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20 Possible Reactions To Joshua's Orders

God says in Rom. 14:7 "For none of us liveth to himself." In Eph. 4:2, 3 God exhorts us all saying, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, eagerly laboring to keep the unity of the Spirit in bond of peace." Are we walking daily before the Lord in this kind of attitude? Are you endeavoring to guard and keep the unity of the Spirit? How many times have God's people and pastors become frustrated, discouraged, and have given up because many so-called members never co-operate or co-operate just half heartedly and with just some of the programs. Then they wonder why they have so many problems and things don't go right. If you give God your complete co-operation then God will co-operate with you and bless you. Read this

article and find out if you are living up to the standard of our church covenant which is based on the Word of God.

Moses had died and Joshua had assumed leadership of the congregation of Israel. Joshua's main task was to lead his congregation into Canaan and possess the land. After crossing Jordan, the first big obstacle that Joshua and his people faced was the strong fortified city of Jericho.

God gave Joshua unusual instructions on how he was to conquer the city of Jericho. Joshua was to line up his congregation with the armed men going first followed by seven priests with trumpets. Next in line was the ark of the Lord which was to be followed by all the people.

Every day this procession was to march around the city of Jericho one time. The seven priests were to blow their trumpets each

day but all the people were to remain silent. They were to do this for six days.

On the seventh day, they were to walk around the city seven times and on the seventh trip the priests were to blow the trumpets and the people were to shout a great shout. The Lord's promise was that the walls of the city would fall down flat and a great victory would be theirs.

Joshua, the new leader of the congregation had to carry these instructions to his people. This is a striking picture. It would be interesting to know what kind of reaction the congregation of Israel expressed to these unusual commands. It would be more interesting to try and contemplate what kind of reaction a modern congregation would have to the instructions given by Joshua. Let's try and picture it. Joshua has just given his instructions on how to take Jericho. How would (Continued on page 7, column 1)

STANDING BY THE CROSS

By JOE WILSON
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"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene." John 19:25.

From the first phrase in this Scripture, we draw the subject of discussion: "Standing By The Cross." This is a subject of great importance. This is a tremendously important duty of every blood-bought child of God.

Let us notice just a few Scriptures relative to the cross.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." I Cor. 1:18.

"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." I Cor. 1:22-24.

From these Scriptures we learn that the preaching of the cross is not palatable to the appetite of the natural man. They seek for something else. If we are to draw, attract, and keep the unsaved in our churches, we must not major on the Cross of Christ. However, Paul gives us the right attitude of the Lord's church and the Lord's preacher. Whether men

like it or not, no matter what their attitude might be, we preach Christ crucified. This preaching results in the unsaved being driven away unless drawn by the Spirit. Now, this is the food which delights the soul of God's called ones. Brother, we are living in a day wherein the religions of the world (and I mean the so called Christian re-



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ligions) slight the precious blood of Christ. The religious leaders mock and ridicule salvation by blood. I am convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that those who have been made the subject (Continued on page 5, column 5)

Catchy Sayings Of Satan That Popularize His Lies

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Apt phrases can be put to tremendous use. Companies pay handsomely for slogans and catchy phrases that can be used for the popularizing of their pro-



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ducts. Political parties often coin phrases for use as slogans for political campaigns. For instance the slogan, "He kept us out of war," went a long way toward re-electing Woodrow Wilson when it is probable that he knew that we would become involved in the war. The slogan "Make the world safe for democracy" bamboozled millions during the first world war, when as a matter of fact that war laid the foundation for the destruction of democracy in a large part of the world. A slogan about the "Four Freedoms" was used by President Roosevelt during the second world war — a slogan that really represented nothing. We think of many catchy commercial phrases. A cleaning and dye company of a few years ago, had the expression on their trucks, "We Will Gladly Dye For Any Woman."

Satan knows the value of catchy phrases and slogans that entrap the gullible and he makes tremendous use of them. He has turned some of these into proverbs, and they have gained such

currency that people will repeat them as if they were the sublimest truth. Error to fit most any case has been distilled and concentrated by the devil into these catchy sayings designed to popularize lies in the thinking of both saved and unsaved. Let us think of some examples of this.

1—A LIE FOR THE UNSAVED: "I AM JUST AS GOOD AS THE HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH." Many unsaved give this expression as an excuse for not becoming a Christian, and they seem to think that it is fully sufficient. The refutation is found in that Scripture which says, "So then, every one of us must give account of himself to God." That being true, the sinner is not helped any if churches are crawling with hypocrites. But the devil hides the truth of personal responsibility under a catchy expression.

2—ANOTHER CATCHY EXPRESSION TO DECEIVE THE SINNER IS THIS: "I TRY TO DO THE BEST I KNOW HOW, AND PAY MY HONEST DEBTS." The sinner repeating this seems to think that he will pass muster at (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Many Church Folk Could Write This To Ed Sullivan

Dear Ed:

I am writing this letter to you because you have become my pastor. Instead of going to church on Sunday nights, I have stayed at home and listened to you. It took so little effort to relax on Sunday evenings and watch your T.V. program.

Now understand, I'm not lazy. I always go to work on Monday morning. But I don't get convicted listening to you like I would if I were in church.

Ed, I'm in the hospital now, and I need your help. I can't go to my pastor, for in substance I have slapped him in the teeth every Sunday night when he preached. I said in effect, "What you have to say doesn't interest me one bit." Why should I lower myself to call him now?

And I feel ashamed to go to God because I have put Him "second fiddle" to you so many times. He knows that if I get well, I'll keep on listening to you on Sunday nights. I couldn't give up my favorite program just (Continued on page 8, column 5)

God's Perfect Way To Save Satan's Imperfect Sinners

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1968 CONFERENCE

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Read Eph. 2:1-10

God's way of salvation is truly one of the greatest, most wonderful subjects of today, yet it is one of the most misunderstood subjects of the entire Bible. It is one of the most controversial topics today. Consider the religionist; he will boldly boast of his and God's salvation. He tries to explain away much of the Scripture. Consider the Arminian; he rejoices in his position concerning the doctrines of grace. He scorns and scoffs at the doctrines of grace as we know and proclaim them. If one is truly a born-again child of God—if he is truly a lover of God, and if he is a real Christian, I believe he will adhere to the Five Points of Calvinism.

Salvation vs. Christian

I say it without reservation, or hesitation, that there is much more to the word "Christian" than the world knows about. Ninety-nine and nine-tenths of the religious world—in fact, the population of the world, are Christians according to their own

interpretation, but I maintain that apart from Scriptural baptism it is impossible to be a Christian. Don't get scared. I do not believe in baptismal regeneration.

Webster says that a Christian is a follower, or disciple, or a believer in Christ. Without trying to ostracize or criticize other believers, and what they believe, and taking what God's Word says about the matter, I find nowhere in God's Holy Word in the Old Testament where they were ever called Christians. The word "Christian" is only in the Bible

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"WHAT WE NEED TO PREACH TODAY"

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."—II Tim. 4:1-4.

I have been impressed of recent days as I have thought how im-

portant it is that the Word of God be preached in this present age.

I go back in my mind to recall some of the political expressions that have been used over the last fifty years. I remember when Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States that he had what he called his "New Freedom." Then when F.D.R. came on the scene, he talked about the "New Deal." When Harry Truman arrived in Washington, his program was characterized by what he called the "Fair Deal." I guess that most of you can remember that "Ike" referred to his

as the "Great Crusade." I am sure that all of you will recall that Kennedy called his the "New Frontier," and L.B.J. called his the "Great Society." Every one of those people, for the last fifty years, have placed no emphasis on the moral and spiritual situation of the world.

We have had a war against poverty for the last fifty years. Woodrow Wilson found that it was the most political expedient that could be dragged out of the political clothes closet, and he began to talk about a war on poverty when he was elected president. (Continued on page 2, column 2)

three places, and in each instance it refers to the believers that have been scripturally baptized by the authority of a local New Testament church. Therefore, I maintain to be a Christian, one must be a member of one of the Lord's New Testament churches.

I preached a message one time on, "Who is a Christian?" and I almost got crucified by some of my church members. They came running to me with tears in their eyes, and they said, "Oh, Grandmother Moses and Grandpa Jones — they were saints. Better Christians never lived than they."

Not Ashamed Of A Baptist Church

Now, beloved, I want to be un- (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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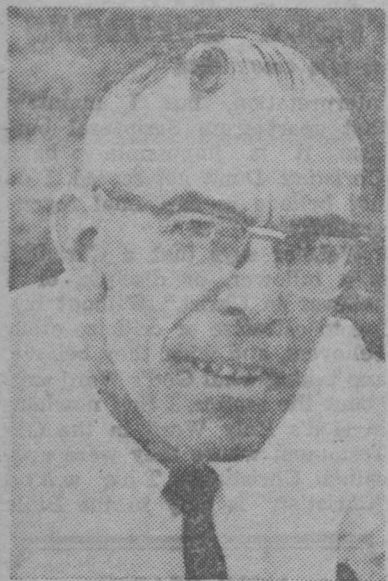
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Some Kind Words At A Funeral Does Not Alter Standing

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A widow and her seven children sat motionless and puzzled in the funeral chapel as the clergyman delivered his sermon. He spoke of the deceased with swelling words of praise as he eulogized his characteristics of being a good father, a loving hus-



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band, and a noble citizen. In real life this man was an alcoholic, well-known for cursing, fighting, and neglecting his family. The widow nudged her oldest son and whispered, "Slip up and see if they have your pa in that casket."

The Scriptures say, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27). Usually at death most everyone has a kind word about the deceased but this does not change our standing before God. There is but one thing which will affect

the destiny of your soul and that is your attitude in this life toward Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is not whether you pay your bills, take care of your children, or that you are kind to your wife. If you don't do these things, you'll wind-up in jail, have the probate court take your kids, or you'll be divorced. No, it is a matter of your relationship to God. You have broken the commands of a Holy God and you continue to do so. You must repent of your sins and bow your knee to Christ, receiving Him as your substitute who bore the judgment of your sins. (1 Pet. 2:24).



"What... To Preach"

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dent in 1912. Every man that has followed from that time to this, is taking exactly the same stand, whether he be Republican or Democrat. Without a single exception, every one of them has found that the best way to get votes is to talk about a war on poverty — and that in spite of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said:

"For ye have the poor with you always."—Mark 14:7.

Actually, what every president in the last fifty years has tried to do has been contrary, in principle, to the Word of God. Of course, as I have said, it has been a good vote-getting scheme, and consequently it has been followed down through the years for the past half century.

They have talked about beautifying the roads. They have talked about beautifying the cities by way of urban renewal — the tearing down of the slums and the rebuilding of the slums into modern apartment houses, whereby people could live and know that apartment houses are more comfortable than the old shack where they used to live.

All of this calls to my mind a Negro preacher who was pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Cincinnati several years ago. I was visiting with him one day and he said, "I'll tell you, Brother Gilpin, Eleanor can tear down the slums and rebuild with modern apartments — that will be nice, but they will never be able to keep a Negro from taking his razor with him when he goes out on a social engagement."

I have often thought about that through the years. That old Negro preacher was exactly right. Urban renewal does not change the nature of any man — Negro or white. It isn't going to change him from taking his razor with him when he goes out on a social call.

I am saying to you, all the political propaganda of the last fifty years has been working without placing any emphasis on morals. It is but an attempt to make clean the outside.

Jesus said:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make CLEAN THE OUTSIDE of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."—Mt. 23:25,26.

Beloved, if you want to call this

Eld. Austin Fields To Conduct Revival For Alabama Church

Elder Austin Fields one of the regular members of the Forum of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, will be conducting a revival meeting for Pastor Donald Hackney and the New Testament Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama, beginning March 10th.

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We would certainly urge all of our readers to attend these meetings and worship with Brother Hackney and the church — that



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is if you live within going distance. Otherwise, we would urge you to remember them in prayer.

Brother Fields is one of the very best preachers that we know of. He has just closed a revival meeting for the Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, which was greatly blessed of God, and we would urge everyone that can to accept the invitation of Bro. Hackney and the New Testament Baptist Church. I know Brother Fields' messages will be a blessing to all who attend.

world back to God, and if you want to do anything that will help the world come back to God, then do it in the light of God's Word.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." — II Chron. 7:14.

As far as I am personally concerned, I look upon the political situation as it confronts each of us, as one which should cause those of us who love the Lord to realize that every way we turn, and in every direction we turn, there is a moral chaos that is impending. I mean to say, morals have been strictly forgotten about in the last fifty years, and there is a definite chaos that is impending. By way of introduction, I would like to give you a few illustrations to show you the moral drift of this world.

Do you realize that J. Edgar Hoover says that the shoplifters in America steal more than \$2 billion worth of merchandise from department stores every year? He says that the shoplifters take more merchandise than all the burglars and robbers in America, and furthermore, that those shoplifters primarily are grandmothers and teenagers from the better suburban homes; they are housewives and people who have money with which to buy things. However, they steal those things from the stores. In the light of that fact, I say to you, it is time for us to realize that moral chaos

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Of the many to whom we have sent TBE, the majority speak favorably for it. My nephew, a Marine, says he often gets his copy second, third, or even fourth hand, and those who read it ahead of him thoroughly enjoy it. Plus this, the are made to think on the Truth set forth!

I rejoice that I have a "lifer" tag on my copy as does my brother, Guy. I only wish that there were more with the same.

To you who wonder if it is worth the effort to support this work, consider how that Moses' hands tired and Israel suffered, but when Aaron and Hur held up his hands, Israel prevailed and won the fight. Exodus 17:8-13.

It is worth our support, for that many have been made to seek the Lord's salvation by reading the Truth in it, many have been comforted, while others are enlightened to fundamental church truth.

We highly commend and lovingly support The Baptist Examiner, and have made a practice to seek out others to whom we might present TBE as a gift.

I cannot forget that because of the articles in TBE concerning a work that is despised by most in this area, we received letters of encouragement from home and abroad. We have all been supported in some measure by TBE, let us support TBE for happiness to others.

LEE WILLIAMS, Pastor
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P.S.—This publication is aptly named. TBE truly examines.

is impending.

Let's notice again. I think everybody in the country was shocked when the Air Force Academy in Colorado was involved in a cheating scandal, and as a result of that cheating scandal, a survey was made across the nation so far as colleges were concerned. Now remember, I am not talking about grade school or high school, but I am talking

about colleges. A survey was made in the colleges across the nation, and it was determined that better than 50 per cent of the students in colleges admitted that they cheated on examinations. Don't tell me there isn't moral chaos impending.

Then sometime ago I read about a situation down in Uruguay. I judge that there is not (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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"What... To Preach"

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nation in South America that has the prosperity that Uruguay possesses. Would you believe me when I tell you that the association for pick-pockets took the matter to the Supreme Court in Uruguay saying that the police were making life impossible for them. Is it possible to think that in the most prosperous state in South America that the association for pick-pockets would be so bold that they would appeal to the Supreme Court in that country for protection. Don't tell me that a moral chaos isn't impending.

Then to bring you a little closer home, I read about the lobbying that takes place in Washington — the paid groups that will lobby for the passing of bills in Washington. And who do you suppose has the most outstanding, lavish organization in America? Who do you suppose has the best financed program in America? You will never believe it when I tell you that the homosexual association in America has the strongest and wealthiest lobbying organization in America to make sex perversion appear respectable and to be accepted. Have I said enough to cause you to realize that we are living in a day when moral chaos is impending?

Let me go a step further. I read a lot of papers in the course of a month's time — daily, weekly, monthly. I don't have time to read much of them, but I usually look through a great many of them and I noticed in "Christianity Today" a report of a dance function that was held at the Judson Memorial Church in New York City, which was attended by the pastor. At that dance function, a nude man and a nude woman moved across the stage in a face-to-face embrace in the presence of everybody that was in attendance. The pastor of that church was Howard Moody, who is a graduate of Baylor University, and it was said in "Christianity Today" that the pastor placed his hearty approval on what took place.

Tell me that moral chaos is not impending. How can you expect it to be otherwise, with the "New Deal," the "New Deal," the

"Fair Deal," the "Great Crusade," the "New Frontier," the "Great Society," and with all the rest of the good deals we have had within the past fifty years? How can you expect it to be otherwise in the light of the fact that they have placed an emphasis in Washington on the almighty dollar and what it can do, rather than upon morals and the turning back of the nation to God.

I tell you, beloved, in the light of all these incidents (and I might have multiplied them a dozen-fold), we certainly need to preach the Word of God as we have never preached it before. When I think about all the things that are taking place, and the drifting away from God, and the drifting as far as this world is concerned — when I think about it, I say that we need to preach the Word of God as it has never been preached at anytime before.

When the Apostle Paul was talking to the Ephesian elders, he said to them:

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock: Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."—Acts 20:26-32.

As Paul talked to these Ephesian elders, he said to them, "There are going to be men rise up from among you that are perverted in their thinking, and there are going to be people come in from without who are going to be perverted in their thinking. The result is, you are going to be drawn away from the truth. Therefore, I want you to remember that I have warned you day

and night from the time that I have been with you, and I commend you to the Word of God, and I pray that God will help you to stand firm."

When Paul wrote to young Timothy, he said:

"I charge thee . . . preach the Word . . . for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine."—II Tim. 4:1-3.

I say to you, beloved, surely that day has arrived. Surely we are living in a day when the Word of God is being ignored and despised. Surely if there were ever a time when we needed to preach the Word of God, it is now.

II WE NEED TO PREACH AGAINST SIN.

I would remind you that all the pleasures of sin are only seasonal. Listen:

"Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of SIN FOR A SEASON."—Heb. 11:25.

I am not saying there is no pleasure in sin, but I am saying that it is seasonal; it doesn't last; it is only for a while. In the light of the world in which we live, in view of the drift morally, spiritually, and religiously, and as far as the Word of God is concerned, I say we need to remind people as we preach about sin, that the pleasures of sin are only seasonal. The poet said:

"Pleasures are like poppies spread;
You touch the flower, the bloom is dead.
Or like a snowflake on the river,
A moment white, then gone forever."

I ask, is there much preaching about the subject of sin today? Do many people know that the pleasures of sin are only seasonal? Do many people know that the pleasures of sin are deadly in the end? We read:

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

"The soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE."—Ezek. 18:3.

"Nevertheless DEATH REIGNED from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."—Rom. 5:14.

I say to you, sin ends in death, and more than that, sin is a universal thing, because it affects every one of us. Listen:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:23.

"But the scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

Believe me when I say that sin is universal. It affects us all. Sin is deadly, because sin produces death. Sin provides pleasures, but they are only seasonal; they only last for a while. In the light of the spiritual condition of this present age, we need to preach the Word of God about sin as we have never preached it before.

II WE NEED TO PREACH

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ABOUT JUDGMENT.

I wish that I could put into people's minds that there is a judgment time coming — that there is a judgment day that is sure to come to pass. I believe people have come to the place they think there isn't going to be any judgment. You talk to individuals about the way in which they live, and what they do, and their moral imperfections, and they will take the attitude of: "So what? I live my life, and when I die, that is it."

Isn't, beloved, for there is a judgment day coming. Listen:

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things, God will BRING THEE INTO JUDGMENT."—Eccl. 11:9.

Mark it down, there is going to be a judgment day. Go on young man, sow your wild oats. Go on young woman, and plant your crop of sour grapes. But know this, there is a judgment day coming.

I would like to remind you that in that day God is going to judge everything that you and I have ever done. God is going to judge all of our works. Listen:

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, according to their works."—Rev. 20:12.

If I were to ask the average man about his hope for Heaven, he would start telling me about his works, for he thinks as a result of what he does, he is going to go to Heaven. When judgment day comes, man is going to hear all he wants of his works, because God is going to judge the unsaved on the basis of men's works as recorded in God's record.

Not only does God say He is going to judge us on the basis of works, but He also tells us He is going to judge the secret things. Listen:

"In the day when God shall JUDGE THE SECRETS of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."—Rom. 2:16.

I say to you, we are living in a world that has forgotten about God; a world that isn't thinking about God; a world that is completely ignoring the idea of a

judgment; yet some of these days, the secret things of the lives of all the people of this world are going to be judged by God.

What is going to be the outcome of that judgment? Listen:

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:15.

In that day, the only book that is going to count is the book of life. Some people think that regardless of how they live, as long as they are church members and have their names inscribed in some church record book, that somehow they are going to get to Heaven in the end. I try to help everybody realize how false such an idea is. Instead, may I remind you that the only book that is going to count in the end is the book of life. If your name wasn't written in the Lamb's book of life from before the foundation of the world, it means an eternal Hell for you.

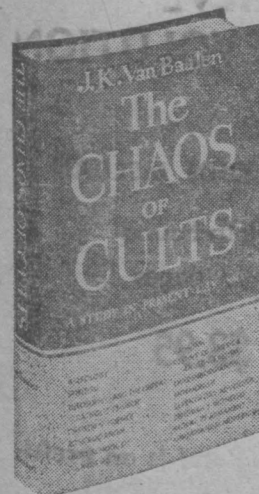
I don't tell you that you had better hurry up and join the church, or that you had better make a profession of faith before the Holy Spirit leaves you. I don't tell you that you had better hurry up and get your name written in the Lamb's book of life, because that is a lie. That is false preaching. That is the preaching that fills churches with unsaved church members. That is the preaching that fills churches with ecclesiastical corpses. I tell you, your name wasn't written in the book of life the day you first believed, but your name was written in the book of life from before the foundation of the world, and you believe because your name is thus written in the Lamb's book of life. Beloved, if it isn't true, when that day of judgment comes, you are going to Hell.

I say, then, in the light of the drift of the world, we certainly need to preach the Word about sin and about judgment.

III WE NEED TO PREACH ABOUT SALVATION.

How much is preached today about salvation? How long has it been since you heard a message that really honored the Bible teaching on salvation? I ask you to listen to the radio, and see how many sermons you hear that really honor the God of the Bible, as far as salvation is concerned.

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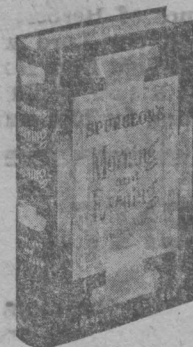
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I would unhesitatingly say, NO, HE IS NOT A SOUND BIBLE TEACHER, AND HE IS NOT SAFE TO FOLLOW.

Garner Armstrong, who is on the air so much in connection with the Herbert Armstrong broadcasts, is to me a very attractive speaker. He has a good sense of humor and "says many good things" as the saying goes, but the Armstrong theology is extremely faulty. Armstrong theology seems to be a combination of Seventh Day Adventism, Mormonism, and Jehovah's Witnessism. It is wrong on many points, but I shall point out just a few of these.

1. IT IS WRONG ON THE BEING AND PERSON OF GOD. God as revealed in the Bible, is a Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but Armstrong seems to deny that the Holy Spirit is a Person. Rather he is a "force." In his magazine, "Plain Truth" (Feb. 1960 page 26) he, says "Note that the pagans termed the Holy Spirit a Being, such as the Father and Son. They wrongly made a Trinity. Satan was confusing mankind."

2. HE IS WRONG ABOUT SALVATION. In "Plain Truth" of March 1957, we read, "Many people contend that there are evangelists stomping up and down the land telling the audiences about the reality of Jesus Christ and his shed blood and calling them to accept Christ and be saved . . . the truth is that the inspired apostles and evangelists never relied on this kind of empty preaching to save people from sin."

If the shed blood of Christ is insufficient, then Paul erred when he told the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Armstrong seems to believe that the way of salvation is in a mixture of law and grace. In this he shows close kinship to the Adventists.

3. HE IS WRONG ABOUT ISRAEL. In his booklet, "The United States And The British Commonwealth In Prophecy," he espouses British Israelism, and teaches that the United States and Great Britain are the lost ten tribes of Israel. Ephraim is Great Britain and Manasseh is the United States he says. This is a foolish and absurd theory that is scarcely worthy of refutation.

One of the greatest fulfillments of prophecy of all time is involved in the restoration of the

Jews to Palestine and the revival of Israel as a nation. British Israelism denies that this is the restoration predicted in the Bible.

4. HE IS WRONG IN DECLARING THAT NO ONE IS PREACHING THE GOSPEL TODAY SAVE HIS LITTLE SECT. He holds that the true gospel was lost for centuries and was only rediscovered with the beginning of his radio work in 1934. This is set forth in "Plain Truth" of 1959 page 3.

Why need I go further? Armstrongism is a veritable conglomeration of heresy. Just name it — he has it! Most any heresy that you are looking for! Skillfully, and attractively packaged and presented, many people are taken in by it.

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I understand that this man covers the earth like the dew of the morning, but I must admit that I have never heard him. But he has been generous enough now for several years to send me his monthly magazine free of charge. Still I assure you it isn't worth the price. In one way Herbert reminds me of a self-appointed critic at a Bible Conference who goes to great length to straighten out the other speakers on the program. He always does it with such an air of finality, as much as to say, "Now that I have spoken, there is no further room for discussion on the matter." That is Herbert's attitude exactly. Neither his fallibility nor his humility is ever allowed to show so far as I have been able to see.

I am of Scotch-Irish descent, but still Herbert calls me a Jew. However, when I look in the mirror at my features, and then check up on my bank account I know the man is lying. And when he says the gospel had not been preached from the days of Paul until he began to preach it, I know he is lying again. It is true that I can see a marked resemblance between Paul and Herbert. As you will recall when Paul left Jerusalem to go to Damascus he felt that he had achieved perfection. He was depending upon his keeping the law of Moses to get him to Heaven. And in his blindness he thought he was keeping that law. He saw absolutely no need of a substitute. And as I see it, that is a clear picture of Herbert's religion. Now if our Lord would just shine that light from Heaven upon Herbert it sure would be a wonderful thing for him and for

the millions who seem to be following him. Apparently Herbert has no more respect for the substitutionary atoning work of Jesus Christ than Paul had when he left Jerusalem that day.

Concerning Herbert's kind of religion Peter said in Acts 15:10 "Why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear"? But let us remember, Peter had been born again or else he would have never been able to see this great truth either. Herbert's religion sounds awfully good to a lost person who has more confidence in himself than he has in God. His religion mixed with his psychology is one more money making thing. But he is not a sound Bible teacher and neither is he a safe man to follow.

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Definitely not!

He is everything but a sound teacher. He is in error regarding the condition of the sinner before Almighty God, because he preaches the Christ-dishonoring doctrine of the freedom of the will of the sinner. He declares that God stands helpless to save anyone unless he perform certain works to assist the Lord in salvation.

Listen to one of his statements:

"If we overcome, grow in grace and knowledge, and endure unto the end, then at the time of the RESURRECTION, this mortal shall be instantaneously CHANGED INTO immortality — this flesh and blood body shall BECOME a SPIRIT body! Then, and not until then, shall we be FULLY BORN OF GOD." Why were you born? Page 12, 13.

This statement is, in reality, his confession of faith which consists of salvation by works from the beginning to the end. If salvation is according to his theory, it is not God's. A person becomes his own Saviour, by overcoming, growing in grace and knowledge, and enduring to the end. Such a person does not need a substitute nor mediator. Eternal life, according to his theory, is wholly a matter of our own doing. How different are the words of our Lord when speaking of salvation.

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2.

When I read of someone making such statements as Mr. Armstrong, I immediately know that he does not understand the condition of the sinner before God. We Baptists sing "Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me," but in order for him to be consistent, he must sing amazing works how sweet the sound that will save a man like me. To be in error regarding the inability of the sinner before God, is to be wrong on the whole super-structure of salvation, for the doctrine of total depravity is the foundation of salvation by grace. Read Eph. 2:8-10.

If one is wrong on the foundation, anything he may build on that foundation would be wrong. The Lord declares:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent

me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:44.

You will notice that He did not say, "No man will come," but, "No man can come." The reason none can come is because of man being totally depraved. They are dead, and therefore, are incapable of performing any such works as Mr. Armstrong declares that they must do in order to be saved.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.

Anyone who would teach that the sinner is spiritually active, choosing God, overcoming, keeping the law, enduring to the end, denies the plain teachings of God's Word and such are unsound in their teaching.

He also denies the security of the saved, for he says you are not excused from keeping God's commandments, living a righteous, holy life, overcoming, growing in spiritual character and enduring in spite of all opposition, persecution, trial and test unto the end.

"You and I must do all these things in order to be saved." August 1963.

From this quotation of his and there are many more, we understand that if one fail in all the things that he enumerates, then he will fall from that for which he is striving. The Bible states that we are kept by God's power.

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." I Pet. 1:5.

The word of God says:

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

What Mr. Armstrong says to be the truth, and what the Bible says are two different things. If you desire to follow the ways of Satan, he would be a safe man to follow, but if you desire to follow the Lord, you had better find someone with different doctrines than his to follow.

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If we did not know anything at all about his beliefs, we could say that he would not be safe to follow. Anyone who does not tell about his church affiliations is trying to deceive the people. I am afraid of, and will not listen to, a radio program when the preacher or announcer does not

tell what denomination it is. It shows that they are either ashamed of their church or are trying to be deceitful to the people who are listening.

In the case of Mr. Armstrong we do know some of his beliefs. Before we notice these heretical beliefs let me remind you that he is not in a true New Testament Church. Mr. Armstrong joined a group of people who had separated from "the Church of God (Adventist)" and who had called themselves "the Church of God (Seventh-Day)". Later he left this group and formed his own calling it "the Radio Church of God." Now my friends, even he believed all of the other doctrines we could not follow because he would not be working with authority. Matthew 28:20 tells us that all authority was given to the Church that Jesus organized while He was here on earth. Mr. Armstrong did not start his group until sometime around 1934. This is over 1900 years too late. He does not have authority from God to preach or teach.

Now as to some of the doctrines, Mr. Armstrong in his own writings tells us that he believes just like Satan wants man to believe. "And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, AND YE SHALL BE AS GODS, knowing good and evil." These were the words of the serpent in the garden of Eden as recorded in Gen. 4-5. Today we have another who says almost the same thing in "Why Were You Born?" (page 21, 22). "The purpose of life that in us God is really recreating his own kind — reproducing himself after his own kind — we are, upon real conversion, actually begotten as sons (yet unborn) of God; then, through study of God's revelation in His Word, living by His very Word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testings we grow spiritually more and more like God, until, at the time of the resurrection we shall be instantaneously changed from mortal into immortal—we shall then be born of God — We shall then be God! . . . when you will actually be God . . . "You are setting out on a training to become created—to become God.

We cannot follow anyone who rejects the fact that God is one yet three, and that the three distinct persons are God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On pages 17, 19 of "Just What Do You Mean—Born Again" Mr. Armstrong denies this. "I suppose most people think of God as one single individual Person. Or, as a 'trinity.' This is not true . . . But the Theologians and 'Higher Critics' have blindly accepted the heretical and false doctrine introduced (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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ed by pagan false prophets who crept in, that the Holy Spirit is a third person — the heresy of the "trinity . . ." God tells us very plainly about this in I John 5:7. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

Mr. Armstrong believes that Jesus Christ was a man with sinful flesh and that He is the only man that has been saved. He does not believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person — in fact he does not believe that the Holy Spirit is a person at all. He believes that salvation is a process and we are saved by grace and works. All of these things are in his magazine called *The Plain Truth*. He says in "All About Water Baptism," "The blood of Christ does not finally save any man . . . water baptism is a required condition to receiving the Holy Spirit." (p. 1-8).

There are many other things we could discuss in this answer, but this is enough to let any one who loves the Lord know that Mr. Armstrong is not safe to follow.



"What . . . To Preach"

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May I insist that salvation is not of works. Listen: "But we are all as an unclean thing, and ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."—Isa. 64:6.

If the best thing about us looks like a dirty, filthy rag that would be repulsive to touch, then what do our sins look like in the sight of a thrice holy God? Beloved, our salvation is not of our works. Our works have nothing to do whatsoever with salvation.

We find our Lord Jesus Christ talking about a judgment. We read:

"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. 7:22,23.

I tell you, beloved, works won't save anybody.

Notice again: "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.

We surely should do much preaching on salvation. We need to tell people that they are not saved by their works.

A man stood in our printing shop a short time ago and told me about the organization with which he is affiliated, and how he expected to go to Heaven be-

cause he put his time into that organization. I first thought that a man with the mind that he is the possessor of — I thought a man that was surely as intelligent as he is, was certainly joking when he tried to tell me that he expected to go to Heaven on the basis of the good deeds that he was doing through that organization. Yet I found that he was not joking, but that he was speaking truly, and that it was actually his hope of Heaven.

Believe me when I say we ought to do a lot of preaching on the subject of salvation to show people that salvation is all through the Lord Jesus Christ, plus nothing, minus nothing — just Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Listen:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a Lamb, without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18,19.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes YE WERE HEALED."—I Pet. 2:24.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."—I Pet. 3:18.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, does not everybody believe that? Does not everybody preach that?" No, they don't; they certainly do not. I have been boiling all over for the last two weeks' time because of a so-called revival meeting being held here in Ashland in the name of Baptists. I first said that I was sorry that they used the term "Baptist" because I hate to think of the Baptist name being thus affiliated, but then I changed my opinion and said I was glad they used it, because it let people know that it was a Baptist meeting, for they wouldn't have known it otherwise. I haven't attended a single night, but I have talked to a number of individuals that were there. Do you know who has praised the meeting the highest? It has been the Holy Rollers and the Methodists and the crowd that believes in salvation by works — the folk who believe you can be saved today and lost tomorrow. They have been the ones that have praised the meeting most. A few Baptists that I have talked with — real, genuine Baptists — have hung their heads in shame that such would go out in the name of Baptist preaching.

I tell you, beloved, the man that has held that revival meeting within the last two weeks could hold a revival for any denomination in the world, and they would be happy with it. I am saying that there is just one way to be saved, and that is not the way that has been preached in this meeting, but the way to be saved is by Jesus — through what Jesus Christ did Himself on

the cross. Jesus paid for our sins. I don't tell you to come unto me, and to join the church, and to make a profession. I don't tell you that the thing you are to do is to make some kind of profession before it is too late. I say to you, you need to realize that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and that the Son of God paid for those sins on the cross. I say it is time to do some genuine preaching on salvation.

IV

WE NEED TO PREACH ABOUT GOD.

Certainly the God that has been preached here in Ashland for the last two weeks in this so-called Baptist revival, is not the God of the Bible. He is not the God which I read about in the Bible. Listen:

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified."—Rom. 8:29,30.

How many did God predestinate back there? I don't know. But I know one thing: everyone of them that God predestinated be-

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fore the foundation of the world, is going to be called, because God's Word says, "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called."

How many is He going to call? I don't know, but I know this: everyone that He predestinated He is going to call, and furthermore, everyone that He calls is going to be justified, for it says, "Whom he called, them he also justified."

How many is He going to justify? I don't know. But everyone that He predestinates and calls, is going to be justified.

How many of them are going to get to Heaven? All of them, for all of them that were predestinated, and called, and justified, are going to be glorified.

Now in Heaven we will find a glorified crowd. Who are they? The same ones that were justified in time. Who was justified? The same ones that were called. And who was called? The same ones that were predestinated to salvation from before the foundation of the world.

I tell you, beloved, that is the kind of God I like to preach — a God who handles everything Himself. He was the one that elected us. He was the one that predestinated our salvation. He was the one who called us. He was the one who justified us. He is the one who is going to glorify us. I believe in a God of sovereignty, a God of election, and a God of irresistible grace, and that God is going to carry His work through to completion.

God never calls a man but one time. The Holy Spirit only goes out one time, but when the Holy Spirit goes after His man. He gets him.

I go back and read the story of

Mephibosheth I read about Ziba who was a type of the Holy Spirit. David said to Ziba, "Fetch me Mephibosheth," and the Word of God says that he fetched him. He didn't try. He didn't make an attempt. He didn't come back and say, "I did the best I could and he wouldn't come along with me." Rather, he fetched him.

That is the way the Holy Spirit works. When the Holy Spirit goes after one of God's elect, He gets His man. A man may go to church many times and feel in his conscience he ought to be saved, but when the Holy Spirit goes after him, He just calls one time and He fetches His man.

Beloved, that is the kind of God that I like. I like a God that does not try to do, but He does fully according to His purpose.

I can see a so-called preacher walking on a platform, wringing his hands, with tears running down his face. I can see him now as he walked down off a platform during a revival many years ago. I can hear him say, "Have you any sinners here? Then let God save you."

The idea of a man saying, "Let God save you!" God doesn't ask a man whether he wants to be saved or not. God is in the saving business, and when He sends the Holy Spirit to one of His elect, He gets His man.

I say, beloved, we need to preach on judgment, we need to preach about salvation, and we need to preach about God, that the world might know what the Bible says. I could go on and say we need to preach what the Bible says about the church, for it surely isn't preached much today. There are lots of things we need to preach, but may I say this as I talk about sin, judgment, salvation, and God — we need to preach these things, because there is so little preaching of the truth today.

CONCLUSION

I found myself recently thinking in this connection about the Pony Express. The Pony Express was established by a freighting firm in 1860, in order that it might take over at the end of the railroad at St. Joseph, Missouri, and carry the mail and freight on to Sacramento, California. There were between 190 and 200 relay stations between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, and they hired slim young men who didn't weigh much so as not to slow down the speed of the horse, for the horse traveled at a dead run. Those relay stations were established every 12 to 20 miles apart, depending upon the country. There was a fresh horse awaiting at each station for the rider to jump off one, onto another. If those men were pushed on with a sense of urgency, and if they were concerned about the urgency of the little bit of freight and mail they handled, then how about Baptist Churches today? In the light of the drift of the world, and in the light of the moral, spiritual, and religious drift in

this day, surely a sense of urgency ought to push us on, and ought to make us work harder than we ever have before in the preaching of the Word of God.

As I bring this message to a close, I say to you, preach the Word. God help me to preach it. God help you to preach it. God help every one of us to be faithful in the preaching of His Word.

If there be one here who knows not Jesus Christ as a Saviour, may God reach down and save him, that he might feel that same sense of urgency for tomorrow and the tomorrows to come, that your life might count for God.

May God bless you!



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of the effectual call of the Spirit, will never speak slightly of the precious blood of Christ. We love to listen to men proclaim the precious Person who shed that precious blood which obtains for us such precious blessings. Oh! how we love to sing about "The Fountain Filled With Blood," "Nothing But The Blood," "Power In The Blood," and other songs of such character. If God's people are downcast, discouraged, or just sort of cold, nothing will lift them up quicker than to tell them of the blood of Christ.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14.

Here we see one of God's giants, who certainly had — if any man ever had — much to glory in, but he declares that he will not glory in anything save in the cross.

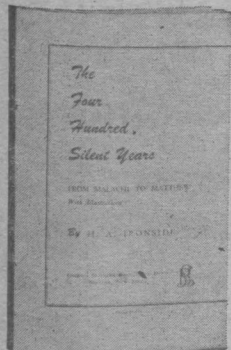
WHAT IS MEANT BY THE CROSS OF CHRIST?

It is certainly not just an ornament to be worn. The cross was not for decoration, but for execution. According to the Greek scholar, Vine, the cross was an upright pole or stake and is to be distinguished from the two beamed cross to which we are accustomed. It is important to note that the cross, as a religious symbol did not originate with Christianity, and formed no part of the worship of the early church. "The shape of the latter had its origin in ancient Chaldea, and was used as the symbol of the god Tammuz," says Vine. The first letter in this idol god's name became a religious symbol and the sign of the cross was used by the heathen in their idolatry hundreds of years before Christ.

We should glory in the cross. We should proclaim and magnify the cross, but it is my conviction that we should not use a cross as a decorative ornament on our church houses, or on our apparel, or person.

By the cross of Christ, I mean first of all the death of Christ on that cross. It sets forth the

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historical fact that the virgin born Son of God died on a certain day in history on an old rugged cross.

Secondly, It means the Biblical explanation of that fact. Who was it that died, and why did He die? No man can understand or magnify the cross of Christ until he has a Spirit-taught and Biblical understanding of that death of Christ on Calvary.

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DOCTRINES INTERWOVEN WITH CHRIST'S DEATH

Total Depravity: The bright light of the glory of the cross of Christ cannot be properly seen until it is displayed upon the dark background of man's total depravity. No man can understand the depth of meaning in the cross until he understands

total depravity. I venture to say that most of the weak and wrong views of the death of Christ might be traced to wrong views on depravity, and to the desire to make sin seem less an evil than it is, and man less vile and depraved than he is. Man is such a vile wretch that his proper place is that of death. There is no remedy for the condition of man but in the death of an innocent substitute. Man cannot be cured, educated into holiness, nor reformed, but he must be died for if he is to be saved. Oh, when we see ourselves as we really are, how we will appreciate and glory in the cross of Christ.

The Holiness of God: It is the intense holiness of God that makes the death of Christ an absolute necessity if man is to be saved. When we set the bright light of God's holiness over against the deep darkness of man's depravity, we see that man could be saved in no other way than by the complete satisfaction of the claims of God's holiness. Only the spotless and precious Son of God was a sufficient sacrifice to make such satisfaction. To lower the substitutionary character and sacrificial character of the atonement of Christ is to lower the standard of God's holiness.

The Person of Christ: Who was it that died on the cross? We cannot understand or preach properly that cross unless we believe that it was the virgin-born Son of God who died there. The man

who denies the Deity of Christ can have no proper and adequate understanding of the cross of Christ. Oh! my brother, no mere man, nor angel, nor any other creature could do the work that was done at Calvary. It must be God Himself if in the person of the Son, the holy and spotless lamb of God that suffered for the sins of the elect family of God.

Eternal Torments of Hell: We must see that it was no phantom, no light thing from which we were saved by the cross. God would not require such a price as the awful suffering of His own dear Son to save us from a little while in purgatory, or extinction. Measured by the awful sufferings of Christ on the cross, we see the horrors of that hell from which we are saved.

Salvation: Interwoven with the doctrine of the cross is the doctrine that salvation is by that cross — that men are saved only by the cross — that they are saved eternally by the cross — that they are saved effectually by the cross. I maintain that it is highly dishonoring to the precious blood of Christ — that it is well nigh blasphemy — that it is degrading to the value of the blood — to say that men can be saved some other way, or that they could be lost after being washed in that blood, or that any for whom that blood was shed could be finally and eternally lost. The only doctrine of salvation that honors — that properly and adequately honors that precious blood — is that salvation is only, eternally, and effectually by the death of Christ on the cross.

Now, beloved all these doctrines are interwoven with the doctrine of the cross, and so inter-connected that one cannot believe and preach the cross without also preaching these doctrines.

In our text we have a case where some stood by the cross of Christ physically. His mother and some other women stood by. John, the disciple who was so thrilled with Christ's love for him that he referred to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved, stood by. Peter was somewhere at a distance watching that awful scene. (I Pet. 5:1). I wonder if Barabbas stood by. I wonder if he looked on that scene and thought of the one who was dying there in his place. What a picture Barabbas is of the elect — delivered from a just and deserved death by the substitutionary death of an innocent one.

How it must have grieved the hearts of these who stood by the cross of Christ, as they gazed helplessly upon the awful suffering of the one whom they loved more than all the world. Then, think that they might have stood in danger as they identified themselves openly with one dying the death of a criminal; yet they stood by. Yes, it costs to stand by that cross. It costs heartache and suffering. It might bring one into places of danger, of ridicule, and persecution, yet surely every blood bought child of God ought to be found standing by the cross. Well, you and I cannot stand by physically as these did.

HOW CAN WE IN OUR DAY BE FOUND STANDING BY THE CROSS?

We stand by the cross when we depend fully for salvation on the work of Christ on the cross. When nothing in our hands we bring, simply to the cross we cling. When we do not trust in our free-will decision; nor in our mourners bench experience; nor in our participation in the ordinances; nor in our works; but trust only in the cross of Christ, then we are saved. Then, we are standing by the cross. Let me speak from my heart. I desire to serve my Lord and Saviour. I desire to be a thousand times better, and do a thousand times more than I ever have for Him, but I tell you that I stake my whole hope of time and eternity,

not on anything I ever have, or ever will do, but on the finished work of Christ on the cross. Live or die — Heaven or Hell — my faith is in Christ and His blood. If that doesn't save me completely and eternally I am done for. But praise God, it does, and I am saved forever by the one offering of Christ on the cross.

We stand by the cross when we preach Christ crucified as the only way of salvation. When we will not give into the demands of the world for a different gospel, but proclaim the blood of Christ as the only remedy for sin. We must take our stand with Paul, and even though the Jews stumble at it, and the Greeks think it foolishness, we must preach Christ crucified and we will find as Paul did, that this is to those called by the Holy Spirit. To them He is the power and wisdom of God.

We stand by the cross when we stand by the doctrines that are related to the cross as detailed above. When we will not compromise any of these doctrines, but preach without fear or favor the glorious truths of God's precious Word. I propose a question. How can a man truly preach and actually magnify the cross of Christ if he does not preach all of the doctrines I have set forth as interwoven with the cross of Christ?

Then, beloved we stand by the cross when we live like blood-bought people ought to live. We are a different people from the world around us. The mark of the blood of the Son of God is upon us. Surely our lives should be different from others. Beloved friends, Jesus Christ bought us as his own possession. We are not our own. We are bought with a price — and what a price it was that bought us. I tell you that when we are brought to that cross in repentance and faith by the operation of the Holy Spirit of God, there are some claims made upon us by the blood of that cross.

We ought to love our Lord who died for us with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. He has purchased our love at infinite cost to himself. He is worthy of our love. Oh, how contradictory it is to say that He has saved us by His precious blood and then set our affections on the things of this world. How our hearts ought to burn with a holy love for Him! We ought to be boiling hot in our love for Him, so that we would be constantly seeking out ways to show Him the love of our heart. He should not have to drag out of us expressions of our love, but we should be spontaneously sending forth constantly the expressions and evidences of our love.

We ought to live holy lives for Him. Sin is that hateful thing that slew our Lord. Sin is that dagger that buried itself in His heart and drank up His life blood. Shall we take that dagger of sin, crimson with the blood of our Lord and hug it to our bosom as a cherished friend? Shall we not rather hurl it from us, and make no friendship with sin, but

ever seek to live a clean, holy, separated life to the glory of our dear Redeemer.

We should serve Him with sacrificial zeal. No job should be too hard, or too lowly, and insignificant for us to do for Him. We should become a member of His church. We should love Him too much to join the churches of men, but should join His church. We should then, in, and as a member of that church, serve our blessed Lord in any capacity whatsoever, and at any cost whatsoever. One should never have to plead with blood-bought souls to serve the Lord who bought them. They should deem it their highest privilege to be busily engaged in His behalf.

Oh, my brother and sister, being bought by blood means something. Let us seek for grace and strength to be standing by the cross. In this world that hates and ridicules that cross, I beg that you and I, who owe our all to it, be ever found standing by the cross.

Now it will cost to stand by the cross. We will thus become identified in the eyes of the world. He is despised and rejected of men. We must be willing to be despised, rejected, persecuted, ridiculed and even killed if we stand by that cross. But, blood bought friend, it is our sacred duty to stand there no matter what the cost. In the long run when eternal accounts are settled, it will be found that it pays to stand by the cross.

Come now my brother, my sister — let us be found together standing by the cross. God bless you all.

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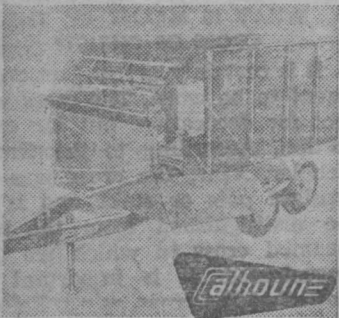
I understood. I didn't say you have to be a member of a Baptist Church to be saved. That is not so. But you do have to be a member of the Lord's church to be called a Christian. You may be saved by God's grace without ever being a Christian, but you will never be a Christian unless you are a member of the Lord's New Testament church.

I rejoice in the doctrines of the local New Testament church. It does not offend me in the least for a brother to ask me about my position concerning the local church. It does not offend me in the least for a brother to ask me what I believe concerning the doctrines of grace. I know a lot of "Sears & Roebuck" preachers. I know some personally. They preach one thing one place, and then they go another place and take it all back, and preach something else. I don't think that is right. I have been in both camps, and I believe I can speak with a voice of authority as to what I believe concerning the doctrines of grace.

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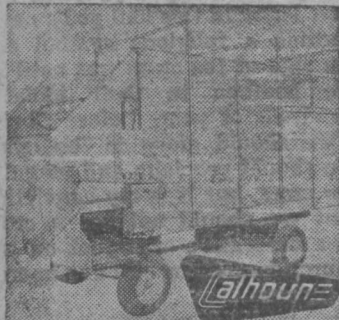
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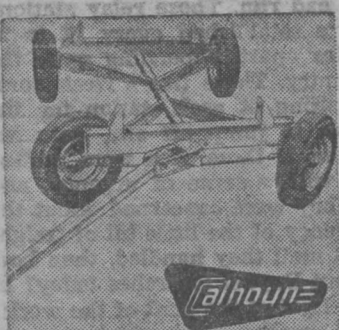
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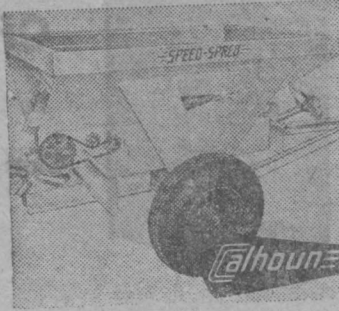
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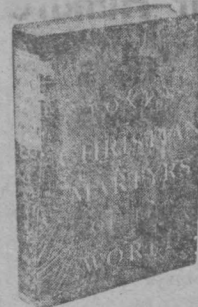
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Possible Reactions

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a modern congregation react?

Typical Reaction Number One

"Well, I'll tell you one thing. Joshua is not like Moses our old pastor. Moses would have had more sense than to try to take a city with a stupid plan like that. Joshua just hasn't had enough experience. Before we make fools out of ourselves, we had better form a Pulpit Committee and start looking for a new pastor—one like Moses."

Typical Reaction Number Two

"Now I just don't see why we have to march around the city seven days. If we are going to take it, why not do it today? Why wait seven days? That's a big waste of time."

Typical Reaction Number Three

"Line up and march around the city blowing trumpets! That's no way to capture a city! Anybody knows that much. What we have to do is get better organized. We'll form a steering committee to lay the framework for a 'Society for Knocking Down Walls. I'll serve as chairman."

Typical Reaction Number Four

"That's not the way we used to do it. I don't trust these new ideas of Joshua's. If we are going to take Jericho we will have to use the 'old-fashioned' ways. Now when Moses wanted to cross the Red Sea he just held out his stick over the sea and when he wanted water from the rock he hit it with a stick. I say if we are going to capture Jericho we are going to have to get some sticks and start hitting the wall."

Typical Reaction Number Five

"Now I don't hold with Joshua's plan, but I can't go along with this crowd that wants to knock down Jericho's walls with sticks. One time we were in a battle and were getting beaten. Our old pastor Moses held up his hands and we started to win. When he got tired and his hands would come down, we would again suffer defeat. Finally Aaron and Hur took hold of Moses' arms and held them up and the victory was ours. I don't care what Joshua said—tomorrow we ought to get out there and hold his hands up. We need at least three men. One to hold Joshua and one each for his arms. This will get the job done."

Typical Reaction Number Six

"I suppose Joshua knows what he's doing but you can count me out. I see no sense in getting up before dawn. I've got to get my sleep. We could start this thing at noon just as easy. Tomorrow's the only day I get to take it easy and I'm not about to get up that early."

Typical Reaction Number Seven

"Now I wouldn't mind getting up and marching around Jericho one day . . . but seven days! That's too much. Joshua is trying to turn us into a group of fanatics. One day out of seven is enough. It's none of his business what we do with the other six."

Typical Reaction Number Eight

"I'd tell Joshua just as soon as I'd tell you . . . I'm not going to march in that parade around Jericho. I'm unalterably opposed to the entire plan. It's doomed to failure. Did you see those seven men he picked to blow the trumpets? That's favoritism. Why, I can play a trumpet better than any of them. No sir. Count me out."

Typical Reaction Number Nine

"You see? What did I tell you? We got up and marched around Jericho a whole day and nothing happened. I knew it wouldn't work. There is absolutely no sense in going on with this for six more days. It didn't work today and it won't work then."

Typical Reaction Number Ten

"I'm not going to get out there and march around that city. I'm a singer . . . not a soldier."

Typical Reaction Number Eleven

"I've called all you other ladies together to form this discussion group. We need to thoroughly go into Joshua's plan for capturing Jericho. I'm sure all of you are familiar with this plan but there are some things of which you may not be aware. You all know about the march around the city, the trumpets, the ark, etc. But did you hear what else Joshua said? Well, he said not 'to make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth.' Now that's censorship. Joshua must think he is a dictator. Well, I'll tell you one thing and I'm sure you ladies will agree. I'm not going to keep quiet for six days. I don't care what Joshua might think, I'm going to have my say."

Typical Reaction Number Twelve

"What do we need Jericho for anyway? We've got a nice little congregation and things haven't been going too bad. Why don't we just settle down and wait awhile? Jericho isn't going anywhere. After a while if we still want to, we can always capture the city. What's the big rush? Let's think it over."

Typical Reaction Number Thirteen

"I've been an officer in this army for a long time. I was here before Joshua came along. I'm going to sit back and let some of the younger fellows take over. Besides, I might get my uniform dirty marching around that city."

Typical Reaction Number Fourteen

"What's all this going to cost? Our treasury is already low. Joshua is going to run us so far in debt we'll never get out."

Typical Reaction Number Fifteen

"Boy, That Joshua! He's something else. Can you imagine what those people in Jericho are going to think when we take this ragtail mob and march around their city? They'll laugh us all the way back to Egypt. They'll think we're crazy. What we need to do is send a delegation into Jericho and work out an agreement. These people are just like us. Let's get together with them and stop all the fighting. The way I hear it, things are pretty good inside Jericho. I wouldn't mind joining up with them. How about you?"

Typical Reaction Number Sixteen

"The one thing I don't like about Joshua's plan is that he doesn't have enough music. Think of it. Just seven trumpets for the whole congregation. Personally I could do with less talking from Joshua and more playing from the trumpets."

Typical Reaction Number Seventeen

"All my life I've been training to use a sword and shield and now Joshua comes along and says I'm not going to need them to take Jericho. I don't know about the rest of you but when he's out there marching around the city I'm going to be right here polishing my shield and sharpening my sword. I know what I can do with them and I'll trust that any day before I would Joshua's plan."

Typical Reaction Number Eighteen

"If I understand it right we are not supposed to take any of the gold and silver out of Jericho for ourselves. If this is so what I want to know is, what are we going to get out of it? What's in it for us? Joshua can't expect us to go out there for nothing. I bet he's going to get his."

Typical Reaction Number Nineteen

"I can't afford to walk around Jericho every day. My shoes are just about worn out and I have to make a new pair first. You all go ahead and I'll join you in a couple of days."

Typical Reaction Number Twenty

"I don't have to be on time for the march, they probably won't get started right away anyhow. Besides, what's a half hour and you know we have all day."

It doesn't take much to see that if Joshua's congregation would have reacted in this manner, he would have had a crushing defeat rather than the glorious victory he did experience. Are you a sheep or a shepherd? Are you one that follows or one that leads a self-centered life? Let's make God's church the greatest place on earth. Let's give Him our greatest co-operation and best operating efficiency for the glory of God. Let's do away with all excuses, weights and sin that so easily beset us and let us run the race which is set before us with patience. (Heb. 12:1).—Central Contender (modified by Pastor Gerhard Raske). Copied from North Star Baptist.

God's Perfect Way

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It is grace from start to finish. Since it is by grace, therefore God's grace is unmerited by God's children. I don't care what the religious world says. It makes no difference to me what the religious professors say about the doctrines of grace, nor what they

say against it. It is what God says that makes the difference, and God's Word plainly declares that His grace is unmerited by His children.

I am not saved because I deserve to be saved. I am not a Baptist preacher because I deserve to be a Baptist preacher. If I got my just deserts I'd be in Hell with the unsaved—the same place all of God's creatures would be if we got our just deserts. So I am not saved because I deserve it, but I am saved by God's sovereign grace. God's grace is unmerited by His children.

The Apostle Paul said: "For I say, through the GRACE GIVEN unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."—Rom. 12:3.

This Scripture tells us that Paul spoke by the grace that was given to him. He didn't earn it, and he didn't deserve it, but it was given to him. Even the faith of God is given unto His children.

A lady came to me one time and said, "Brother Langford, you preached this morning that we are saved by grace through faith." She said, "I believe that, but don't you know that everyone has faith, and since he has faith, he can have grace, if he'll only ask for it, or call for it. It is there at his disposal."

I want you to know that Paul said, "You are dead in trespasses and sins."

A Corpse Is Dead

Did you ever visit a funeral parlor, and there view the corpse, and hear him call for a drink of water, or ask for a meal, or ask for a better coffin? I have preached many funerals and I have yet to see one corpse that ever spoke a word. I have yet to see one that has ever said a thing.

Therefore, a sinner apart from God's sovereign grace is dead, and he cannot see; he is blind and cannot feel; he cannot hope because his conscience is seared with a hot iron. So grace is unmerited.

The Apostle Paul raised a great question when he exalted free sovereign grace of God and explained the plan of salvation from start to finish:

"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. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."—Rom. 8:28-31, 33.

If God justifieth, who can "unjustifieth?" There is none. All the demons in Hell, with their father the Devil, cannot undo the work that God has done. So it is unmerited.

Paul said to the church at Corinth:

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is GIVEN YOU by Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 1:4.

Therefore you can see that grace is given; it is not earned.

Grace is not only unmerited, but grace is unmindful of the children's condition. I thank God for that. I know a lot of people that say, "Yes, I believe in election. I believe in foreordination. But it is based upon what God foreknew and foresaw in His children."

Brethren, if that be so, we would all go to Hell, for all God ever saw in any of His creatures was sin. There is that old popular cry today, "God loves the sinner, but He hates sin," but I ask the question, what is the sinner but sin?

Grace vs. Works

Paul said:

"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. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded."—Rom. 11:5-7.

So the dilemma is, shall we take the route of works, or shall we take the route of God's grace? It is one or the other. It is not to go both ways, but it is one or the other. Man is not saved by grace and works. He is either saved by grace apart from works, or he is saved by works apart from grace. If he is saved by works, he has to boast before God. But I want you to know that none of us has anything to boast of before God.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."—Rom. 3:10.

Does that sound to you like a God-fearing, God-loving people? Does that sound like one that is desiring God's love and favor? The Scripture says, "There is none righteous; there is none seeking after God."

So God's way of salvation is the way of grace. It is unmerited by God's children, and He is unmindful of the children's condition.

"(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to (Continued on page 8, column 3)



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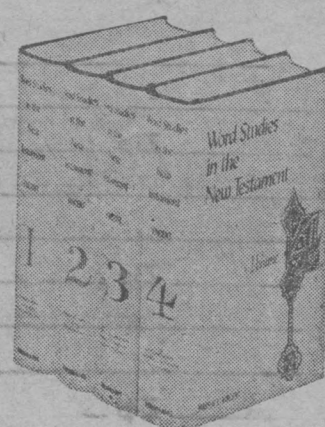
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Catchy Sayings

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the judgment. The refutation of this lie is found in Romans 3:20. "By the deeds of the law shall no man be justified . . ." Often people are blind to the truth that they don't "do the best they know how" and are further blind to the truth that if they did, that is not God's way of salvation.

3—A DEVIL'S SAYING THAT DECEIVES MANY CHRISTIANS IS THIS, "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH CHURCH YOU BELONG TO; ONE CHURCH IS JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER; WE ARE ALL WORKING FOR THE SAME PLACE." This string of falsehoods is heard time and time again. Jesus promised His church in Matt. 16:18 and He subsequently started it, and has continued it through the centuries. How can a man-founded institution — a substitute — be "as good" as the one He started? It certainly DOES matter as to which church one belongs to for some churches are not even straight on the way of salvation. And when it comes to the expression, "We are all working for the same place," — that place is hell. People who "work" for salvation, go to hell. The Scriptures say, (Ephes. 2:) "Not of works lest any should boast."

4—TO MOLLIFY NO - ACCOUNT CHURCH MEMBERS, SATAN, GIVES THEM THIS

EXPRESSION, "I CAN WORSHIP THE LORD JUST AS WELL AT HOME AS I CAN AT CHURCH." Matt. 18:20 refutes that by saying, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Christians are not "gathered together" in the name of Christ when they loaf around home at the time of public worship, and Jesus did not promise His presence with such. Again in Heb. we read, "Forsaking not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is—" No one can worship God "as well" in violation of His Word as they can in obedience to that Word.

5—"I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MY TITHE IS." This is the statement which Satan provides for many to keep them from tithing. The government doesn't accept that "don't know" business. It requires that people find out how they stand financially and they must render an income tax report or else pay the penalty.

6—"MY FEELINGS HAVE BEEN HURT." Satan furnishes that expression free of charge to all disgruntled church members as their excuse for taking out on the Lord and on their church. Such an excuse is deemed sufficient by the average member. Their "sacred cow" is their "feelings" and no one must hurt the cow. But Jesus has said for us to

leap for joy when we are reviled and persecuted and have all manner of evil spoken against us falsely for his name's sake. And we are told to learn to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." A good soldier doesn't wilt at the first criticism.

God's Perfect Way

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Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."—Rom. 9:11-16.

Brother, I believe that shook up Rebecca, because the Jewish tradition was that the younger was to serve the elder. But God said, "It is being reversed now; the elder is going to serve the younger." I believe the mother became alarmed, and God said, "This is the reason why it shall be such, because as it is written, Jacob, have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

Everywhere I go preaching, people say, "How can a righteous God hate anyone? How could He hate Esau?" The misunderstanding with me is, not why He hated Esau, but why He loved Jacob. You take the two men and study their character, and their daily activities. Esau seemed much more a prospect of God's favor than Jacob. Jacob was a "heel" from the very beginning. But God's grace made the difference. So it is unkind of the condition of the children.

The way of God's salvation is not only the way of grace, but it is the way of a gift. It is not merited; it is not deserved; it is not earned; but it comes as a free gift.

I give gifts to whom I please, do you not do likewise? Do you have, to have somebody come, begging you for a gift? I don't, I give to whom I please. And if I don't please, I don't give to the individual. The choice is up to me as to whom I give gifts unto. Certainly if man has that prerogative, shall not the great sovereign supreme Almighty God which made man, have the same prerogative? Can He not give to whom He pleases? The Bible says that He can, and I believe God's Word.

So salvation is a gift, and as a gift it is free. It doesn't cost a dime.

"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.

I believe the wine represents the Holy Spirit. I believe the milk represents the milk of the Word. I want you to know that before you will ever get to the meat, you'll have to get to the milk. Peter said:

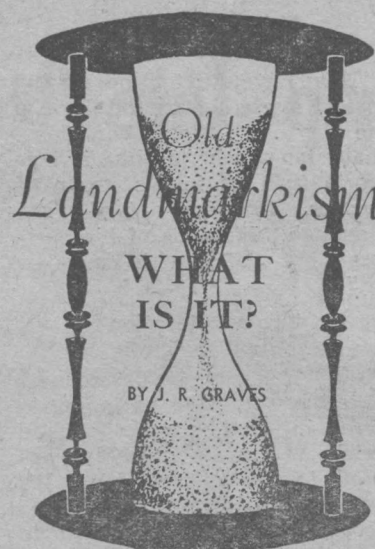
"As newborn babes, desire the SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD, that ye may grow thereby."—I Pet. 2:2.

Salvation is without money and without price. You can't buy it, but it is a gift. So God's salvation is a gift. It is free.

"For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and GIVETH LIFE unto the world."—John 6:33.

This does not say that He came to offer life to the world, but that He came to give life unto the world. I don't believe for a moment that God offers anything. I believe that He commands what He will and we have to bow to His sovereign will. God gives; He doesn't offer.

Some say that salvation is by chance. Do you know, I believe we ought to collect these preachers and send them out to Reno, Nevada. That is where you preach chance. So if it is by chance, they need to move. God's salvation is not by chance. It is not by our choice. It is a gift of Almighty God.



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

"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."—Rom. 11:29.

What God gives, He never takes back. So it is free.

Not only is it free, but God's gift is full. Solomon, the wisest man apart from Jesus Christ, that ever walked the face of this earth, said, "For I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever."

So God's gift is full. It is not a little today and a little tomorrow.

I grew up in another denomination. My father was a preacher in that particular denomination. They believed that you could be saved today, go home tonight and take a chew of tobacco, and fall out of grace. Brother, if tobacco saved us and lost us, every one of us would go to Hell more than likely.

I want you to know that God doesn't save us by chance. So it is free, and it is full. There is the song that we oftentimes sing:

"Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,

Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;

Thank you, Lord, for giving to me,

Thy great salvation, so full and so free."

God's salvation is free and full, and it is forever.

II
GOD'S SALVATION IS BY THE WAY OF GREATNESS.

I don't know what you think about it, but a God that is thrice Holy, that would look down upon such a puny, polluted hell-deserving sinner as I, and save me by His marvelous grace, it is great regardless of what you think. I'll tell you why I believe it to be great — because of its author. It is of God.

A lot of people have never learned this. They are still saying, "I shook the preacher's hand," or "I was baptized," or "I got emotionally disturbed," or "My feelings were disturbed," or "I felt something." Don't misunderstand me: I believe in heartfelt religion, but I tell you, you'll never feel it until you get it. Once you get it, you'll know it, and the preacher won't have to tell you about it.

You preachers know what I am talking about. People come to me and want to know if they are saved. I say to them, "I can't tell you whether you are saved or

not; that is not for me to say." They say, "I thought you were a preacher." I say, "I am, but God never gave me that prerogative, to go around telling people whether they were saved or lost. But I can tell you this: if you believe to the saving of your soul — if you believe with all your heart, you are saved."

That is what Philip said to the eunuch. The eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me from being baptized." The eunuch first was a Campbellite and later he became a Baptist. Philip said to the eunuch:

"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." — Acts 8:37.

The eunuch then said to Philip, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Philip then commanded the chariot to stop and the two went down into the water and Philip baptized him by the authority of the First Baptist Church in Jerusalem.

So I say that I believe God's salvation is great because of its author.

The Psalmist said: "Salvation BELONGETH unto the Lord." — Psa. 3:8.

Jonah said: "Salvation IS of the Lord." — Jonah 2:9.

The prophet said: "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the GOD OF MY SALVATION." — Hab. 3:18.

"Restore unto me the joy of THY SALVATION." — Psa. 51:12.

Most preachers preach, "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation." It is only mine as a gift from God. It belongs to Him, for He is the author of it. So it is great because of its author.

God's salvation is great because of its appeal. God's salvation does not appeal unto every "Tom, Dick, and Harry." I am afraid of that which appeals unto everybody and everybody.

I remember back when the SSS tonic came out. That was the lifeline of America at that time. We had the SSS tonic for breakfast, we had it for dinner, and we had it for supper. It was our physical salvation. Everybody believed in it. It appealed to them.

But I want you to know that God's salvation does not appeal to everyone. It only appeals to God's sheep, and that after the operation of God's Holy Spirit. Before then, it doesn't even appeal to the sheep.

In conclusion, I say that God's free salvation is great because of its accomplishments. What the works of men could never do, God's will and God's Word can, and will do. "Not of works, lest any man should boast."

"I will not work my soul to save,

That my God has done;

But I will work like any slave,

For the love of God's dear Son."

A Letter To Ed

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to worship Him. Please, Ed, will you help me get well? Also, the bills are piling up. Will you help me meet my obligations? And what if I should die?

If I do get well, you can count on me to be in my place Sunday night supporting your program. I will be a faithful viewer. So please, Ed, don't let me down.

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