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"JUSTIFICATION"

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"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men."—Rom. 5:18.

I would like to say at the outset that it would be quite impossible for me or anyone else to adequately discuss this subject in a month, a year, or even a lifetime. It is too profound in meaning. I am saying that in order that you may understand, that I will have only time to introduce six or seven things concerning justification, that I trust the Holy Spirit will be pleased to use for the honor and glory of God, and to the edifying of God's children.

There are three things that I would like to point out by way of introduction.

What does the word "justification" really mean. We are confronted with this inevitable truth, that justification is a legal term; and inasmuch as it is a legal term justification, therefore, is legal and formal acquittal.

It is to declare that one is not guilty.

The second thing that I want us to notice is that the Bible teaches that the alien sinner is spiritually dead. In short, the Bible teaches that the alien sinner is judicially dead. He is spiritually dead inasmuch as he has not been quickened by the Spirit of God. He is judicially dead inasmuch as he is under the condemnation of the law.

I might also point out that when a person is regenerated, this is the work of the Spirit of God that is wrought in that particular heart. Justification of life is that life wrought out for us on Calvary's cross by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus a man is spiritually dead and judicially dead, and when he experiences regeneration, then he has spiritual life. When he believes and trusts in Jesus Christ, he becomes the recipient of the justifying work of Jesus Christ, and thus is justified and has judicial life.

The third thing I want us to notice is, when actually in God's purpose did justification take place? Is justification an afterthought on the part of God? The answer must be in the negative: No. Since justification is of grace, therefore it is as old as grace; and since grace involves every divine attribute of God, and since you cannot separate God from His attributes, so justification in the mind and purpose of God is as old as God.

I am not saying that men have always been justified in actuality and reality. For example, I do not believe that God made a



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the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24). A man cannot be neutral in his relationship to God. He is in every aspect of his life either for or against God, either a son of God or an enemy of God.

WHERE YOU ARE: Where you are has to do with your relationship to the judgment of God. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27).

I would to God that ALL which read this message (especially the unsaved) could realize that death is but one step, one breath, one thought from this present life. Be caused to know that death and hell for the lost soul come in the same package. Man in his carnal reasoning may attempt to fix a chronological sequence to death, judgment and hell but the Scriptures do not allow for a time element between death, judgment and hell. "The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes." (Lk. 16:22-23). When a person dies, he has already been judged (Continued on page 6, column 1)

man, put him in the Garden of Eden and then man sinned and caught God off first base and He had to devise some means whereby that man could be rescued. I believe that God decreed the fall of man long before there was a man.

Not only do I believe that He decreed the fall of man, but the subsequent salvation of some and the reprobation of others.

If God decreed, before there was any creation, the fall of man, He also had a law before there was a man. The Ten Command- (Continued on page 3, column 4)

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Report On Mission Patrol In Lake Kapiago & Poguaia

FRED T. HALLIMAN
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Dear Friends:

This is the first in a series of articles reporting on a recent mission patrol that has just been completed. It was my intention to have two or three articles in before now, but less than a week after I was out, my portable typewriter broke down, and I had to curtail all correspondence and articles. Also I will just take this opportunity to say that I have a multitude of personal letters that have stacked up and it will take me some time to get an individual answer back to all of them. I trust that those of you that will be expecting an answer will take into consideration my heavy load and will be patient until I can get an answer to you. At the same time I trust that none of you will let up on your letter writing to me.

I visited several places while on this patrol but we will refer to it as the Lake Kapiago — Poguaia patrol. The Poguaia area is what we sometimes refer to as the Strickland River area. This time however we did not take in quite as much of the actual area along the Strickland River but concentrated more on the area north of the river.

As usual when going to this area I kept a day by day diary and will be quoting from this as I comment on each day's progress. At the beginning of a diary quotation the letters "D.Q." will appear and at the close of the

quotation "end D.Q." will appear. It has not been decided as yet how many articles it will take to complete the report but there will probably be three or more.

"D. Q." This patrol got under way on the morning of October 21. Left the Mission Station this morning about



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9 A.M. Arrived at Haginda about noon. Held first service in afternoon and made plans for services tomorrow. "end D.Q."

Patrols into areas like this one are not just hatched up over night. It takes long hours of planning and preparation, and then there is seldom a time that I have everything as complete as I would like to have. This one was no different. Different things kept popping up until I had postponed the trip three different times and was a month late in getting started. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

The Dust Curse And How To Be Redeemed From It

ELD. OSCAR B. MINK
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Psa. 103:14, "For He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust."

In God's infinite wisdom there ever remains the thought that man is dust. This thought has its foundation in the wonderful grace of God, thus, it is that



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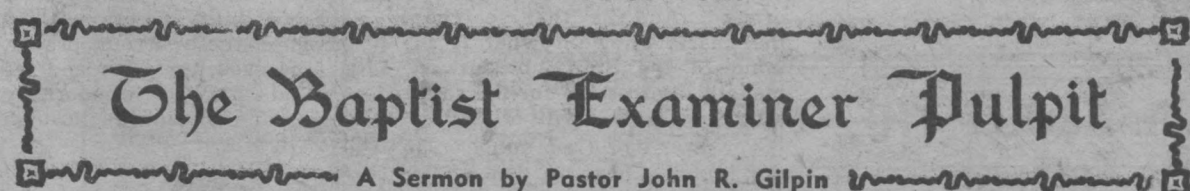
mankind is not cut off immediately and everlastingly.

Scripture Emphatically Declares

WHO YOU ARE: Who you are has to do with your relationship to God either as a son of God, or as an enemy of God. Even they which have been caused to realize their son-ship in Christ were at one time bitter enemies of God. "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son." (Rom. 5:10).

"And you, (The saints at Colosse) that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled." (Col. 1:21).

So, it is at this very moment, every person is either a child of God or an enemy of God. Jesus made this truth very plain when He said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate



The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"STRANGE THINGS"

"We have seen strange things to day."—Luke 5:26.

As I begin this message, I am reminded of John Newton, the man who wrote "Amazing Grace." He said that when he got to Heaven, there would be three distinct and separate surprises, he was sure. One was, he was going to be surprised at the people that were there that he never expected to see there. Two, he was going to think it strange to see people that weren't there that he thought surely would be

there. Third, after looking around, he thought it would be strange that he, Himself, were there.

As I think of this, I have an idea that there is a lot of truth in what John Newton said. There will be people in Heaven that we thought would never be there, and that will seem strange to us; and there won't be people in Heaven that we thought would surely be there, and that will seem strange; and it will be a strange thing that even you and I are in Heaven.

Certainly, beloved, if ever the time comes when we realize how little we deserve Heaven, how little we deserve to be saved, it will be when we stand in His presence, fully redeemed, in Heaven above.

The crowd which Jesus was talking and with whom Jesus was dealing, was a crowd that actually analyzed things pretty closely, for they said, "We have seen strange things today." They did not say, "We have seen a strange (Continued on page 2, column 1)

of God, and His righteousness."

But to his surprise and horror, when he came nearer, he found a young man declaiming against God, daring the Almighty to do his worst upon him, speaking terrible things in wrath against the justice of the Most High, and venturing most bold and awful assertions concerning his own disbelief in a future state.

It was altogether a singular scene; it was lighted up by pine-knots, which cast a glare here and there, while the thick dark-



CHARLES SPURGEON

ness in other places still reigned. The people were intent on listening to the orator, and when he sat down thunders of applause were given to him; each one seeming to emulate the other in his praise. Thought the minister, "I must not let this pass; I must rise and speak; the honor of my God, and his cause demands it." But he feared to speak, for he knew not what to say, having come there suddenly; but he would have ventured, had not something else occurred.

A man of middle age, hale and strong, rose, and leaning on his staff he said, "My friends, I have a word to speak to you tonight. I am not about to refute any of the arguments of the orator; I shall not criticize his style; I shall say nothing concerning what I believe to be the blasphemies he has uttered; but I shall simply relate to you a fact, (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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"Strange Things"

(Continued from page one) thing today," but they said, "We have seen strange things today.

I imagine that the crowd that Jesus was dealing with was pretty much like the folk today. The world wants to see the strange things — the shocking, the bizarre, the unusual, the outstanding. The world isn't satisfied with seeing that which is normal, day by day. The world wants to see something novel, something new, something strange, something different.

It would seem to me, as I preach from Sunday to Sunday, that the greatest message that I could ever preach here would not be something new and some-

thing exciting, but it would be something just like I have preached all through my life — the simple story of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet, just like the crowd that Jesus was dealing with, I am sure that strange things, new things, novel things, would appeal to many of you.

I

SOME STRANGE THINGS OF THIS PARTICULAR DAY.

There were some strange things of this particular day that we have read about.

There was power there to heal doctors. Listen:

"There were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them." — Luke 5:17.

You say, "This says 'doctors of the law.'" In the Medieval Ages, there was a practice of chemistry that was known as "alchemy." Alchemy is nothing more or less than law and medicine combined.

Those individuals that we read about here were doctors of the law. They were what we might call the precursors or the predecessors of the alchemists of the Medieval centuries. It says concerning those individuals that the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Here is a strange thing: there was power present to heal doctors.

Doctors themselves are not ordinarily individuals to take much medicine. I visited in a doctor's home in Alabama several years ago. One day, he was complaining terribly about his aches and pains, and especially a tremendous throbbing that he had in his head. I called attention to the three rooms he had in his office, with millions of pills there in his office. I said to him, "Why don't you take some of this medicine?" He said, "Brother Gilpin, that is to give, and not to take."

I am satisfied, beloved, that that is true, more or less, of doctors and as I think of that, I am amazed at the fact that power was present to heal doctors.

Another thing that is strange to this day was that Jesus pardoned by merely speaking a word. We read:

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee." — Luke 5:20.

Notice, four corner men picked up his bed and brought him to Jesus. When they couldn't get in to His presence, they went to the outside stairway, onto the roof, broke open the tiling of the roof and let this man down into the very presence of Jesus, standing there within the house. Jesus looked upon those four corner men of faith, and when He saw their faith, He turned to the man who was sick and said, "Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

Here, beloved, is Jesus pardoning sin with a word. Strange thing! Man didn't do anything. Nobody did anything but those four men. No baptism, no observance of the Lord's Supper, no good works on the part of this man, but Jesus pardoned sin with a word. A strange thing!

Another thing that is strange is that Jesus practiced thought-reading. Notice:

"But when Jesus perceived

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We greet you in the name of the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, 504 Farley Drive, Austin, Texas. We were formerly known as the Caddo Baptist Mission of the same address and were working here by the authority of our mother church, the Caddo Baptist Church at Stockdale, Texas. Elder Marion Roberts was the missionary sent to Austin by the Caddo Baptist Church. In answer to our many prayers, we felt led by the Spirit to organize as a body of Jesus Christ, our Lord. On Saturday, October 30, 1971, we were officially organized as an independent Sovereign Grace Baptist Church by the authority of the Caddo Baptist Church.

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their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?" — Luke 5:22.

I often thank the Lord that I can't practice thought-reading. I don't want to know what you think, sometimes. There may be times I would be glad to know, and there are other times that I am sure that I wouldn't want to know what you are thinking.

But the Lord Jesus Christ practiced thought-reading.

Do you realize that the Lord Jesus Christ is still practicing thought-reading. He not only knows the words that you speak and the acts that you do, but He can read your thoughts even before they become a reality in your mind.

Here was our Lord Jesus Christ healing this man, and the scribes and the Pharisees gathered around on the outside and were talking to themselves, thinking, and saying, "Why would this man do a thing like this? This is the work of God alone to forgive. This man is a blasphemer to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you.' He is blaspheming." They were saying that in their minds. They were thinking it. Jesus read their thoughts. A strange thing!

There is something else that is even as strange, and that is that Jesus made a man carry the bed which had carried him. Isn't that a strange thing?

A man is carried on a bed into the presence of Jesus, and Jesus makes that man get up and carry his bed out. Of course, the reason for this was that it proved that he was genuinely healed. He was so sick that he couldn't come into the presence of Jesus as folk would ordinarily. He had to be carried on this bed into the presence of Jesus. In order to show this crowd of murmuring Pharisees, who were thinking that He was a blasphemer, and in order to convince them that this was a genuine miracle from the Lord, He made this man carry the bed

THE HUMAN TOUCH

"Nevertheless God . . . comforted us by the coming of Titus" (II Cor. 7:5, 6)

Out there in Macedonia in trouble and despair, Beset on every side with woes and burdened down with care, God's messenger, the mighty Paul, was comfortless and lone: This comforter of other souls could claim none for his own.

But had our God forsaken him, Whose love can ne'er forget? Could He who notes each sparrow's fall, allow this dire Kismet? Ah no! Already on the way with consolation's balm, Was Titus, messenger of hope, the fears of Paul to calm.

Perhaps we know someone like Paul, disheartened by the way; Let us, like Titus, go to him and comfort him today. For oft the man who knows God best, the man of faith and power Is longing for a human touch, amidst a trying hour!

—Paul Hutchens

that had carried him, to prove to them that it was real.

Talk about strange things. Here are four of the strangest things that you can imagine: power present to heal doctors; Jesus pardoning sin with a word; Jesus practicing thought-reading; and Jesus making a man carry a bed away that had carried him there.

No wonder, after it was all over and the day's events were being recounted and they were talking about what had taken place it is no wonder that they said, "We have seen strange things today."

II

SOME STRANGE THINGS OF JESUS' DAY.

I would like to call attention to some things that appertain to the day of Jesus — that is, to Christ's day on this earth, that were very, very strange.

First, the Maker of men was born among men, or, in other words, the Infinite became an infant.

Can you imagine the Lord Jesus Christ as the Maker of men? The Word of God tells us He was such. The Word of God tells us over and over again that He was Creator of all. Listen:

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him." — Col. 1:16.

He was the Creator of all. There wasn't a man that was living in His day that He didn't create. The very mother who produced Him in her womb was the product of His own creation. The woman who carried Him about on her bosom was His own product of creation. The Maker of men was born among men, so that we might say the Infinite became an infant.

Talk about strange things; that is strange. That is one of the paradoxes of life that is hard to understand: how could the Infinite God become an infant, to be carried about in the bosom of His own mother?

I think about the universe in all of its expanses. Beloved, we of this generation certainly know more about the size of the universe than any generation that

has ever existed. I think about this universe, how big it is. Beloved, it is an impossibility to imagine it. And Jesus Christ made it.

I think about Heaven, that we know nothing at all about. Jesus Christ made it. I think about all this earth. Jesus Christ made it.

I think about the things that are visible, and the things that are invisible — the stars, the suns, the moon, the constellations, and as I think of these, I wonder what is out beyond that the telescope has not yet picked up. I am satisfied that there is plenty out yonder in the future that we know nothing at all about.

Who made it? The Lord Jesus Christ yet I see Him there in Bethlehem, as His mother picks Him up and cuddles Him to her bosom. The Infinite became an infant.

Talk about strange things. Can you imagine it? Can you comprehend it? Can you understand it — how He who was able to speak and the whole world came into existence, one day was born a babe, and was carried about on His mother's breast? Talk about strange things. That was a strange thing that characterized Jesus' then.

Another thing that characterized Jesus' day was, the Lord of all, serving all.

Beloved, He is Lord of all.

One day the crowd criticized Him because as He walked along through the fields, He and the disciples reached out and took a handful of grain, threshed it in their hands, blew the chaff away, and ate that grain for their dinner. The crowd criticized Him because it was on the Sabbath day. He reminded them that He was Lord, not only of them, but of the Sabbath, and Lord of all things.

Beloved, I say to you, the Christ that I preach to you from this pulpit is Lord of all things.

Can you imagine how sovereign He is?

I have been reading, of recent date, the story of the plagues. If you want to get a picture of the sovereignty of God, read the story of the ten plagues and see how sovereign God is.

The Lord is so sovereign that He can see every fly, and not one of them did He allow to get over

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"Strange Things"

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into the land of Goshen. All the cattle of Egypt got sick. Not only the cattle, but the camels, and the asses, and horses, and sheep — everything they had by way of livestock was stricken with a disease and they all died. In all the land of Egypt, the animals died.

Somebody said, "Pharaoh, over in Goshen, the Jews haven't lost a single thing." The Word of God says that he sent over there to certify it, and when the messenger came back, he said, "That is right. They are all alive. Every animal is alive."

Can you tell me how my God put an invisible barrier between Goshen and Egypt, to the extent that everything died in Egypt and nothing died in Goshen? Beloved, He is sovereign over diseases — even the disease of animals.

I see the day come when Moses takes his shepherd's staff and strikes the ground, and that dust throughout all the land of Egypt turns into lice.

Pharaoh had called upon his Egyptian counselors — his wise men — his magicians — and said, "You duplicate this."

One day Pharaoh said to them, "When Moses threw his shepherd's staff down, it turned into a serpent. What can you do?" They threw their staffs down, and they turned into serpents.

Every time Moses did anything, Pharaoh would depend upon his Egyptians to counteract it by doing the same thing, to show to his people that it wasn't anything miraculous. His magicians could do the same thing. But when Moses struck the ground with his shepherd's staff and that dust turned into lice that crawled on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt, Pharaoh said to his magicians, "Do likewise." They began to scratch their heads, and said, "This is the finger of God. We can't do it."

Beloved, God was sovereign over every louse in the land of Egypt. I am saying to you, the Lord Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Another strange thing: The Lord of all comes down to earth to serve all.

Look at Him on the day that He took a towel and girded Himself, and got down before His own disciples and washed their feet — the Lord of all, serving all.

What He did that day was characteristic of all the life of Jesus Christ in its entirety. He came to serve all. Listen:

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

Beloved, when He died on the cross, it was to serve all.

Talk about something strange. The Infinite became an infant. The Lord of all came to serve all.

Also, the Just One was not only accused, but He was condemned

and was sacrificed for sin.

The Just One — no sin in Him! Pilate said, after he had examined Him, "I find no fault in Him."

Judas Iscariot flung the coins on the pavement before the Sanhedrin and ran out to hang himself. As he did, he said, "I have sinned, in that I have betrayed the innocent blood."

A little later, Paul wrote:

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

Simon Peter took up the well-worn pen of time, years later, and he likewise wrote, saying that the Lord Jesus Christ was our redemption, and was given for our ransom. 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 Peter 1:18, 19.

Beloved, I am saying to you, here was the Just One — one who had never sinned, one who had never had a single sin in His life — here was the Just One who was accused, and who was condemned and sacrificed for sin. A strange thing!

Here is another strange thing: The Crucified One rising from the dead.

Jesus had said, "If you destroy this body, in three days I'll raise it up," referring to His own body. On the day that they crucified Him, I am persuaded to believe that He was buried about 6:00 o'clock in the evening, and I am likewise, from my study of the Word of God, persuaded that 72 hours later — not one minute less, and not one minute more — but three days and three nights being fulfilled, at 6:00 o'clock on Saturday evening, Jesus Christ came forth from the grave alive.

Talk about something strange! The Crucified One rose from the dead.

The crowd crucified Him because they had the power to do so, given to them of God. Jesus Christ came forth out of the grave because He Himself was God. The grave could not hold Him.

Pilate was prevailed upon to put a crowd of soldiers at the grave so that the disciples could not steal the body away. Pilate's soldiers guarded that grave, but in spite of the guard that was there, in spite of the stone that was rolled in front of the grave, at the end of 72 hours Jesus came forth, just like it was prophesied in the Word. The Crucified One rose from the dead.

Strange things? Yes, it was strange. What was so strange? Beloved, notice, even death itself was slain by the dying of our Lord. We read:

"Forasmuch then as the chil-

dren are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."—Heb. 2:14,15.

The death of death! What caused death to lose its horrors? What caused death to lose its terrors? Just one thing: Jesus' blood.

Death, I say, was slain by the dying of the Lord Jesus Christ. By His death, He killed death. Death has no horror for us; it has no pain; it has nothing at all to worry us. The fact of the matter is, death was slain by the dying of our Lord.

III

SOME STRANGE THINGS IN OUR DAY.

There are also strange things seen by believers in our day — just as strange as in Jesus' day.

Today, we see condemned sinners justified by faith. The Word of God specifically states that all are sinners. 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.

"He that believeth on him is

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not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."—John 3:18,19.

Thank God, though, we are justified by faith. Even though we are condemned sinners, we are also justified by faith. Listen:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

Another strange thing in today's experience is that souls are preserved in spiritual life amid all types of hidden evils. This is a terrible world in which we live. Our nation is not only bankrupt financially — we are also bankrupt morally and spiritually as well. In spite of this, when our hearts are renewed by grace, we are gloriously preserved amidst all the spiritual dangers which confront us. Listen:

"For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off."—Psa. 37:28.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28,29.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38,39.

Truly, these are strange things which we see today. It is strange that He saves us and strange that He keeps us.

May it please the Lord to pick up someone out of this audience, save that one by His grace, and then preserve you forever in Him. If this be your experience, you too, will then say, "We have seen strange things today."

May God bless you!

Justification

(Continued from Page One) men's reflect the character of God. I take the position, and this is original with me, that the Ten Commandments being the reflection of the character of God — that they within themselves and their spiritual contents, are just as old as God.

Man, in the reckoning and purpose of God, was tried in the courts of God; and the law screamed that man was guilty, and man was, and man is.

Romans 3:19: "Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under he law: that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God."

The word "world" as used here, and the expression "all the world" is one of the few times that it means all of Adam's posterity, without exception. There are those that say that the Ten Commandments were only given to Israel, but that isn't so.

In Exodus 20, where the Ten Commandments are enumerated, you have God's creatorial title in the very first part of that chapter; but when you see them repeated along with the statutes and commandments and ordinances that we call Moses' law, in the fifth chapter of Deuteronomy it is a different word altogether. It says "The Lord God," which means "God in covenant relation with Israel."

In John 12, Jesus declared that the sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath. He didn't say it was made for the Jew, but that it was made for man.

So in Paul's 13th chapter of an epistle to a Gentile church he enumerated a number of the Ten Commandments.

One of the reasons that there is so much violence and corruption in the world today is that preachers have nailed the Ten Commandments to the cross and said, "Brother, you are not under law."

But you are. The Ten Commandments, I maintain are just as binding today as they were upon those in the long, long ago.

The law, then, is the prosecutor, but the law of God says you are guilty. So the law in the courts of God, and coming down across the corridors of time in history cries to every individual that you are guilty.

In Job 25:4, a most interesting question is asked by one of Job's false friends, and the question has to do with justification. He said:

"How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?"

Inasmuch as man stands before God at the bar of justice, a guilty sinner, no wonder then that Bildad asked the question that is most interesting: "How can a man be justified with God? How can he be clean that is born of woman?"

Being "clean" and "cleansing" is always closely linked with, and related to, justification. You'll notice that especially in the book of Job.

Notice that the law prosecutes a man and holds all men to be guilty before God. The question is then, can a man be justified by law?

There are those in the world who are trying to be justified by the law. But the law prosecutes; the law kills. It cannot give life. It cannot even impute righteousness. It may impel a man toward unrighteousness. Thus we are not justified by law.

Rom. 3:20: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

How, then, could a man know that he was a sinner if it wasn't for the law?

Rom. 7:7: "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law, but by the faith of Jesus except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

So then, we are not justified by law.

Gal. 2:16: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Since the law holds all men to be guilty before God, and since they have been tried and the prosecutor has said that you are guilty, something must be done if a man is to be exonerated and declared innocent or acquitted.

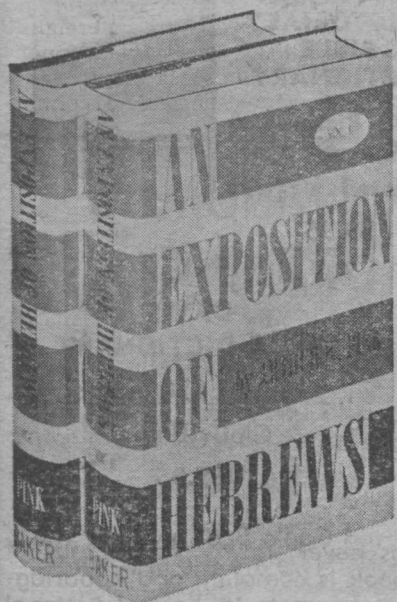
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THE AUTHOR OF JUSTIFICATION

We turn to Isaiah 53:8 and the premier of all the prophets had this to say concerning justification:

"He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me?"

If you will read the context you will notice he had reference to God. So Isaiah said God was the author of it, because he said, (Continued on page 5, column 2)



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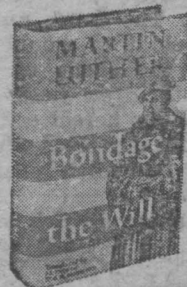
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As soon as a person dies, his soul departs from the body. The body no longer contains life and so is buried. The soul does not cease to exist. It still has life. This life still retains senses such as feeling, sight, hearing, etc.

Where does this soul go? It depends on what happens while it is still dwelling in the flesh. If the soul has seen Jesus as Saviour it will go to heaven to be with the Lord. Paul said, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ..." (Phil. 1:23).

If the person dies in his sins—not having seen Jesus as Saviour, his soul will be in a place of torment. "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." (Luke 16:22,23).

There are a lot of people who refuse to lift up their eyes in this world. These people claim that they do not believe in Hell and life after death. They, like the rich man of Luke 16, will lift up their eyes in torment.

God's people go to be with the Lord. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:14-17).

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The soul—or one might say the spiritual part that leaves the body, goes to one of two places. If the person who dies is an unsaved person, they go to hades, the intermediate place of the lost. Most people think they go to hell, and this is partly because of the mistranslation of the Greek term

hades, which is incorrectly translated hell. Lost people are not now in hell. The Beast and False Prophet will be the first to go there, and the lost will follow them after the resurrection of the wicked and the final judgment (See Rev. 20). The wicked rich man whom Jesus told about in Luke 16 went to hades, and "he lifted up his eyes being in torment." A place of suffering yes, but not the ultimate place of suffering.

The saved at death go immediately into the presence of the Lord. Speaking of this Paul said, "Having a desire to DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST WHICH IS FAR BETTER." (Phil. 1:23).

This is certainly plain, is it not? Again, speaking of the same thing, we have Paul saying, "Absent from the body... present (or at home) with the Lord."

No difficulty about understanding statements like these.

When Stephen was dying, he was given to see Heaven opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. What did Stephen say: "Lord Jesus receive my spirit." What could that possibly mean other than that he expected to be received immediately into the presence of the Lord? How absurd in the light of that to suppose that all of Stephen, body, soul and spirit, went into the grave to sleep until the Lord comes. The Adventists and Jehovah's (false) Witnesses hold forth such a fate in prospect. Why should anyone want to swallow such stuff? According to such a theory the apostle Paul has been sleeping for about twenty centuries. That's too much sleep! No, Paul's desire was fulfilled for when he was "absent from the body" he "was present with the Lord."

Speaking for myself, I have not the slightest fear of death, for when I leave this body one of these days, I shall find myself very soon in the presence of the Lord.

It would be nice, however, if the trumpet should sound before death comes. I join with John in saying, "Even so, Come Lord Jesus!"

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The soul of the child of God, upon leaving the physical body at death, goes immediately into the presence of God (Heaven). The soul of the unregenerate is taken into Hell, and held captive until the judgment of the Great White Throne. The Lord, knowing that His children would be curious about the abode of the soul after death, drew back the dark curtain of the hereafter that we might see for ourselves where the soul goes immediately after death.

"There was a certain rich man.

which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried: And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."—Luke 16:19-20, 22, 23.

This is the Lord's account of the life and death of two men. Relating the story, Jesus says that there was a certain rich man, and there was a certain beggar. Thus, it is an actual account. I find nothing in it that even remotely suggests that it was not an actual happening. Many try to teach us that this is a parable to try to get rid of the Bible doctrine of Hell and future punishment. Also, they try to justify the theory of soul sleeping, but this is not a parable. The Scriptures, in referring to sleep, always refer to the body never the soul.

Thus, to teach us concerning the soul, the Lord tells us of two men who were alive physically, then of their physical death, and then the place and condition of their souls immediately following their death. In drawing back the curtain of the hereafter, the Lord pictures both souls alive, conscious (not sleeping) and aware of their surroundings and the future.

Lazarus' soul was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom where he was comforted. The Lord's description of Lazarus was of one who was at rest, and in a place of bliss which could only be the residence of God. Thus, Lazarus' soul was taken immediately after death into the presence of the Lord, and that is where all the souls of the regenerate go.

The soul of the saved upon departure from the body is free from sorrow. The warfare and battles of this life have ceased, trials and troubles are over. Thus it is a far better life than the one in the flesh. I think this is what Paul was referring to when he said:

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better."—Phil. 1:23.

This apostle enjoyed the work of the ministry, and it is doubtful if any other man's ministry, with the exception of Jesus', was as blessed as was his, yet His testimony was that it would be better for him to depart and be with Christ.

The righteous souls enter into the presence of God at death as pictured in Rev. 6 where the conscious souls were under the altar, speaking and being spoken to regarding the death of their bodies and the avenging of their deaths.

The souls of the unregenerate are taken and placed in Hell, which is a place of torment, both by the rich man's confession and the words of Abraham. I cannot conceive of our Lord teaching such things if it were not true. The cross with its suffering sacrifice on it teaches me that there is certainly a place of punishment for the sinner.

"But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented."—Luke 16:25.

This man's soul was also conscious for he was told to remember. There is no memory in the grave, thus the souls of those who die without a Saviour are in a place of conscious torment. Furthermore, they are able to discern the bliss of those in heaven for they are enabled to see across the great gulf that is fixed between heaven and hell.

When Jesus shouts in the air, only the dead bodies of His children shall be resurrected, and their bodies and souls will be reunited to stand before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged as to rewards. When the millennial reign is over, we read that the "sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up dead which were in them." Rev. 20:15. Thus, all stand before God to be judged as to degrees of punishment. Therefore, the souls of the dead immediately go into Heaven or Hell, and there stay until the resurrection of their bodies.

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In Lk. 16:22-23 we read, "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried. And in hell (HADES) he lifted up his eyes." Surely there can be no question as to where the wicked go after death. In verse 24 the rich man said, "I am tormented in this flame." And from verses 27-28 we learn that while he was being tormented in that flame his five brothers were still living on the earth.

The only question that can arise from this Scripture would be, What is meant by "Abraham's bosom?" But surely everyone will agree that all the saved go to the same place after death. And in Lk. 23:43 our Lord said to the thief He has just saved, "To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise." So Abraham's bosom was the same place as the one called paradise.

So now the question arises, Where was paradise? W. E. Vine says that when Christ dismissed His spirit "He went immediately into heaven itself, the dwelling place of God." But I am unable to accept that due to the fact that after He arose from the grave He said in Jno. 20:7, "I am not yet ascended to My Father." That being true, Christ did not go immediately to the Father after His death on the cross. So it would appear that there was a place to which the spirits of the saved went, but it was not heaven. In Psa. 86:13 David said, "Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell" (should be Sheol). Low-

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ADAM'S RIB

WRITTEN BY A WOMAN
AND FOR WOMEN

"SOMETHING TO KNOW"

"But I would have you KNOW, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels." — I Cor. 11:3-10.

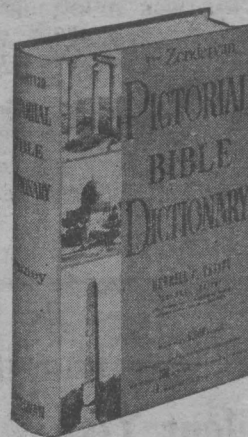
The Apostle Paul has something that he wants us to KNOW. That's the way he starts this portion of Scripture. Since he makes a point of saying that he wants us to KNOW something, perhaps we should make it a point to see what it is.

Surely it must be important. The first thing that he wants us to KNOW is that the head of every man is Christ. That is important, isn't it? Christ is the head of every man as his Creator and Preserver. There will be a time when every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Christ is the head of every saved man as his Substitute and Mediator. I'm glad that we know this, aren't you?

There is something else Paul wants us to know. The head of every woman is the man. There are several reasons given for this. The man was made first. He has superior gifts and strength. That's why the woman is called the weaker vessel (I Peter 3:7).

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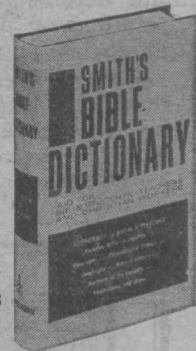
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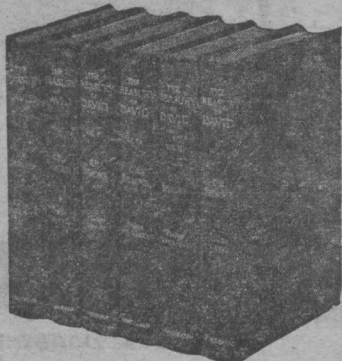
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est Sheol (HADES in the Greek) is the place where the spirits of the wicked go after death. And since there is a lower Sheol, it goes without saying that there is an upper Sheol. This is the place that was called Abraham's bosom in Lk. 16:22 and paradise in Lk. 23:43.

However, in Eph. 4:8 we are told that "When He (Christ) ascended up on high, He led captivity captive." Some versions say, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives." This means to me that when Christ ascended back to the Father He carried the spirits that had been kept in paradise into heaven with Him. Since that time when one of His saints dies, the spirit is carried by the angels (Lk. 16:22) immediately into His presence. In Phil. 1:23 Paul tells us that he had "a desire to depart, and be with Christ."

Adam's Rib

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Therefore, he is to provide and care for her — nourish and protect her. The woman gets her name and her nature from the man. We can easily see why it is important for us to KNOW this.

Paul continues to tell us something else that he wants us to KNOW. The head of Christ is God. Now we know from other Scriptures that Christ as God is equal to the Father in every divine attribute. Therefore, this must be speaking of Christ as He was in the flesh, obedient even unto death, being the Suffering-Servant of Jehovah. None of us will argue the importance of our KNOWING this.

There is more that Paul wants us to know. Every man that prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head, Christ. I am convinced that every man KNOWS this. Have you ever attended a dedication service or a grave-side service when it was bitter cold? It matters not how cold it may be, the man who preaches or prays always removes his hat. Why? Could it be that he KNOWS that it would dishonor his Christ?

Continue on Paul. Every woman that prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her husband and should be shaven. Up to this point we agree that what Paul is saying is vitally important and we should know it. Why is it that there is no conflict or confusion until we get to the woman's part? Some would say that this Scripture doesn't apply to our time. Does that mean that Christ being the head of every man does not apply to our time? Some will say that this is talking about hair. If this is so, then it is talking about hair when referring to the man. Therefore, he would be a dishonor to Christ if he prayed with his head covered with hair. He would have to shave his head. This Scripture must mean a head-covering other than hair.

We shame our husbands when we attend services bare-headed. This is important. Paul wants us to KNOW this. This doesn't depend on whether our husbands feel shamed or not. We shame them before God, the Angels, and other men. This Scripture seems so clear, one wonders at the open rebellion of godly women to this teaching.

You know, it has always been a shameful thing for a woman to go bareheaded in public. And even more shameful to be shaven. It has only been in the last 50 years that any "nice" woman would appear in public without a head covering. Before that, only the "women of the streets" appeared so. Perhaps some of you remember the news-reels of World War II. Some of the French women had sold their bodies and information to the German soldiers. When it was found out, they were brought to the town square. There before the whole town, their heads were shaven. You could see them crying, begging the townspeople not to do it. Then later pictures showed them with scarves tied around their head. They were glad to wear a covering then, to hide their shame. Today, we run here, there and everywhere bare-headed, imitating the harlots. We even attend the Lord's church in this manner and seem unconcerned. Paul says that it is important that we KNOW that we should wear a covering. This is not just the word of Paul. This is the Word of God. Let us carefully, prayerfully reconsider this matter.

Justification

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"He is near that justifieth me." I point out this pertinent fact, and that is that God never has saved any man at the sacrifice and expense of justice. God never has manifested mercy at the sacrifice of justice.

In Romans 8:33, the Apostle Paul raises the question:

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

The answer is in the negative. Justification, then, originated with God since He is the author of it.

II

THE CAUSE OF JUSTIFICATION

There has to be a cause for every effect! Now what is the cause?

We turn to the Word of God and we see that the cause of justification is God's love. Romans 5:8 says:

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

In the context, he describes what we were and how we lived. He describes us as being ungodly, yet he says that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. So then, the cause for justification is God's love.

What is the nature of God's love?

First of all, God's love is a

love that is a discriminatory love. God does not love promiscuously nor indiscriminately. His love is limited to His people.

Hebrews 12:6: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth."

Revelation 3:19: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." Notice from these two texts that God's love is qualified.

In Ephesians 2:1-3, you'll notice that the Apostle Paul denounces the religious world for what it was, and pointed out that God's people at one time were dominated and carried along by the spirit of the Devil, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Others were more than children of wrath. They were the children of the Devil. Then he says in verse 4-6:

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

God's love is something that cannot be defined. It is beyond the comprehension of the human mind. I cannot comprehend God's love. It is boundless and it is limitless.

In one of the hymnals there is a song that is entitled "The Love of God." It says that God's love was greater (that is, in magnitude) than all the waters of all the oceans of the world; it is higher than Heaven itself, and lower than the lowest depths of Hell. I don't understand it. I don't try to understand it. I just believe it.

In John 17:23, in that matchless prayer of Jesus, Jesus said:

"I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one: and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

How much does He love His people? He loves them just like He loves His Son. How long has He loved His Son? In John 17:24, He says:

"For thou lovest me before the foundation of the world."

Thus the love of God toward His saints, both lost and saved, is a love that is as old as God because love is a divine attribute of God. You can't separate God from His attributes, and since God is eternal, from everlasting to everlasting, so is God's love toward His people.

So, then, the cause of justification is God's love.

III

THE GROUND OF JUSTIFICATION

Has God dispensed with justice? Has justice sheathed her glorious sword? Has justice said, "We will dispense with this and let him go free?"

A thousand times no! Justice has been meted out. All the Old Testament saints were saved on the credit of Jesus Christ. According to Hebrews 7:22 He is their surety; that is, He signed their promissory note, and He said that in time He would pay that note in full.

Then in Romans 3:25, we read:

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

He didn't ignore their sins. He didn't hide them in a corner. But he held them in abeyance until the time came when the one that signed the promissory note would seal it with His own precious blood on Calvary's cross and pay it in full.

Romans 3:26:

"That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

In Isaiah 53:11 Isaiah said: "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

In other words, he said there is coming a time when Jesus Christ is going to be satisfied, and when the object of God's love is going to be satisfied. When He shall see the travail of their soul, He shall be satisfied.

I say with all of the force of my heart when Jesus Christ went to Calvary's cross and died thereupon, justice unsheathed her glorious sword and plunged it into the quivering heart of the Son of God and paid it in full. There was no devil left unconquered and no debt left unpaid. Brother, He paid it all.

So Jesus Christ died on Calvary's cross in payment of our sins under the justice of God, that men might be declared innocent and set free.

When Jesus Christ knelt in Gethsemane, His sweat became, as they were, great drops of blood falling upon the ground. Three times He said "Father, if it be possible, let this cup of sorrow pass from me; not as I will, but as thou wilt."

We know that Jesus did not fear death. We know that He knew what lay behind the door of death, and we know that He was to explore every chamber in the halls of death. Death held no terror for Him. Then why did He pray like that?

I believe there are many things that caused it, but two things in particular take preeminence over everything else.

When Jesus Christ went to Calvary's cross, the thing that broke His heart was the shame of the cross. What shame? The shame of every sin of every one of God's elect. The worst kinds of sin that man can ever conceive were charged to Jesus Christ. The sin of adultery, the sin of fornication, the sin of murder, the sin of rape, blasphemy and drunkenness, and every thing else imaginable were charged to the person of Jesus Christ. He knew that.

The other thing was, He knew that He was drinking the last bitter dregs of the cup of God's wrath against sin. He knew that God was going to turn and forsake Him in that hour. Across the centuries has come one of the most heart-rending cries that ever came from the parched lips of any man: "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?"

With the blood streaming from His hands and feet, and with His cries and the cries of the cross echoing in the ears of those around and across two thousand years, they are still echoing; for everywhere the Gospel of Jesus Christ has gone, and wherever men have been told to go, men have preached on this, and men have been saved. God has used this message to bring men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Darkness enshrouded the cross. When God looked away the sun went down and darkness descended upon the whole earth. Men walked around the cross, stumbling over each other, swearing at each other, and the only thing that could be heard from the cross were the laboring cries of Jesus, and they grew fainter and fainter until, finally, He bowed His head

and said, "It is finished." He had finished the work that God had sent Him to do.

So He took His own precious blood into the Holy of Holies and applied it to the Mercy Seat of God, and there, forever, covered the sins of His people.

IV

THE RECIPIENT OF JUSTIFICATION

How can I become the recipient of justification?

I become a recipient of justification by faith in His blessed and Holy Name. No man can be saved without, and apart from, justification. No man can be justified without faith. No man can have faith without the Word of God.

We read in Acts 13:38,39:

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

Galatians 2:16:

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

This tells us that justification is based upon the faithfulness of the task that was assigned to Jesus Christ. He was faithful to Him — going to Calvary's cross and dying in my stead, and in the stead of every sinner that has been saved or ever shall be saved.

So then it is faith. That is the means of justification. That is how a man becomes a recipient of the justifying work of Jesus Christ.

Don't be afraid to tell people to believe in Christ. When the Philippian jailer said to Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Did they lie? A thousand times no!

V

THE NATURE OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification is eternal. I have been to the bar of God's court. I have been to the bar of justice and God has pronounced me innocent, not guilty. I can never be hauled back into the court again.

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 4:5-8:

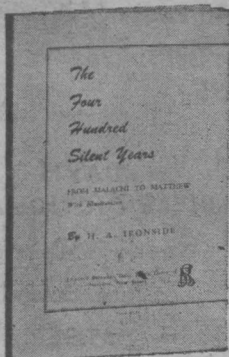
"But to him that worketh not but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works.

Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

Who is that man that God will not charge with sin? It is the man that is justified. It is the man who has believed in Christ and (Continued on page 7, column 3)



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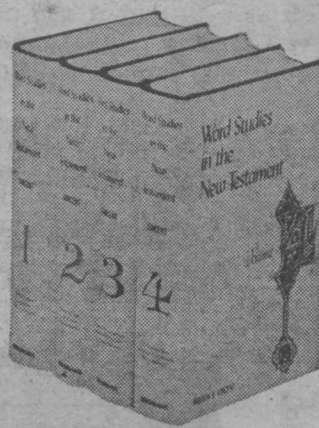
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(John 10:18).

The text, "He remembereth that we are dust," means that God remembers. However, it does not say man remembers he is dust. Man likes to think he is god and at his own volition create a man fitted for heaven. When man is viewed through Scriptural lenses and considered from a standpoint of nature the picture developed is anything but beautiful. David, the psalmist, could restrain his curiosity no longer and he cried out unto God and said, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" By searching and study of human nature, David could not find a single quality in man that would motivate God to have the first thought of man. The patriarch Job gave his estimate of man in these penetrating words, "Man that is a worm, and the son of man that is a worm." (Job 25:6). The wormhood of man is hereditary and is perpetuated to every generation. It is a Scriptural and scientific fact that like begets like. Christ attested to this fact when He said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." (John 3:6). This truth is not compatible with the natural man's thoughts of himself.

Job, a perfect and upright man, called himself a worm, King David a man after God's own heart referred to himself as a worm (Psa. 22:6), and God spoke to His Prince Jacob in these words, "Fear not, thou worm Jacob." (Isa. 14:14). Now, we know that a human being is not a worm in the literal sense but, with the references to Job, David and Jacob as worms the Scriptures speak in a metaphorical sense. A metaphor is a figure of speech, a word or phrase associated with one thing or idea and it is ascribed to another because of a suggested resemblance. To be brief and plain, the natural man in every facet of his

existence is as obnoxious in the sight of a thrice Holy God as the most horrible and hated worm is to man.

Man, plus genius, plus education, plus riches, plus everything apart from the saving grace of God equals dust. Man plus all the wonderful things he thinks he is will give you the grand total of DUST. "The flesh profiteth nothing." (John 6:63). If all the chemicals could be reclaimed from the average size man, the going price on the market for him would be a \$1.29. The cost of reclamation far exceeds the value, so any way you approach man from the natural standpoint you enter into a losing proposition. Weighed on the scales of God's infallible justice all of the human family is counted no more than the small dust of the balance. (See Isa. 40:15). "If a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." (Gal. 6:3). Man should quit lying to himself (Jere. 17:9) and admit his frailty, inability, his total spiritual ruin, his nothingness and realize when he looks in the mirror the very best he can see is a lump of dust. Paul the Apostle, said, "I am less than the least of all the saints." (Eph. 3:8). I do not know how you arrive at "less than the least." It must be that God caused Paul to remember that Paul, in his physical state was but only dust.

Gen. 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." This verse has science falsely so called working overtime trying to disprove the facts contained in it, but, God will not be robbed of His glory in the creation of man. The evolutionary theory is so replete with unsolved dilemmas that each succeeding generation must come up with a new theory contradictory to the former generation's theory in an attempt to prevent being run through with one of the horns of the old dilemma. All their intellectual polishing of the evolutionary theory only tends to further aggravate the murky waters of this iniquitous cesspool. The new generation of evolutionists find themselves worse off than their infidel predecessors. The Genesis account of creation of both animate and inanimate substance is a Divine axiom. The heathen can rage against this truth with all their strength only to find themselves deflated by the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Man's physical origin can be traced to the dust of Eden's garden. Until God breathed into the nostrils of man, the breath of life, man was yet dust. God entered into covenant with His newly created man.

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:15-17).

Man is a created being, NOT

independent but responsible to God his Creator. It seems evident from Scripture that God had taught Adam concerning his dust origin. In pronouncing the curse upon Adam for violating the covenant God said to him, "For dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." (Gen. 3:19).

With just a little imagination we can see the arch deceiver coming to Eve in the garden. We can hear him say to her, "You don't have to believe this death and dust bit that God is trying to pawn off on you. This stuff about dying the day you eat of the tree in the midst of the garden is but a farce and a scare tactic to keep you in subjection to him. It is foolish for you to think that a single deviation will cause you to become subject to dust. On the contrary you will be equal with God." This lie was believed by our first parents in the garden and alienation from God was the immediate result. In this state of spiritual death man thinks the flesh is more than dust. Occasionally, you may hear an unsaved person admit to the Biblical account of creation, but press the point further and see how many you can get to concede that man in his depraved fallen state is as worthless to God as a speck of dust is to man.

Man's Vain Search for a Solution To Air Pollution

We hear and read a lot about air pollution today. Air pollution is not a new problem. Adam and Eve are the only two people that ever lived on this earth which were not plagued with air pollution. Even the pure air of Eden's paradise came under the dust curse when sin made its entrance and our first parents breathed into their lungs poison air that very day. All of their children have been breathing the same air ever since. Thousands of people annually are moving from the cities into the country in an effort to get away from the smog which is but one of the untasty fruits of a sin cursed earth. Industry is plagued by dust. Hundreds of coal miners and foundry workers are suffering from silicosis of the lungs as a result of breathing too much dust. The dust storms in the West and Midwest cost this country thousands of dollars in crops and

livestock.

"The Lord shall make the rain of the land powder and dust; from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed." (Deut. 28:24).

In the home, mother, will put on a cloak called duster, use a vacuum cleaner that is well filtered in an effort to rid the home of dust. The furnace is filtered, the clothes dryer is filtered and the cry all over America is for clean air, all to no avail. The curse upon sin had made dust a part of our natural environment. All this should serve to remind us that we are dust; and will in this life never be able to escape it. Yet we so easily forget that all this upheaval in nature started man's first sin and has been with us ever since. It will continue to be with man until God cleanses this earth with the agency of fire removing the curse of sin forever more. The perpetuity of the dust curse is a self-evident truth, and in view of this, the honest seeker of truth should readily see that the Utopian child which was conceived in the abnormal womb of post-millennialism was malignant at conception, thus, a miscarriage was inevitable and both mother and child will die under the floodtides of truth. The post-millennialist will never reach his imaginary Utopia. The air-conditioned and dust free city while Christ is absent from the earth will never become reality. The great industrial complexes with their towering smoke stacks was once considered as a sign of progress. Now the ecologist is wondering in what direction this progress is going.

The Potter Has Power Over The Clay

"Hath not the potter power over the clay; of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?" — (Rom. 9:21).

"Know ye the Lord He is God; It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." — (Psa. 100:3).

God is the sovereign Potter, each and every vessel is made according to His own good will and pleasure, and none are allowed to say, "Why hast Thou made us thus?" (Rom. 9:20).

The Scriptures affirm over and over that man has not power over himself, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in

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ed according to my original plans; however, my plans never seem to work out right anyway so I am glad that I always leave on God's schedule and arrive at the precise moment according to the Divine Plan.

There are little problems to be expected with the roads now from our Station to Lake Kapiago insofar as getting stuck is concerned as there has been rock put on most all of it. However, that is where the trouble lies in that in the majority of places the rock is of huge size and you can only travel at a snail's speed and then you feel like you have been in some sort of special shaker or tumbler by the time you have traveled a few miles. It took us over three hours to complete about 30 miles before our first stop.

Sometime between 12 and 1 P.M. we arrived at a place called Haginda and was to spend the night there. The meeting house and the house they have built for me sits about 45 minutes walk off the road, so by the time we got our things transferred to the mission house, and set up for the night it was getting on in the afternoon. We got the people to-

gether for a service and made some plans for the services the next day.

This group at Haginda has grown from three individuals two years ago to about 25 in attendance now, and there is every indication that many more will be either joining this original group or starting meeting at another place. God gave us a good service to start off the patrol with.

October 22, "D.Q." This was a day filled with services of the Lord. The first service was held at the church building. This was a regular preaching service. Then we went to a stream of water and baptized 12 people, also preaching there. In the afternoon we met back at the building and a Baptist Church was organized, comprised of the 12 that had been baptized that day and 4 coming from the Church about a mile north of the Mission Station. Late in the afternoon the church observed the Lord's Supper. "end D.Q."

It had been our original plans to spend one night only at this place holding two services, and then moving on down to Kapiago. However, again we are happy to know that it was the Lord's plan for us to stay longer and He directed accordingly. It had been about a year since I last visited this place and I did not know the extent of the growth of the work there when I was making plans for the patrol. For instance, I did not know when I left the Mission Station that several were awaiting baptism, nor did I realize that a church would be organized there.

On the previous day they had said there were 12 desiring to be baptized and with 4 that were already members of another Baptist Church, and now living in this area, they would like to be organized into a church.

One of our local pastors who is more of a missionary and evangelist at heart than he is a pastor, has spent a lot of time this past year working in this area, and has been there and at Kapiago solid for the three months previous to the patrol. Therefore, it did not take me long to see after arriving and talking to the people that they had made great strides in their spiritual life. The man who has been conducting services for them in the absence of a regular missionary is extremely sound in the faith and insists that every one of the group attend every service. (It has always been my feeling that if a Baptist did not attend every service, baring providential hindrances, of the church of which he or she was a member, he either ought to get excluded or get saved).

We had a packed house that morning for our preaching service, and God gave us a great service. Shortly after this service was over we went to a place where they had decided to

use for baptism. Upon our arrival at the water a man was sitting close by and said that this was his private water hole and he would not allow us to use it for baptizing. Of course we could see that this was nothing but an attempt by Satan to discourage the Christians and try to stop them from being baptized. The man who claimed to be the owner of the pool of water was quite an influential man in the community, lost and attending the Catholic and Apostolic services in the area.

This attempt by Satan was short lived however, and we found another place, while not as good, answered the purpose quite all right. There was quite a crowd of visitors at the baptismal service including the man who refused us permission to use the other pool of water. It was quite some distance from where we baptized back to the church building so by the time we got back, we needed a while to rest before the next service.

About mid-afternoon we met again and this time for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. The church was organized with 16 charter members and the man that had been their acting missionary-pastor was called as their pastor. If I were to rename this individual I think I would call him Ezra as he seems to be about the type of man that I form a mental picture of the Prophet Ezra being. He is not a young man, but is a man that is well settled and speaks with the authority of Jesus. He has a

God doesn't practice double jeopardy. He doesn't require payment at the hands of His Son and then at my hands.

If He saved me by His grace then I don't owe Him anything. I serve Him because I love Him, and not because I owe Him. He never did say that I owed Him anything. He went there and took my place and died for me, and He said, "I have saved this man. Justice has been meted out. I died for him. I took his place. He is mine. You can't charge him anymore. Father, what is the verdict?"

"Not guilty."

Are you saved? Have you been the recipient of the justifying work of Christ. I plead with you to trust in Christ and confess Him as your Saviour, and forget about everything else but the Person of Christ.

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himself; It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." — (Jere. 10:23).

A number of times in the Bible man is compared to a vessel of clay. Clay is nothing more than concentrated dust. Let us keep in mind that God has said "Man is dust." With this truth constant in our minds we will have no trouble remembering the Divine order. It is God that holds the clay, and not the other way around as the Arminians would like you to believe. When it comes to the teaching of the absolute sovereignty of God it is seen that many theologians, and would-be scholars, are suffering from a bad case of heretical dust on the brain.

Analogy, Earthen Clay And Human Clay

In highway construction programs you can see massive earth moving equipment all being used to disturb and relocate tons and tons of earth, which is but tons and tons of dust. To the human eye these mountains of earth are passive, motionless and still, but, actually, due to weight and self-generated pressure there is a hardening process going on within the natural earth. The earth dust cannot move itself out of the way, there must be the application of external power in order to relocate it and fashion it for highway travel. The earthen clay does not cooperate with the external force applied to it, but, resists it holding tenaciously to its old position; however, human ingenuity wins out and the super highways are born. This is how God views the natural man. Just as the dust of the earth is powerless to transform itself into instruments of usefulness, man within himself is powerless to change from natural to spiritual. In this analogy we can see the impotence of man's will, the effectual call of the Holy Spirit, irresistible grace and the preservation of the saints. All this exercised by the Sovereign superintendent of high-

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The natural man is of the earth, earthy. Paul, the inspired Apostle writes, "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." (I Cor. 15:44). The Bible further makes this distinction obvious, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." (Rom. 8:8-9).

The chasm between man and beast is impassable, so, there is a gulf fixed between the natural and the spiritual. The feeble attempts of the evolutionist to cross the chasm between man and beast, although both were created of the same dust of the earth (Gen. 2:19) shall continue, to meet with shameful and utter defeat. Man has been endowed by his Creator with superior intelligence to the brute creation. Man is the only creature that fears the curse of dust, man is the only creature that digs a grave, preaches a funeral, erects a monument to death. Among all the earth's creatures man alone has been created with moral sentiments of good and evil. Not a single trace of this can be found among the lesser animals. Yet the mind of man is filled with enmity against God, man uses every

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deep commanding voice and every word is as if it had been specially chosen. He is very humble and friendly but there is not a joke about him.

Late in the afternoon the new church observed the Lord's Supper. Seemingly to me, this was one of the happiest groups of folk that I have been privileged to work with in a long time. We all rejoiced in all the services of the Lord throughout the entire day.

With all the services finished we began to make preparations to leave the following morning for Lake Kapiago.

With this I will close the introductory article to this series so that I may be able to get it in to Koroba to make the mail plane. May the Lord bless you all.

Justification

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become the recipient of the justifying work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

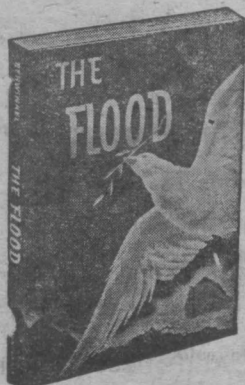
In II Corinthians 5:19, the Apostle Paul said:

"To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

To whom does He not impute trespasses? The one that believes in Christ; the one that has been reconciled to God; the one that has been justified before God. He never brings them into court again. He is set free, once and for all, and forever more.

I tell you, Jesus paid it all.

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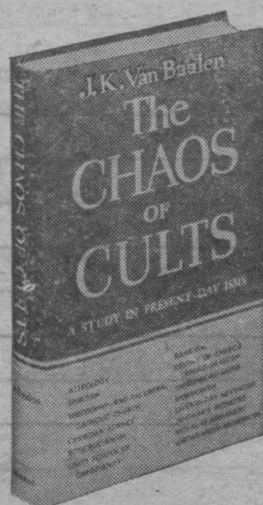
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facet of his intelligence to bring shame and reproach on his Creator. Man employs his sense of morality in an effort to bridge the gulf between the natural and the spiritual. O' vain man how foolish!

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jere. 13:23). "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" Then comes the inspired and infallible answer, "NOT ONE." (Job 14:4).

God that made the earth also created man and hath declared that He has power over the animate clay as well as over the inanimate clay. This Divine and omnipotent power is exercised

according to the good pleasure of God in making one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor. The designing house is none other than the infinite counsels of Almighty God, to the Prophet Jeremiah, the Divine Potter spoke, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5).

Christ asked when He was on earth, "Is it not lawful for Me to do what I will with My own?" (Matt. 20:15).

From Scripture it is plain that all of mankind is in the hands of the Sovereign Potter and God determines absolutely everything pertaining to them. David describes change from natural to spiritual in these words, "He

(God) brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the MIRE CLAY, and set my feet upon a ROCK, and established my goings." (Psa. 40:2).

Man makes a lot of noise about his ability to pick himself up from the mire pit of clay but, he is ever faced with the unerring record which states, "Thou (God) wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and Thou destroyest the hope of man." (Job 14:19). Man at the top of the moral ladder is nothing but dust.

The Earth's Claim Upon Mankind

"His angels He charged with folly, how much less them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth, they are destroyed from morning to evening, they perish forever without any regarding it." (Job 14:17-19).

Note in this text what is said about this body of sin. First, the body has an earth foundation, Eden's dust. Second, the body is perpetually returning to dust, dying morning and evening. Third, man is unconscious of this death in his body, without any regarding it. Fourth, the body of sin is a victim of the moth, skin worms expedite the body's return to the dust from whence it came.

God's Claim On Man Superior To All Other Claims

Psa. 22:19 "All they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul." Shall bow before Him, oh, ye creature of the dust. My prayer to God is that He would make you bow now and cause you to say from the heart, "I do remember that I am dust. Be thou merciful to me, a helpless lump of clay." The knees may grow stiff with pride and the tongue may be filled with words of this world's wisdom but, know this, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:10-11).

Youthful, But Yet Dust

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Eccl. 12:1), that is, before the curse of dust is compounded with old age and pain. Job expressed the same thing in these words, "When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together." (Job 38:38).

The physical liabilities of age are many. The hardening of bones and joints, excruciating arthritic pain are all common to old age, O that the time of youth might be redeemed in the service of God. In the twilight months and years much time and thought are spent considering and fighting the infirmities of the body, leaving little or no time for the eternal issues. We are growing older, the body clay is hardening in proportion to our age. Literally we are growing stiff and it is becoming more difficult with each passing day to resist the gravity pull of the earth. "Remember NOW thy Creator." Remember He has said, We came from dust, that we are dust, and to dust we shall return.

Redeemed From The Dust Curse

How terribly awful is the thought of terminal cancer, how horrible the thought of the body deteriorating in the grave. As fearful as these thoughts are there is another fact which should strike yet a deeper terror to the soul; and that is, the body and soul dying in sin even after many years shall be resurrected from hell and the grave only to be consigned to the lake of fire for all eternity. They which have been given the faith to know Christ vicariously suffered in their place shall have no part in what the Apostle John calls "The

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and after I have done that you shall draw your own conclusions.

"Yesterday, I walked by the side of yonder river; I saw on its floods a young man in a boat. The boat was unmanageable; it was going fast toward the rapids; he could not use the oars, and I saw that he was not capable of bringing the boat to the shore. I saw that young man wring his hands in agony; by-and-by he gave up the attempt to save his life, kneeled down and cried with desperate earnestness, 'O God! save my soul! If my body cannot be saved, save my soul.' I heard him confess that he had been a blasphemer; I heard him vow that if his life were spared he would never be such again; I heard him implore the mercy of heaven for Jesus Christ's sake, and earnestly plead that he might be washed in his blood.

"These arms saved that young man from the flood; I plunged in, brought the boat to shore, and saved his life. That same young man has just now addressed you and cursed his Maker. What say you to this, sirs!"

The speaker sat down. You may guess what a shudder ran through the young man himself, and how the audience in one moment changed their notes, and saw that after all, whilst it was a fine thing to brag and bravado against Almighty God on dry land, and when danger was distant, it was not quite so grand to think ill of him when near the verge of the grave. We believe there is enough conscience in every man to convince him that God must punish him for his sin; therefore we think that this text will wake an echo in every heart — "If he turn not, he will whet his sword." (Psa. 7:12).

resurrection of damnation." (John 5:29).

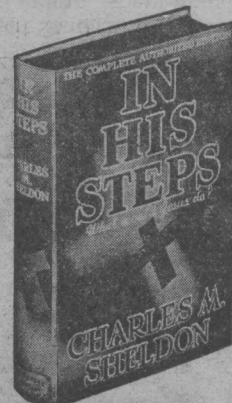
The true penitent can exclaim, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this (dust house) we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven; If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; Not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up in life." (II Cor. 5:1-4).

The grace of God has permitted the saint's eye of faith to see the death of the body as a positive and chief benefit in Christ. In Christ there is sufficient grace for salvation, for living, and for dying. That fearful monster called death loses its ugliness in the flood of overwhelming grace, and the weary pilgrim is made to say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21). Not just a better state, but "far better." (Phil. 1:23).

It is axiomatic and universal knowledge that at the very moment of death the body starts the decomposition process, and in the grave skin worms help in expediting this process. To the reader that is yet unsaved, what if God would say to you, "Tonight thy soul shall be required of thee," you would at the same moment say, "I am tormented in this flame." (Lk. 16:24).

My prayer is that God may be merciful to you, causing you to see the terrible curse sin has placed upon you. May He cause you to see the merit in Christ's shed blood. Then, and then only can you ask, "O grave, where is thy victory?"

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