this action habit. His room was caused a terrible scandal. Not with the odour of what only in Illinois, but through all had vomited, after drinking the United States, both priests an enormous quantity of and laymen had to blush and He left the room, only cast down their eyes before the On, after the fumes of the world. The two bishops, employhad almost entirely dis- ing the best lawyers to fight ared, and requested the each other, came very near provels. ekeeper to cleanse it herself, ing to the world that both of them were equally swindlers and ng of the occurrence of the thieves; then the pope forced But words would fail to them to stop their contestation, my consternation, and and bring the affair before his ded such a good and exalted decided that the one hundred thousand dollars which had really been taken from Chicago to gence was so bright, his the Natchez diocese, should he equally divided between the

How many times did I feel my soul brought to the dust, in the then, that I was honoured How many sleepless nights have midst of those horrible scandals! I spent, when a voice, which I who, it seemed to me had could not silence, seemed crying superior in our church! to me, louder than thunder:
"What are you doing here, exdestruction of my dear tending the power of a church by the hands of incendi- which is a den of thieves, drunkwas surely a great calamity ards, and impure atheists? A but the fall of my bishop, church, governed by men whom the high position he had in you know to be godless, swindlheart and mind, was still ers, and vile comedians? Do you but I learned it after, that the had hoped that we would gain by into the fire; you must give me that the had the means in hand, not see that you do not follow divine and sure Pilot was direct-changing Bishop Vandeveld for another title of that property!" the Word of God, but lying training my course towards the port of this one. But my fear is that we And saying this, he flung the desired that the had hoped that we would gain by into the fire; you must give me that church; but my the Word of God, but lying training my course towards the port of this one. But my fear is that we And saying this, he flung the ever had any priest felt a and the disciples of the humble, advice about the best place to are bound as a vile slave to the But day! what tortures I feet of such men! Take the Gosblessed my God for the pel for thine only guide and Without them I should Christ for thine only Ruler!"

I was in desolation at finding in the bosom of our im- that my faith in my Church was, the church of Christ, I was in spite of myself, shamed by ve of that great Babylon these scandals. With burning I will never forget the day (the poisons the nations with tears rolling down my cheeks, 11th of December, 1854), when I of her abominations, and with a broken and humiliand respect for Bishop ated heart, I fell, one night, on time, nor the painful impressions were very strong my knees, and asked my God to I received from that first interon that day of supreme have mercy upon me, by view. He was of medium statday as well were strong my knees, and asked my God to I received from that first interure, with a repugnant face, and ay, as well as the hour of serving it from ruin. But it seem- his head always in motion; all morning which the ed that neither my tears nor my its motions seemed the expresspent in my home, I re- cries were of any avail, and I sion of insolence, contempt, almost mute in his pres- remained the whole night, as a tyranny, and pride; there was abwas not less embar- ship struck by a hurricane, drift- solutely nothing pleasant, either when he asked me my ing on an unknown sea, without in his words or in his manners.

#### ACROSS THE CENTURIES





new bishop, and open to him my of charity into them.

I fell on my knees to ask benediction, when I had given him my name and kissed his hand, which seemed as cold as that of a corpse. "Ah! ah! you are Father Chiniquy," he said. "I am glad to see you, though you have deferred your visit a long time; please sit down. I want some explanation from you about a certain very strange document, which I have just read today; and he went, at the double quick, to his room, to get the document. There were two Irish priests in the room, who came a few minutes before me. When we were alone, one of them said: "We

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that church; but my the word of God, but lying that highly course towards the port of the church; but my the word of God, but lying that highly course towards the port of the next day, I had have only passed from Charybdeed on the floor. I calmly picked had and forever lost! sent to bow your knees before a happy diversion, in the arrival dis into Scylla," and they laught the property of fifty new immigrants who such men? Is it not blasphemy of fifty new immigrants, who ed outright. But I could not regret, my lord, that my first into call such men the ambassadors, knocked at my door, asking my laugh. I was more inclined to terview with your lordship and the disciples of the humble, advice about the best place to weep. After less than ten min-should be the occasion of such and the disciples of the humble, advice about the best place to weep. After less than ten min-should be the occasion of such and the highest place to the highest place the highest place the highest place the h sincere respect for his pure, holy, peaceful, and divine select for their future home. It utes of absence, the bishop re-unexpected act. But I hope that than I for him! Oh! what Jesus? Come out of that church! seemed to me, though pretty long turned, holding in his hand a this will not destroy the paternal Break the fetters, by which you after that, that my duty was to paper, which I understood, at sentiments which God must have go and pay my respects to my once, to be the deed of the put into the heart of my bishop, eleven acres of land, which I had for the last and least of his heart as to my best friend, and bought, and on which I had built priests. I see your lordship is the guide whom God Himself had my Chapel of St. Anne. "Do you very busy; I do not want to treschosen to heal the wounds of my know this paper?" he asked me pass on your valuable time; I soul, by pouring the oil and wine in an angry manner. "Yes, my take this rejected document with lord, I know it." I answered. But me, to make another one, which then he quickly replied," you I hope will be more agreeable to must know that that title is a your views;" and I then took my nullity-a fraud, which you ought departure. I leave the reader to never to have signed." "Your imagine the sentiments which venerable and worthy predeces- filled my mind when coming back sor has accepted it," I answered, to my colony. I did not dare say "and what might have been in- a word to my people about our correct has been made valid, I bishop. When questioned by hope, by his acceptation." "I do them, I gave the most evasive." not care a straw about what my answers I could. But I felt as the predecessor has done," he abrupt- mariner feels when he hears the ly answered; "he is not here to rumbling thunder approaching. defend himself; neither are we Though the sea is calm as the oil his merits or de- of a lamp, he knows the storm is merits. We have not to deal with coming, he trims his sails, and my lord Vandeveld, but with a prepares for the impending hurdocument which is a nullity, a ricane. It seems that my most deception, which must be thrown (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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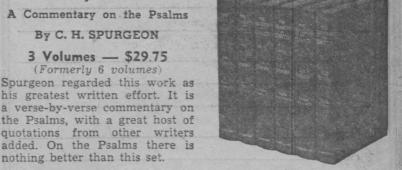
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#### WASHINGTON AMONG THE MOST CORRUPT

Crime in the United States has

ing the streets of our nation to- that the City of Washington, the Capital of our nation, where fingerprint files of the FBI con- the beginning of the Great So- an alcoholic fog. tain criminal arrest records on ciety is to be built, is one of the most, if not the most, corrupt places in the land! It drinks more liquor than most American Many are currently being cities. The "Big Brains" who feel sought by authorities for crim- they can run the affairs of the inal violations. In fact, the FBI nation boldly admit that cockhad "wanted" notices posted for tails, highballs, bourbon and more than 81,000 fugitives at the Scotch are available and flow freely as legislative strategy is Who are the criminals? There discussed. Small wonder that

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### LAST CALL FOR RALLY DAY

population in the last five years. sober and serious-minded peo-It's rather ridiculous but true, ple find it hard to understand many of the doings of our legislators that were concocted in

> Well, as a Christian leader I'd like to do all that I can to help build a Great Society that will honor God, but you'll pardon me if I am skeptical that it can be built among the drink, the crime, the racial terror, the revealed graft and crookedness in high places. Pardon my natural backwardness, but I believe the God who said: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

God Bless, God Save, God Purify America!

### Fifty Years

(Continued from page 7) pressing duty, after my first interview, was to bring my heart nearer to my God than ever; to read and study my Bible with more attention, and to get my people to take more than ever the Word of God as their daily bread. I began, also, to speak more openly of our Christian rights, as well as of our duties, as these are set forth, in the Gospel of Christ.

Some time, before this, feeling more than ever that I could not do justice to my colony, by keeping any longer the charge of Bourbonnais, I had respectfully sent my resignation to the bishop, which had been accepted. A priest had been called by him to take my place there. But he too, was, ere long, guilty of a public scandal with his servant girl. The principal citizens of Bourbonnais protested against his presence in their midst, and soon forced the bishop to dismiss him. His successor was the miserable priest, Lebel, who had been turned out of Chicago for a criminal offense with his own niece, and was now to be the curate of Bourbonnais. But his drunkness and other public vices caused him to be interdicted, and expelled from that place in the month of September, 1855. About the same time, a priest who had been expelled from Belgium for a great scandal, was sent to Kankakee, as the curate of the French Canadians of that interesting young

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city. After his expulsion from Belgium he had come to Chicago, where, under another name, he had made a fortune, and for five or six years kept a house of prostitution. Becoming tired of that occupation, he offered five thousand dollars to the bishop, if he we need your help in a most would accept him as one of his priests, and give him a parish, Bishop O'Regan, being in need of money, accepted the gift, and ful-filled the condition by sending him as missionary to Kankakee.

#### And Sall

#### Your Light

(Continued from page one) seminaries, by putting out the Light of the Gospel through their denials, are causing untold numbers of souls to be lost.

Remember, all who preach a perverted Gospel are under the curse of God.

"If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:9, and context).

Let us all beware, lest we, by our unbelief, or our disobedience ticle, "What Has Happened to Christ, put out Gospel lights. Church that Jesus Built?

Word) so shine before men, that they may SEE . . ." (Matt. 5:16). -Selected.

#### Wardrobe

(Continued from page one) length mink coats, occupy one corner."

Every true Christian has a "wardrobe" given by God—and he should be careful what he wears. The Bride of Christ will ing Christian should wear be robed in "fine linen . . . the garments of praise" instead righteousness of the saints" (Rev. the spirit of heaviness (Isa. 19:8-9). At all times the rejoic- - Christian Victory

CORRECTING AN ERROR OF LAST WEEK



ELD. R. W. DILLENDE Maryville, Ill.

We carried last week the "Let your light (Christ and the was written by Eld. R. W. der of Maryville, Illinois. His ture and name were suppos be with the article.

In a most unusual manne failed to include his name picture, and for this we are ly sorry and extend our apo

We thank God for the m that was presented by this a and we hasten to express of cere apologies to Brother D der for this oversight.

## BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO 7 Should Like to Know

1. I once heard a minister say here at all. that if he should see a member of the church commit murder, but could not prove it (the murderer himself denying it), he those who are slaves and could still commune and fellowship with the offender just the

No member of a church should those in human bondage refuse to eat at the Lord's Table obedient to their master with any other member. I Cor. 5: unto Christ . . . doing the 11 was written to the church as God from the heart. a body and not to members as in- not amount to an endorse dividuals. In the case outlined in slavery by Paul. He the question there would not be felt though that the time proper grounds for discipline ac- eradication had not co cording to Matt. 18:16. But this God's plan. For that reas a supposed case that is not simply sought to regulate likely to develop. Usually in the to bring a Christian spirit case of murder there will be suf- vail between Christian ficient evidence to substantiate and Christian servants the case. The question of open or that would rob slavery of close communion is not involved of its evils.

2. Will you explain Eph. 6 This passage means that who are not will receive ward for every good thing Same. Is this consistent with do. This was written in view Scripture? Is this open or close the slavery that was communion?

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