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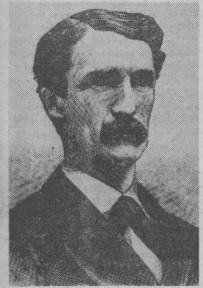
Still slowly passed the melancholy day,

And still the stranger wist not where to stay;

The world was sad, the garden was a wild,

And man the hermit sighed till woman smiled.

The mission of woman is the next important point to be inves-



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Missionary To New Guinea

Dear friends:

Greetings to each of you in the name of our dear Lord.

I have just returned from my second tour of the supporting churches which carried me as far northwest as Sumas, Washington.

This trip was very long, both in mileage and duration. From the time I left, until I returned, 37 days had elapsed. During that period of time, there were 9 days that I was traveling without speaking engagements, however, I more than made up for this, as there were several days that I had as many as 3 services. Almost all of the services lasted well over two hours and many of them were as long as three and one-half

While the trip was long and physically hard, I enjoyed getting

just newly started.

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to give the history of which would homes and visited some mission worked out, and while I was able churches could pray about their of- pretty clear that there was a reg-

There were some along the way places that I had not had on my schedule when I left, there were others that I could not work in at all due to the distances involved. I was sorry for this, but there was nothing I could do about it.

Each and every place seemed to enjoy the services greatly and one of the things enjoyed as much as anything at every place was the showing of the slides of the mission work in New Guinea. These penses continue to outstrip the of- coming out of the ark.

Joseph Samuel C. F. Frey

Since the subject of Sacrifices may be considered as the foundation of the following lecture, it ought to be solid and sure. To present it, therefore, in a clear and edifying manner, we must first trace sacrifices to their proper origin; secondly, establish their design and thirdly, point out their typical signification.

#### THE ORIGIN OF SACRIFICES

1. Sacrifice is a religious act, in which a creature devoted to God was, in a solemn manner, destroyed in His presence for sacred ends. "A sacrifice," says Dr. Owen, "is a religious oblation of something consecrated and dedicated to God, by the ministry of a priest, according to God's institution, to be destroyed for a testimony of God, and an external symbol."

2. This mode of worship is of slides are very informative and great antiquity. It was in use in can speak far more in the same the first ages of the world, and length of time than any human may be traced as far as to Adam's tongue could ever tell. I trust that family. We are sure that Job ofall this has strengthened the mis- fered sacrifices, both for his chilsion work in Papua, New Guinea dren and his friends (Job 1:5; 42: since it is an ever growing work. 8). The patriarchs, Abraham, Is-The needs grow accordingly and aac, and Jacob, built altars, and with inflation having hit Papua, offered their sacrifices unto the New Guinea as well as the rest of God Most High. Noah offered up the world, it seems that my ex- sacrifices, immediately on his

Cain and Abel brought their re-It has been suggested by many spective offerings unto the Lord; There has been a variety of opin- did. I not only preached in could not visit with them, because of the brethren that I make this and from the manner in which the ions entertained upon this subject, churches, but also in several I already had a tight schedule bit of information known, so that transaction is introduced, it seems (Continued on page 5, column 5) points along the way, one at least to reshuffle the schedule in a few (Continued on page 8, column 5) (Continued on page 3, column 1)

time or another felt in a similar

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early ministry when it seemed as

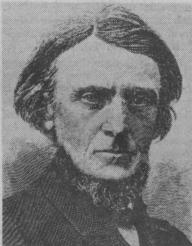
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"And that ye put on the new in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

We had occasion to remark in a former sermon, that Paul regards this and the preceding clauses as the summing up of "the truth in Jesus;" or, in other words, he considers the radical transformation and renovation of the whole moral nature as being the purpose of the revelation of God in Christ. To this end they have "heard Him." To this end they have "learned Him." To this end they have been "taught in Him," receiving, by union with Him, all the various processes of His patient discipline. This is the inmost meaning of all the lessons in that great school in which all Christians are scholars, and Christ is the teacher and the theme, and union to Him the condition of entrance, and the manifold workings of His providence and His grace the instruments of training - and is over - that we should become new men in Christ Jesus. This great practical issue is set

forth here under three aspects one negative, two positive. The negative process is single and simple - "put off the old man." The positive is double - a spiritual "renewal" effected in our spirits, in the deep center of our personal being by that Divine Spirit who. dwelling in us, is "the Spirit of our minds;" and then, consequent upon that inward renewal, a renovation of life and character, which on," as if it were a garment, of "the new man," created by a Divine act, and consisting in moral and spiritual likeness to God. It is not necessary to deal, except incidentally, with the two former, but I desire to consider the last of these - the putting on of the make them known to their chil- "the establishment." Many stu- within them a generation dedi- lightens and rejoices our hearts. new man - a little more closely, dren: That the generation to come dents are cynical of those who run cated to destroy the old order. He not only furnishes us with the and to try to bring out the wealth might know them, even the chil- the system and of their plans and These movements are led by written message, but He gives us and depth of the Apostle's words dren which should be born; who purposes to solve the problems of hippies, peace advocators, civil insight into its meaning, so that in this wonderful text.

purpose of the Gospel is our moral renewal; that moral renewal is a creation after God's image; that means of appropriating it is con-



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tact with God's truth. Let us consider these points in order.

1. The great purpose of the Gosnew man . . . created in righteousness and . . . holiness."

#### THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

"But with the precious blood of man, which after God is created new creation has to be put on or Christ, as of a lamb without blemappropriated by us; the great ish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:19).

Gold is precious - grain is precious — time is precious — the round mourning. His friends asklips of knowledge are precious the redemption of the soul is precious - the sons of Zion are precious - faith is precious, and the promises are precious, - Yet, O how emphatically and pre-eminently precious is the blood of Christ! But to whom is it precious? Not to unbelievers, not to apostates, not to formalists; but to awakened, trembling penitents, and to sincere and humble believ-

This precious blood ratifies precious promises, procures precious privileges, secures precious graces, and when applied, it makes a peculiar and precious people. It has made an atonement for sin, and it procures pardon for

# AN INEXHAUSTIBLE

AUGUSTUS HOPKINS STRONG

In my college days, a certain theological student returned from preaching his first sermon in a little country church, and went



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the sincere penitent; nor is for- ed him, "What is the matter?" He

if I could never make another sermon. All my material was used After a while we put away our fears. We learn that, though our own resources give out, the Bible is inexhaustible. It is full of treasure. Years of exploration and discovery only reveals to us more completely its divinity. It

abounds in instruction and blessing. The man who believes God's Word finds it a lamp to his feet and light to his path. If he does not spend his time in merely critical research, but tries to get something out of the Bible for his own heart's needs, he will surely find that it answers every real demand of his soul. What touches him will touch others also. The Lord will never leave him without a subject, a truth, a word, which will be a blessing to others.

Let me read to you a passage giveness to be obtained in any replied that he could never preach from Isaiah: "The Lord Jehovah other way, for "Without shedding again. "Why?" they asked. The hath given me the tongue of them Heaven the home when school time pel is our moral Renewal: "the of blood is no remission." It pro- young man answered that he had that are taught, that I may know cures peace, for Christ hath "made told all he knew; he had outlined how to sustain with words him peace through the blood of the the whole Christian system; and that is weary; he wakeneth morn-Now, of course, there are other cross." It procures access to God, there was nothing left for him to ing by morning, he wakeneth mine (Continued on page 6, column 4) (Continued on page 8, column 4) say. All of us, I fancy, have at one ear to hear as they that are taught. The Lord Jehovah hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord Jehovah will help me: therefore have I not been confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

> That is good news for a young what we need. The Lord makes the weak to be mighty. He gives Societies everywhere from Eur- us eternal truth in the Scriptures,

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# GENERAT

"We will not hide them from get the works of God, but keep world over. One pressed button done. For he established a testi- aright, and whose spirit was not little to be optimistic about. mony in Jacob, and appointed a steadfast with God" (Ps. 78:4-8).

is described as being the "putting their children, showing to the his commandments: And might one miscalculation, could set in generation to come the praises of not be as their fathers, a stub- motion a nuclear holocaust which the Lord, and his strength, and his born and rebellious generation; a might exterminate human exist- minister of the gospel. It is just wonderful works that he hath generation that set not their heart ence. Modern youth see very

law in Israel, which he command- Today's many youth are pes- ope to North America, from the and His Holy Spirit turns the outer ed our fathers, that they should simistic. They have lost faith in Far East to Latin America, have word into an inner word that enshould arise and declare them to society. We have Africa, the Jew- rights protagonists, black power we can unfold it to others, and The ideas contained seem to me their children: That they might Arab crisis, a divided Berlin and advocates, blowers of pot, drug make it the power of God for their in brief to be these - the great set their hope in God, and not for- wars and rumors of wars the (Continued on page 2, column 1) salvation.

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#### The Generation Gap

(Continued from page one) addicts, young men with outlandish hair-dos, anti-war-mongers, Communist conspirators and religious liberal clergymen. These rebellious youth and their leaders are preparing the successor society that must spring from the ashes of the old. Everywhere they are seen raising a fist, a typical Communist gesture of defiance. They live on the fruits of capitalism while trying to destroy it.

Youth in revolt seeks ways to promote love, spontaneity and wisdom. To assist them in their search for new values they resort to certain stimuli, such as pagan religious practices, modern chemicals, amplified music and nude dancing. But in truth the "love" youth seek is mere sexual promlove they are talking about. The mental dullness. The so-called than their parents? wisdom is in fact folly and absurdity. Their scorn of unsuitable daughter" (Ezek. 16:44). jobs reflect a fear of honest work.

the element of rebellious youth parents. their strategy for victory. This (Prov. 29:15). plan includes violent eruptions on the institutions of learning.

#### STOP! STOP! STOP!

Before some American youth a bumper crop of dropouts, hipcompletely destroy the nation they live in, they should ask themselves some sobering questions. Can free love, academic freedom, drug addiction and the new morality really give us the Utopian world they dream about? What is the real fruit of hippie-morality? Is it not social disease, illegitimate children, guilt complexes, insanity, confused lives and a confused mess? What if there are some sham and hypocrisy in our society. Must we destroy the greatest nation in all the annals of human history to get rid of a few

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The Baptist Examiner rats? Would it not be better to clean up the nation, rather than to destroy both the rats and the Our flag can be seen nation? Does it make sense to Up above the trees. burn down a beautfiul mansion to

The generation gap is one of the all subscriptions and communica- grim realities of our times. About tions should be sent. Address: half of the world's population is under twenty-one. Today much of PUBLICATION POLICIES: All matter for this so-called segment of society is in revolt. They want nothing to do with the world the older generation has built for them. They are anti-everything from police to press and from priest to preacher.

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them" (Isa. 3:12).

The lives of many of our young people are misguided and unguided. They have no particular goal. They do not know why they were born; they cannot apprehend what life is all about. The home, the school, the church all seem to have abrogated their responsibility. Today's youth are ill equipped to cope with society's strains and pressures.

Few young people are working toward any worth-while goal. Few are striving to create anything of substance. Work by many is only a necessary evil in order to obtain the means of a livelihood. Few realize the joy of good, honest work. God made man to be productive and useful. In every human being there is the desire to feel he is needed. That his life serves some useful purposes. "For none of us liveth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). No person can be happy until he is fulfilling the desire to do something constructive. Yet how many parents have taught this present generation the joy of shouldering responsibility? In most cases they have not been so taught! As a result of this lack of teaching in the home, we have a generation that rebels against any suggestion of law and author-

PARENT DELINQUENCY

Who is to blame for this hippie generation? First, I believe the parents are to blame. Most homes are unhappy, divided and a wretched environment for youths. Fathers are no longer the heads of the home. Mothers are too busy to look after their children. At night in many cases mom and dad go out - the Lord only knows where - leaving the children to run loose on the general public, or worse, to watch TV and learn lessons in crime.

Children learn from parents. When they see the personal example of excessive drinking, drugtaking, marital infidelity, foul iscuity. It is free lust, not free language, bad temper, disrespect for law and other bad habits, how "spontaneity" is no more than can they grow up to be any better

"As is the mother, so is her

Parents give children too much The campuses of our colleges freedom. They are too permissive. and universities are the great Children will never grow up to battleground of our time. The mil- love and respect over-permissive 'A child left to himself have a battle plan that outlines bringeth his mother to shame"

More than a few children need college campuses, the taking over to hear their parents say a plain of administrators, the taking over "No." When we sow wrong teachof college property, a reign of ing and examples in the minds of terror and the closing down of children, we must reap the evil consequences. And that is just what we are doing. We are reaping

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They died not in vain In the days now past; May it ever be so While our life shall last.

White stars like daisies In a field of blue; With the thirteen stripes Of red and white, too.

Red is for the blood Our forefathers shed; Blue is for bravery As they forged ahead.

White is for purity, It connects the two; May this be a lesson For me and for you. The "land of the free And the home of the brave' May not always be: Yet it can be saved.

If in God we trust As our coins do read; Our land will prosper With abundant seed.

Freedom is precious For it we must fight; It is losing ground In this: earth's dark night.

The Reds are trying To overtake us; Let us turn to God: He will fight for us. For two hundred years We have stood the test; How long will it last If we do our best?

Yes, God is Sovereign: It was part of His Plan To raise up this nation: This great and free land.

Remember our flag: The red, white, and blue: It stands for something, To It let's be true.

It waves in the breeze, Telling its story; In red, white, and blue: That is "Old Glory."

pies and young revolutionaries.

SCHOOL SCOUNDRELS

Second, I believe the schools and colleges are to blame. There is something criminally wrong when educators fail to teach morality, honesty, decency, good citizenship and hard work. Children are being taught much which is irrelevant. Some are brainwashed bless their mother. There is a with agnosticism and atheism un- generation that are pure in their der the guise of evolution. When own eyes, and yet is not washed God was kicked out of the schools from their filthiness" (Prov. 30: and colleges, and evolution 11-12). brought in, is when the generation gap became wide-open. When children are taught that there is no God, no standard of right and wrong, no absolutes, then they become like a ship without a rudder. They drift aimlessly through life, not knowing what they are, or where they are going. When you teach a child he came from a monkey, you have made a monkey out of him and yourself.

Few people are willing to admit the Communistic influence in our schools. The Communists have said for years: "Give us one genever written on the subject of the eration and we will conquer the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is world." Well, this un-American pre-trib, pre-millennial. Those who generation of hippies and hoodlove His appearing will want to purlums seem to be it. They have eration and we will conquer the lums seem to be it. They have been produced by the Communist conspirators who used our schools and colleges to do it! These campus riots, flag burnings, race mixing, property-destroying and draft eard burning actions are the fruits of the plot of mad-dog Communists of revolution. And those who

Any person who burns an American flag or any American school eyes," not the eyes of an omnisthe good old U.S.A., should leave depraved nature. cotton patch until they earn pure in your own depraved imagienough money to get a hair cut nary view and perverted judgand a bar of soap!

CRACKBRAINED CLERGYMEN

Third, I blame religious liberal clergymen for lawlessness and youth rebellion. These ultra-liberal ministers are seen in the front rank of protestors and by their presence encourage civil disobedience. Until these modernists begin to preach and practice obedience to the laws of God and the state, we cannot expect the younger generation to have a general respect for law and order. Until these wolves in sheep's clothing start preaching Christ instead of Communism to their people, the generation gap will continue to widen. Until Sunday school literature presents salvaism and Communism, there is little hope for this present generaseminaries and colleges by their all association with these paciinfidels? People had better stand up and be counted; otherwise, they will be counted out!

ADOLESCENT ABSURDITIES

Young men and women can't blame their ills entirely on the are responsible for their own conduct. They were not forced to follow in the steps of their elders have brought themselves to this hippie way of life, and they are responsible for their own conduct. The Bible says: "Save yourselves from this wicked generation" (Acts 2:40 Nor. T.).

I feel it is time that young people decided to channel their lives through productive channels. It is time that they ceased the hypocrisy and pretended happiness of hippiedom. It is past time for preachers, parents, teachers and those in authority to rise up and to rightly guide and lead by example the youth committed to our trust. If we fail, all of us will surely someday bewail the consequences.

#### REGENERATION GAP

The generation gap is not nearly so wide as the regeneration gap. "There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not

This modern generation is "without natural affection" and guilty of "disobedience to par- church in the New Orleans area, ents" (II Tim. 3:2-3).

have a purity above their par- gela Avenue, Arabi, La.

lack the ability to discern this are ents. Satan has deluded them into a foolish and ignorant generation. a good opinion of themselves. They are "pure in their own building should be deported im- cient God. Unregenerate boys and mediately. Those who do not like girls are blind infidels as to their it! Some of these young whipper- young or old, is pure until he is snappers who fly Red China or washed from his filthiness in the Russian flags should be sent there. blood of Christ (Rev 1:5). To be Better still, send them first to the pure in your own eyes means to be ment! Until the Holy Spirit disturbs your complacency, your condition is hopeless! What the older generation needs

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is salvation in Jesus Christ. What the younger generation needs is not hippiedom, but to be born again. "Jesus is all this poor world needs today . . . Blindly they strive, for sin darkens their ... O to draw back the grim curtains of night . . . One glimpse of Jesus and all will be bright . . . All that you want is in Jesus . . He satisfies and joy His supplies . . Life would be worthless without Him . . . All things in Jesus you will find."

#### SERVICE GAP

There is another gap I want to tion in Christ rather than Social- tell you about. It is the gay mentioned in Ezekiel 22:30. In this passage we are told that God wants tion. Unless true believers cease to a man to stand in the gap. Suresupport the psuedo-scholars in ly in this evil generation there is a great need for men and women, presence and purse, this may very boys and girls to stand in the gap well be the last generation. When before the Lord for the land that will some people wake up and get He should not destroy it. Who out of these unscriptural, man- knows but what this younger genmade organizations and terminate eration of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ is come to the fists, Communists and religious kingdom for such a time as this?

Acts 13:36 declares: "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption."

King David was a blessing to his older generation. These hippies age. By doing the will of God he served the good interest of his generation. Young friend, why not be like King David? Noah was when their steps erred. Youth righteous before the Lord in his generation (Gen. 7:1). Why not be like Noah? Jesus Christ died to save "a chosen generation" (I Pet. 2:9). Why not let Jesus Christ be your hero, your idol, your most coveted example? Service for Christ is sorely needed as we live in the generation when Christ shall appear to take His people to Heaven (Matt. 24:32-34). Whatever you want to do for Christ must be done quickly.

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#### Sacrifices

(Continued from page one) hlar, fixed time for this religious exercise. The expression alluded to, is in Genesis 4:3: "And in process of time it came to pass." (The original is "Mickaitz yamin," i.e., at the ends of days). This intimates a stated time for the performance of this duty; and the whole turn of the phrase marks a previous and familiar observance.

Nor can it reasonably be doubted that Adam himself offered up sacrifices. For whence came those skins with which our first parents were clothed (Gen. 3:21)? The beasts to which they belonged cannot, so soon after their creation, be supposed to have died of age; they must have been slain; and as animal food was not in use until after the flood, it is most natural to suppose that they were slain in sacrifice, as a constant memorial of man's transgression, of the death which it merited, and of the divine mercy by which that death was delayed. That Adam had been in the habit of offering sacrifices has been the general opinion of the Rabbins.

3. The kind of sacrifices which they considered most valuable, and Which they offered most frequently, were animals slain and burned. Until the giving of the law, no Other offering than that of animals is recorded in the Scripthis was rejected. Does not this sign. lact indicate that the patriarchs knew, that "without the shedding of blood there was no remission of sin?" The heathen nations also, ed human sacrifices, and of those persons that were considered the most honourable.

Phoenicians and Canaanites, in Whom they loved best; and it was to sacrifice their children. Upon sanquinary deities.

His approbation and acceptance of effect. "Such impotent cavils," in obedience to God's command, the Lord accepted it (Job 42:7-9). the Lord expressed His approbaafter the flood, it is said: "The rather, "a savour of rest;" i.e., God was pacified, or rested from His anger, and promised Noah that He would no more curse the MENT, Vol. II, p. 92). earth for man's sake; as Josephus observes, was probably the blessing that Noah prayed for.

nor is it conceivable, that an act of this kind, invented by man, could be so acceptable to God. Nothing less than His own institution seems sufficient to account for His approbation of an action, otherwise not founded in reason, and, at best, in itself indifferent, if not criminal.

Seeing, then, that the offering of sacrifice is a religious rite; that the practice is of remote antiquity; the objects sacrificed those most valued; and that this service was accepted of Jehovah, we now inquire into its origin. It must have been either a human invention, or by divine appointment. This has been a subject of great controversy; yet, after a long and close examination of the arguments on This is needful for Christians of both sides of the question. I am fully satisfied that sacrifices were appointed by God Himself, and Messiah. In favor of this opinion, many divines have argued and opinion, Dr. Magee, in his invaluable work on the Atonement, has demonstrated it in the clearest and most convincing manner; and to this work I freely acknowledge myself indebted for many of the ideas in this lecture. That sacrifices are not human invention will appear from the following consid-

First. No satisfactory reason can tures, except that of Cain, and be given for their origin or de-

1. Some of the enemies of "Jehovah and His Anointed," have triumphed in their own imagined discovery that sacrifices are the who doubtless offered sacrifices in invention of "priestcraft," for the mitation of the patriarchs, offer- purpose of "sharing with their gods and reserving the best bits for themselves." But these honest men have craftily omitted to tell The chief oracles among the us who those priests were before heathens appointed human sacri- the institution of the Aaronic fices. It was a custom among the priesthood, when the head of each family offered up his own sacritimes of great calamity, for their fice. Was it gain to Job and all kings to sacrifice one of their sons the patriarchs to burn their animals to ashes for the sake of getcommon with them, as well as ing the best bits, namely, the With the Moabites and Ammonites, skin? Was not this their own before the rest was wasted? Such, extraordinary occasions, multitud- however, is the superior sagacity es were sacrificed at once to their of Morgan, Tindal, etc., etc., for the purpose of making the atoning 4. Jehovah trequently testified sacrifice of the Son of God of none animal sacrifices. When Job had says the learned Dr. Magee, "conoffered sacrifices for his friends temptible as they are, may yet be considered of value in this light; they imply an admission And when Abraham had offered that the invention of sacrifice on the sacrifices required by Jehovah, principles of natural reason, is utterly inconceivable since, if any tion by fire from Heaven. And such principles could be pointed when Noah had offered a sacrifice out, these writers, whose main object is to undermine the fabric Lord smelled a sweet savour," or of revelation, would gladly have resorted to them, in preference to suppositions so frivolous and ab- principle, it will be hard to acsurd" (MAGEE ON ATONE-

2. Others, somewhat more sober and serious, would have us to believe that they were originated by Jehovah also accepted the sac- the light of nature, as expressions "that burnings of beasts and birds such sacrifices are sacred gifts of efficacy? There was no moral things first received from God, goodness or rectitude in them; and presented back to Him for an



# The Baptist Examiner BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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L Thessalonians 5:19-28.

Intro.: As we conclude this first letter to the Thessalonians, we are looking at needed words of admonition and comfort to urge them to continue in the things of God. all ages.

Verse 19

"Quench not the Spirit." This in that immediately after the giving no way implies that the Holy forth of the first promise of a Spirit can be defeated either by the lost man or the saved man. God forbid. The ministry of the written well; but, in my humble Holy Spirit, like the Father and the Son, is a glorious ministry. He is active in creation (Gen. 1: 3). He is the inspirer of the Holy Scriptures (II Pet. 1:19-21) and uses the Word of God in conviction, in conversion, and in sanctifying the saints (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12; John 3:5, 8; I Thess. 1:5; John 17:15-17). He seals the believer (Eph. 1:13); He indwells the believer (Rom. 5:5; 8:9); He leads the believer into all truth (John 16:13): He is the believer's Comforter (John 14:16). He also publicly manifested God's approval on the church (Acts 2:1, 2) and so the church is said to be the habitation of God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:22).

We are therefore to walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16) and to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18) which results in the fruit of the Spirit being manifested in our lives. To quench the Spirit therefore has to do with a failure to follow His leadership, and instead of yielding ourselves to the flesh. This is true 13). individually or collectively as the church. It proceeds from a failure to rejoice, to pray, and to give thanks. It also results from a failure to abstain from the appearto listen to God's Word (v. 20).

Verse 20

So we have the admonition in verse 20 to "despise not prophesyings." To set aside God's message by not listening to His spokesman is a very serious matter. God's people should have the attitude of Samuel, "Speak; for Thy servant heareth" (I Sam. 3:10) and also

external expression of gratitude, an acknowledgment of faith, and every pious sentiment." Now, if Cain and Abel sacrificed upon this count for God's accepting the one and rejecting the other.

It has been justly remarked, "if any have referred the practice of sacrificing to the laws of nature, their error is easily proved from this fact, that the sacrificial rites practiced by the ancients have been wholly abolished by Christ among His followers; though He was far from abolishing any of the laws of nature, but by His authority ratified, confirmed, and established them all" (OUT-RAM DE SACRIF 22). Besides, no being has a right to the life of other beings, but the Creator, or those on whom He confers that right. It could, therefore, not have entered the mind of Noah or Abel to slay animals, the grant of animal food not being made till after the flood; nor would God have accepted of such an offering.

3. Dr. Spencer and others maingifts, the effects of which, in ap-

of Joshua, "What saith my Lord eration (John 3:8; Eph. 2:1; unto His servant?" (Joshua 5:14). Thess. 2:13) and the gospel ever, since the Holy Scriptures Book, so there will be no more revelations (Rev. 22:18, 19). We This never changes. are therefore admonished to 'preach the Word."

Verse 21

were and are so many deceptions in the world, God's people are to scriptures daily 'search the whether these things are so." They are to "try the spirits whether they are of God" (Acts 17:11; I John 4:1). Preachers should be put to the test; doctrines are to be put to the test; professed churches are to be put to the test. All things are to be

"Hold fast that which is good." Like a precious metal, the things of God are to be kept with all diligence. We keep them by hiding them in our hearts (Psa.119:11). We keep them by contending for the faith (Jude 3). We keep them by teaching them to others (II Tim. 2:2). We keep them by taking heed (I Tim. 4:16; Heb. 2:2). The good is precious because of what its results are (I Thess. 2:

and negative, as we have seen garment the evil may appear in, we are to avoid it (Gen. 3:1). No doubt the evil here has to do with false teachings or prophecies in contrast to the true prophecies of God, but it also means any kind of evil whether it be moral or doctrinal. Both have made fellowship and unity. havoc in the churches. So "flee idolatry" and "have no fellowship with the works of darkness" regardless of how innocent they may appear.

Verse 23

"And the very God of peace." As the child of God endeavors to carry out the admonitions and commandments of the Lord, they will find His "grace is sufficient," and "greater is He that is in you, he that is in the world" (II Cor. 12:9; I John 4:4). Thereby he will learn to "walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16).

14:33). This is with the understanding we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20). Notice also these other Scriptures (Rom. 15: 33; 16:20; Phil. 4:9; Heb. 13:20).

contemplating the complete work tain that sacrifices were originally of conforming the saints into the considered under the notion of image of the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29; Philip. 1:6). This peasing the anger and conciliating sanctification in purpose was bethe favor of man, being observed, gun in our being chosen unto it was supposed they would have salvation (II Thess. 2:13; Eph. the like effect with God, and there- 1:4). The means of this sanc- our churches! upon was invented the rite of sac- tification is the work of the rifice. But upon this principle, al- Lord Jesus Christ in redemption so, it may be asked, Why was the (Heb. 9:12; Eph. 1:7). Also the (Continued on page 4, column 3) work of the Holy Spirit in regen-

We should further have the desire calling us (II Thess. 2:14). So we to heed the admonition in John are set apart unto God once for "Whatsoever He saith unto all by the blood of Christ (Heb. you, do it." When the books of 10:10) and by the new birth. Thessalonians were written, the However, this sanctification which saints were admonished to listen is permanent, results in a continuto the prophecies of God as they ing sanctification in our daily were foretold and forthtold. How- lives (John 17:17). The first has to do with our position before have been completed, all of God's God as we are "accepted in prophecies are recorded in His the beloved" (Eph 1:6) and "complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).

The second has to do with our practice or conduct as children of God. So we have a progressive "Prove all things." Since there sanctification, one which changes us from glory to glory into His image (II Cor. 3:18). This will continue as long as we are on this earth. Then when we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air and are glorified, we will have total sanctification as stated in this verse (Rom. 8:30; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:51-57).

> So Paul writes, "And I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Since sin destroyed or affected the whole man, salvation makes a total new man. So we preach a complete salvation. A salvation which saves from the penalty, power, and presence of sin. Anything less is not Bible salvation.

> > Verse 24

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." Here is one of the strongest arguments in the Word of God for the preservation "Abstain from all appearance of or security of the saved. Yes, "He evil." Christianity is both positive which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day several times. Evil in this connec- of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). We ance of evil (vs. 22) and a failure tion is in direct contrast to that are the purchased possession and 'good" in verse 21. So the evil the preserved possession (Eph. is to be shunned because of what 1:14; I Pet. 1:5). Thank God, He it produces. It doesn't matter what promised and He cannot lie (Heb. 6:17-19).

Verse 25

"Brethren, pray for us." Paul realized "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:6). As we pray for each other it produces

Verse 26

"Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss." Mere formality and hypocrisy should have no place among Christians. We should have fervent love one for another (I Peter 4:8; 1:22). A holy kiss is equivalent to a holy handshake or any greeting which manifests our care and concern for each

Verse 27

"I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren." Because Paul again recognized the value and preciousness of the Word of God, The God of peace is mentioned he charged the elders of the because He brings internal peace church to see to it that the letter in our personal struggles and con- be read to all the saints. This is flicts, and also, collective peace contrasted to keeping the Word in the church (Isa. 26:3; I Cor. of God from the people as some have tried to do.

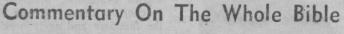
Verse 28

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you." Paul begins and ends with grace which manifests how dependent we are on the "Sanctify you wholly." Paul is mercy of God. Also to show the sufficiency of the grace of God.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is another evidence of His

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"What is the evil spirit from the Lord in I Samuel 16:14-16?" Sam. 15:13-15). If Saul had obeyed

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There are some things concerning this question that we need to remember. One is, God is sovereign in all things, including evil spirits. They are subject to His control. Another thing is, this evil spirit did not go out of God. Rather it went from God on a mission from Him. In I Kings 20:20-22 we hear God commanding a lying spirit to go and deceive old wicked King Ahab in order that he would go up to Ramothgilead and fall there. This lying spirit was not any part of God. But it was under His control.

So it was with this evil spirit that God sent on a mission, God had rejected Saul. He was to be replaced as king of Israel. So God sent this evil spirit to trouble, or rather to frighten him. This word "troubled" comes from BOATH which means to frighten. God started old Saul's downfall by His sending this evil spirit to prepare him for the fall.

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This is one of those questions in which to ask it is to answer it. The evil spirit from the Lord is exactly that, an evil spirit from the Lord. Yet, I am confident the questioner desires a measure of elucidation regarding the text.

under the absolute and perfect control of Almighty God. The

holiness and justice. Yet, God is not the efficient cause in the production of evil, so as to be the author of it. We know that evil did not break into the holy order of things contrary to the will of God, and without the concurrence of His providence, creation would have never known evil.

Satan is often used of the Lord in rebuking His people and to bring wrath upon the reprobate. To rebuke disobedient and gainsaying Israel God used Satan to provoke David into numbering Israel (I Chron. 21:1, II Sam. 24:1). To destroy King Ahab and his false prophets God sent a lying spirit to deceive them (I Kings 22:20-23). And in the taking away of His mercy from King Saul

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(II Sam. 7:15), God sent him an evil spirit to trouble him.

The greatest evil ever perpetrated by man was the crucifixion, and in perfect accord with the freedom of their fallen nature. therefore, their sin in crucifying Christ is wholly and justly chargeable to them. Nevertheless. they acted in perfect harmony with the will of God, for the eternal decree of redemption called for the very thing which they did, (Acts 2:23). The crucifixion of Christ is the classic example of the wrath of man praising the Lord.

God's overruling of evil to bring glory to Himself in no way alleviates the guilt of the transgressor, and in the day of judgment every sin will be traced to its rightful source (Gal. 6:7-8).

Saul, by disobeying God won a flock of sheep, but lost a kingdom. Saul, by disobedience, lost the First, let me say, all forces, mercy of God and was given an whether they be evil or good are evil spirit to trouble him. Saul played the hypocrite, saying, "I have performed the commandwrath of man and devil shall ment of the Lord." His hypopraise the Lord, and no sin can go crisy was exposed and as with all beyond the bounds which God has hypocrites he tried to place the set for it. Evil fits perfectly into blame on someone else, in Saul's God's decrees, and shall ultimate- case, he said "they" meaning the ly rebound to the glory of His men of Israel were at fault (I

the Lord and killed all the Amalekites, there would have been no Amalekites left to kill him.

Let us not play the hypocrite, for the Lord still has evil spirits at His disposal, and at the most inopportune moment our illegal sheep and oxen will bleat and bellow (Numb. 32:23).

## Sacrifices

(Continued from page three) sacrifice of Abel accepted, and that of Cain rejected? Besides, the opinion that sacrifices would prevail with God, must proceed from an observation that gifts had prevailed with men - an observation which Cain and Abel had little opportunity of making. Nor could gifts have been in use before property was established, which was not probably the case in the days

of Cain and Abel. 4. Others, again, suppose that sacrifices were originally used as a federal rite; a kind of eating and drinking with God, as it were, at His table, and thereby implying the restoration to a state of friendship with Him, by repentance and confession of sin. But this could not have been the case; for animal food was not in use before the flood, as has been fully proved by Dr. Magee and others. Besides, upon this principle, also, the same question would recur, "Why was Cain's offering rejected when Abel's was accepted?" Does God prefer the flesh of lambs to the fruits of the earth? He neither "eateth the flesh of bulls, nor drinketh the blood of goats."

5. The more generally received opinion, therefore, has been, that the practice of sacrificing is an act of religious worship, especially as an acknowledgment of contrition for sin, strongly expressed by the death of the animal representing that death which the offerer confessed to be his own desert. This has been the most prevailing motive and design of sacrifices, as found among nations and ages the most remote. Dr. Magee has proved, at considerable length, 'that all nations, Jews and heathens, before the time of Christ, entertained the notion that the displeasure of the offended Deity was to be averted by the sacrifice of an animal; and that to the shedding of its blood they imputed their pardon and reconciliation" (Vol. II, 159).

Secondly, this proves clearly, that sacrifices are not a human invention but a divine institution.

1. It is contrary to reason.

What man of common understanding could suppose, without special intimations from God, that Being would be pleased with the reeking fumes of a bleeding victim? Would they not rather have chosen a "reasonable service" for the God that made them reasonable creatures, such as the sacrifice of prayer and of praise, of a pure mind and of a good life? Such indeed, the wiser heathens did, in the exercise of their unaided judgment, exceedingly prefer. Pythagoras and Plato spoke often with regret and displeasure of the sacrifices and blood of beasts.

Others wondered how the practice came first into the world. With respect to the expiatory sacrifices, who would think that the blood of bulls and of goats could take away sin, and that God would

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After accept of that as a fit compensa- but the authority of God, the so tion for their crimes? It is most ereign of the world; or of Adap unreasonable to suppose any natural connection between the slay- If it be said of Adam, the question ing of an animal and the receiv- still remains, What motive deter ing of pardon for the violation of mined him to the practice? God's holy laws. Will the insulted could not be nature, reason, and violated law of a country be interest, as has been alread magnified and honored by hanging shown; it must, therefore, have or executing a dog in the place been the authority of his Sover of a robber or murderer? It is therefore highly unreasonable to his posterity, it is not to be image suppose that those holy and pious ined that they would have obeye patriarchs, who lived by faith, and him, in so extraordinary and ex walked with God, should think the pensive a rite, from any othe offering of the blood, and burning motive than the command of of the flesh of a beast, to be fit expressions of their gratitude to Almighty God, or means to obtain His favor, by way of expiation for their sins, without His own express institution.

> 2. If sacrifices have been a human invention, it would have been ing one or two more remarks. will-worship, and therefore highly displeasing in the sight of God (Lev. 10:12; Isa. 29:13; Matt. 15: 8-9). The Old Testament saints never have ventured to express their devotion in such a strange manner, if they had not been required to do so by the declared will of God. But let us even suppose that the patriarchs had been so presumptuous as to invent or practice such bloody rites, at the suggestion of their own fancy; it can never be admitted, that God, who has, upon all occasions, testified His displeasure against the inventions of men in His worship, would have smiled upon such selfdevised modes of adoration. Instead of testifying of their gifts. and accepting their burnt offerings, as He has done, would He not rather have upbraided them, in the words of that well-known reproof: "Who hath required this at your hands?" (Isa. 1:12).

The following extract, I trust, will be read with pleasure and profit:

"Whatever practice has obtained universally in the world must have obtained from some dictate of reason, or some demand of nature, or some principle of interest, or else from some powerful influence or injunction of some being of universal authority. Now, the practice of animal sacrifice did not obtain from reason; for no reasonable notions of God could teach men that He could delight in blood, or in the fat of slain beasts. Nor could there be any temptations from appetite to do sacrifice was consumed by fire; or when, if it was not, yet men wholly abstained from flesh; and consequently, this practice did not owe its origin to any principle of interest.

Nay, so far from anything of evidently against nature, against

the founder of the human race ign; and had Adam enjoined it 0 God" (DELANY, REV. EXAM Diq. viii. p. 85).

Thirdly, from what has been stated, it may safely be concluded that the practice of sacrificing i a divine institution. The reader however, will pardon me for mak

1. Let us, for a moment, con sider what is said in Sacred Wri concerning the sacrifices of Cail and Abel. Moses, the inspired his torian, gives us the following ac count: "And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brough of the fruit of the ground an offer ing unto the Lord. And Abel, h also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof And the Lord had respect unto Abel, and his offering; but unto Cain, and to his offering, he had not respect" (Gen. 4:2-6).

From this brief account, it ap pears, that both Cain and Abel brought their offerings unto the Lord; that each offered of that which he had according to his oc cupation, and that the sacrifice of Abel was accepted, but that of Cain was rejected. Now, as the actions of both brothers seem to have been the same, why the Lord should have accepted the one and rejected the other, no satisfac tory reason can be given by those who deny the divine authority of sacrifices; for, as it has been observed, if sacrifices be considered as gifts, or as federal rites, or as symbolical actions expressing the disposition and sentiment of the offerer, or in any way that the human imagination can be conceived to have devised them, the actions of the two brothers appear to stand precisely on the same ground, each bringing an offering of that which he respectively possessed and each thus manifesting this, in those ages when the whole his acknowledgment and worship of the great Author of his pos-

But on the supposition, that sacrifices were appointed by God, every difficulty vanishes, and all appears connected and satisfactory. We have already stated, that this, that the destruction of in- it is more than probable that, imnocent and useful creatures is mediately after the giving of the promise, "the seed of the woman reason, and against interest, and should bruise the head of the sertherefore must be founded in an pent," sacrifices were instituted authority, whose influence was as to represent, by their death, the powerful as the practice was uni- sufferings and death of the Mesversal; and that could be none (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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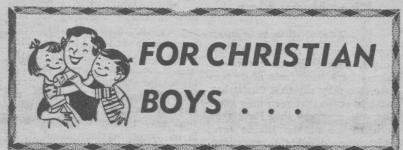
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form your heart anew. While it is to be your aim to glorify God in all things, your dependence for ability to do so is to be on the promised Spirit.

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When the husbandman in spring scatters his seed on the ground. he cannot make one corn produce a blade, nor one blade produce an ear, but God by His secret working makes the seed vegetate, clothes the field with green, and in the appointed weeks of harvest ed corn. Who produced this harvest? Not man, but God. Yet would God have produced it if the hustemperance," are the fruits of the bandman had neither ploughed nor sowed his field? He would have had no crop to reap it if he had pleaded, "The work is God's, so I need not labor."

> As it is in this case, so it is in religion. The work is God's, and His shall be the praise; yet man must use the means, and labor for his own salvation. He can no more change his own heart, than he can make the hard earth bear fruit; but let him use the means which his Redeemer puts in his power, and God will give the blessing, through His abounding grace. But if, because salvation is of grace, and holiness, by the Spirit of God, men neglect the means, and labor not for their own salvation, they have no more prospect of eternal happiness than a husbandman would have of reaping an abundant crop, who never concerned himself with sowing a single grain. If you turn to God and believe in Christ, you will be "a temple of the Holy Spirit;" and should not His temples be holy? With Him working in your heart, how inexcusable would you be to continue the slave of sin!

(PERSAUSIVES TO EARLY PI-ETY, pp. 99-101).

# Sacrifices

(Continued from page four) siah. Now, Abel, believing the dement of the institution, brought an animal sacrifice, which was accepted; but Cain, although performing the same act, but changing the matter, and consequently disregarding the design, had his sacrifice rejected. Hence,

2. The Apostle in his Epistle to the Hebrews, ch. 11, v. 4, informs us that the ground on which Abel's oblation was preferred to that of Cain, was, that Abel offered his in faith; and the criterion of this faith also appears to have been, in the opinion of this writer, the animal sacrifice. His words are these: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain," i.e., by faith Abel offered that which was of the true CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH nature of sacrifice. Now, as the same Apostle teaches us "that faith cometh by hearing, and hear-

ing by the word of God" (Rom. wholly on the pleasure of Jehovah, an acquiescence in the means aphave been acquainted with the nation. But in the command given (MAGEE, Vol. I, p. 53). ture and design of the institution unto Noah, Genesis 7:2, no charof sacrifices, for, without some acteristics are mentioned to dis- I, pp. 29-41, 1841 edition). assurance held as the object of tinguish one from the other; it faith, he could not have exercised follows, hence, that he was well this virtue; and without some pe- acquainted, not only with the duty culiar mode of sacrifice enjoined, of sacrifices as a religious rite, he could not have exemplified that divinely instituted, but also with faith by an appropriate offering.

In opposition to those who con- sign. sider sacrifices the effect of natural reason, it has been observed, that the light of natural reason I intended, I cannot omit the foldoes not generate faith, but sci- lowing quotation from the work ence; and when it fails of that its of that eminent divine, to whom, offspring is absurdity. "Faith is under God, I am so much indebted the substance of things hoped for, for light and confirmation on that the evidence of things not seen." What things then were they of hope for pardon, peace, and salwhich Abel had heard, for which vation; and from which I have he hoped, and in the faith of which derived all my comfort and suphe offered sacrifices? Undoubted- port under all my various trials ly it was a restoration to that immortality which had been forfeited by the transgression of his parents. Of such redemption, an obscure intimation had been given estimable blessing, and God shall to Adam, in the promise that the have all the glory.

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seed of the woman should bruise was undoubtedly to impress upon his mind, in more striking colors, the manner in which this was to be done, that bloody sacrifices were first instituted (ENCYCLO-

unclean animals being known be- had arisen from man's transgres- for this end. fore the flood. The first time that sion, and a full reliance upon the we read of this distinction is in promises of deliverance, joined to (Continued on page 6, column 1) Genesis 7:2, where God commanded Noah, saying: "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female; and of beasts that are not clean, by two, the male and his female." Under the Mosaic dispensation, sign as well as the divine appoint- there were two kinds of clean and unclean beasts. Some were clean for men to eat, mentioned in Leviticus 11:3-4; and some were clean for sacrifice to God; Leviticus 1: 2. 10.14. Now, as it appears from Genesis 9:3, that all beasts without distinction were allowed for food, the distinction mentioned in Genesis 7:2, must, therefore, refer to sacrifices. Hence we read, that, as soon as Noah came out of the Ark, he "builded an altar unto the Lord, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar, and the Lord smelled a sweet savour;" and as there is nothing in nature that constitutes this distinction, which depends

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their nature, properties and de-

Although this first part of the lecture already exceeds the limits subject upon which rests all my for more than forty years, without the interruption of a single complete day. May every reader of these pages realize the same in-

"It is obvious that the promise made to our first parents conveyed an intimation of some future deliverer, who should overcome the tempter that had drawn man from his innocence, and remove those evils which had been occasioned by the fall. This assurance, without which, or some other ground of hope, it seems difficult to conceive how the principle of religion could have had place among men, became to our first parents the grand objects of faith. To perpetuate this fundamental article of religious belief among the descendants of Adam, some striking memorial of the fall of man, and of the promised deliverance, would naturally be appointed.

"What memorial could be devised more opposite than that of animal sacrifice? - exemplifying by the slaying of the victim, the death which had been denounced against man's disobedience; thus exhibiting the awful lesson of that death, which was the wages of sin, and at the same time representing that death, which was actually to be undergone by the Redeemer of mankind; and hereby connecting, in one view, the two great cardinal events in the history of man, the fall and the recovery — the death denounced against sin, and the death appointed for that Holy One I who was to lay down His life to deliver man from the consequen-

10:11), it is evident that Abel must it must require an express revela- pointed for its accomplishment"

(THE SCRIPTURE TYPES, Vol.

## Mission Of Women

(Continued from Page One) be to occupy your time unprofitably. Yet, it may be well to remind you that Christianity has forever exploded the notion of woman being the mere serf of man, whose highest mission is to humor his caprices, and implicitly yield obedience to his will.

The errors upon this subject which characterize modern times tend rather towards the opposite extreme. A theory has found some advocates which would invest woman with rights, which, in the nature of her relation to society, she could not exercise without destroying her capability for duties which all admit are necessarily binding upon her. The names of Miss Martineau and Fanny Wright will be enough to indicate the class of theorists to whom I have reference, without examining their doctrines minutely.

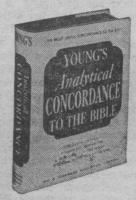
Every age will have its error upon all subjects, deriving their coloring from the genius and habits of the people among whom they originate. We need not therefore, be surprised to find the misconception of woman's mission exhibiting the utter disregard of God and His Word which characterizes to too great an extent our people in other matters. Ours is an ungodly age, and its influence can only be counteracted by our adhering to the evident teachings of the Bible. This we would do in regard to the subject before us.

The Scriptures do not devote any particular portion of their contents to the direct elucidation of woman's mission, yet all that is necessary for us to know may be gained by attending to their general tenor, and their fundamental principles. In pursuing this investigation we ought to keep before us constantly the distinction which exists between her mission and the sphere in which it is to be accomplished; not doing this has shed obscurity over many an able exposition.

This mission of woman, of which now speak, is the aggregate of duties to which she has been appointed by the Creator. We cannot doubt but that in its nature it is "The institution of animal sacri- in exact harmony with her charthe head of the serpent; and it fice seems, then, to have been pe- acter, as it ought to be; for God culiarly significant, as containing would not make a creature to do all the elements of religious knowl- that for which it has no capacity. edge; and the adoption of this rite, Then her mission is in substance with sincere and pious feelings, herself acting for herself. It is also would at the same time imply an in accordance with Scripture for PEDIA BRIT. Art. "Sacrifice"). humble sense of the unworthiness us to conclude that she is under 3. That sacrifices are a Divine of the offerer, a confession that the great law that requires us to institution, may be farther argued the death inflicted on the victim do all for God's glory, and that from the distinction of clean and was the desert of those sins which therefore, her mission is instituted

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#### Mission Of Women

(Continued from page 5) meet; help-meet in what? We reply, in the very same work to which he has been called. If then it is man's duty to labor for the welfare of the race, civilizing, educating, reforming, and leading to Christ, then also is it woman's work. Her mission is identified with his; as they were both concerned in the ruin of the race, so they are equally concerned (so far as mortals can be) in its recovery.

Hand in hand they left fair Eden's bowers; hand in hand have encountered the storms of life; and hand in hand have they worked, that together they might regain of his head like the pure wool: his their lost paradise. Where, then, is her inferiority about which so many have declaimed? It is not recognized by the Bible. Will it be said that women ought to train the children? It is admitted, but man should do the same. Or will it be asserted that she sought to attend the sick? Again it is admitted, but the obligation is equally binding upon the man. To all cavilers I reply, whatever law reaches to the one sex as such, relates to the other. The sphere in which they labor may be different; the manner in which they work may bear the impress of those different spheres; but for all that, her mission is identical.

Two streams may flow from some common source, pursue the same general direction, and empty themselves in some common ocean; yet their channels may be different. The one may course its way over rocky beds, and gigantic precipices, foaming, roaring, and rushing; while the other may meander gently through fertile valleys and lovely scenes, placidly, musically, and slowly. Who will say that the same work is not substantially done by both, for both refresh the parched soil and slack the thirst of man. If then woman's mission is identical with man's, where is, or what is the peculiar sphere to which it ought to be confined? I shall now attempt to answer this question.

Among men the particular field in which one of their number ought to labor is frequently decided on the merits of their capacity and adaptation. It is not, therefore, uncommon to hear it said that such or such a man has mistaken his calling; or that such another one was born to be a painter, a poet, or something else, as the case may be. This principle when applied to the two sexes distinctly marks the sphere which they are respectively to occupy.

Woman's sphere is denoted by her character; she is by nature retiring and sensitive; her children have to be nurtured by her; her form is fragile and weak, unfitted for the noisy scenes of pubcourts publicity, and is altogether unfitted to perform a mother's part. Nature herself has settled forever the question we are considering, and pronounced woman's sphere to be home and the more retired scenes of life.

Besides this evidence, we have in woman a consciousness that this is "her pedestal of beauty, and her throne of power." If aught else be wanting to make the proof complete, let man's natural feeling be consulted and it will testify that it is unbecoming man's mother, wife, or sister, to mingle in the din and conflict of public life. Wherever then she can fulfill her mission without violating her sense of propriety offending against her own character, or disguising man there and there only, is her proper sphere. This view of the subject opens for her a wide field of ac-

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Question:

WHAT COLOR WAS GOD'S HAIR?

White, Daniel 7:9-14, especially verse 9. - ". . . and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair throne was like the fiery flame " Revelation 1:10-20, especially verse 14: "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire."

comprehended in it.

If it shall be objected that someshe should accept no employment would offer such.

The woman King Solomon presents for our study evidently had your mission, and pursue the paths clear conceptions of the mission of duty. and sphere of her sex. Home was the spot she cherished most, yet going beyond its sacred limits she found employment in assisting the poor, and in selling her goods to the merchant. Throughout the whole of her intercourse with others, there is not the least departare from the refinement of a truly feminine nature. She was known in the city, but not because she took a part in its public concerns, or exhorted and harangued people. No! the knowledge of her virtuous character and her conformity to her mission's work could not be confined to home, but passed beyond to challenge the admiration of all who witnessed their effects.

It is always thus, while her sphere has limits, that which she does therein cannot be confined but terminates on the struggling world without. An eloquent writer has said, illustrating this very thought, that "the effects of her work cannot be restricted to any association however important or sacred. The songs of birds are not restricted to chosen vernal bowers; they are warbled forth over field, hamlet and town, and fall in sweet cadences upon the ear of the distant wayfarer. The aroma of the flower garden is not confined to its walks, arbors, and narrow enclosures; but wafted by the passing breeze, fills the univerlic life. With man it is different; sal air with fragrance, regales he is so constituted that he is able the sense of husbandmen in the to endure toil, mingle in the world, surrounding fields, and of the and grapple with its cares; he shepherds on the distant hills."

tion - not only home, but the the courts of law, all that is love- was first formed, then Eve!" ly vanishes; she loses the dignity the respect of the other.

glorious, heavenly and angelic; glorious, because it is sublime in its height, and eternal in its resuits; heavenly, because it is godlike in its love, and elevating in its tendency; angelic, because it is unseen in its operations, and yet visible in its effects. Let me urge you to fulfill your mission. Love not an aimless life. God has girded you for your work, and it is worthy your head and heart. There are those around you who have no idea of a mission beyond that of killing time, of novel reading, dancing, and theatre going. They are happy only when there is nothing to be done, when they can lounge or sleep away the precious moments God has given them. Delighted are they when they can outshine in dress and jewels some ephemera like them-

Oh! imitate them not; they are but the glittering bubbles, inflated by vanity, which will soon vanish without being missed from off study, the hospital, the church are life's river; they are but the flowers which are gaudy and radiant in color, without possessing pertimes she has to seek work to fume to regale the sense of man. support existence, and that she can Clouds are they without rain, foam not always find it of such charact- on the crested billows of the deep, er as to suit the definition given, or feathers blown about by every I reply, that when this is the case passing wind. Can you be willing to live thus, to leave no "footthat will rob her of her self-re- prints on the sands of time?" I spect, and surely, no true man hope not, I pray not. Up then and be doing, remembering that "life is real, life is earnest." Receive

> "Along the path the Saviour trod-

The path of meekness and of

The path of faith that Jesus above.'

B. H. Carroll, in his COMMEN-TARY ON CORINTHIANS AND TIMOTHY says: "Paul's answer is that becoming a new creature, so that 'old things are passed away and all things become new,' doesn't mean that old things, viz. that God's law or order has passed away. When we get to Heaven we live as the angels live, but while we live on earth the laws of order instituted in Paradise must stand."

That question comes up in a little different form in chapter 14. "God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, let the women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as also saith the law. And if they would learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is shameful for a woman to speak in the church!" Now they are meeting that by saying that the Word of God had come to women. And it is unquestionable that the spirit of prophecy was subject to the person that had it; that it was not given him to violate order; and that if the spirit of prophecy did come to them let them remember that it came to other people also.

North of the Mason and Dixon's line we occasionally come upon a fine, elevate and save; her actions statement that I made when I are all directed to these ends. If preached in Chicago. I don't know her mind and circumstances con- which was the louder, the cheera woman like the mother of Wash- expounding this passage of Scripington; or, if her mind and educa- ture, I Timothy 2: "I desire theremay use the pen and enjoy the place, lifting up holy hands; withsition in the halls of legislation, or but to be in quietness. For Adam to be evolved as from within.

woman was derived from man; new nature - righteousness and Young ladies, your mission is (Continued on page 7, column 4). holiness.

### The New Man

(Continued from page one) ways of putting the end of the Gospel. This is by no means an exhaustive setting forth of its purpose. We may say that Christ has come in order that men may know God. We may say that He comes in order that the Divine love, which ever delights to communicate, may bestow itself, and may conceive of the whole majestic series of acts of self-revelation from the beginning as being - if I may so say - for the gratification of that impulse to import itself, which is the characteristic of love in God and man.

We may say that the purpose of the whole is the deliverance of men from the burden and guilt of sin. But whether we speak of the end of the Gospel as the glory of God, or the blessedness of man, or as here, as being the moral perfection of the individual or of the race, they are all but various phrases of the one complete truth. The Gospel is the consequence and the manifestation of the love of God, which delights to be known and possessed by loving souls, and being known changes them into its own likeness, which to know is to be happy, which to resemble is to be pure.

The first thing that strikes me about this representation of our text is the profound sense of human sinfulness which underlies it.

The language is utterly unmeaning — or at all events grossly exaggerated - unless all have sinned, and the nature which belongs to men universally, apart from the transforming power of Christ's spirit, be corrupt and evil. And that it is so is the constant view of Scripture. The Bible notion of what men need in order to be pure and good is very different from the superficial notions of worldly moralists and philanthropists.

We hear a great deal about "culture," as if all that were needed were the training and strengthening of the nature, as if what was mainly needed was the development of the understanding. We hear about "reformation" from some who look rather deeper than the superficial apostles of culture. And how singularly the very word proclaims the insufficiency of the remedy which it suggests! "Reformation" affects form and not substance. It puts the old materials into a new shape. Exactly so - and much good may be expected from that! They are the old materials still, and it matters comparatively little how they are arranged. It is not re-formation, but re-novation, or, to go deeper still, re-generation, that the world needs; not new forms, but a new life; not the culture and developfusion of something new and pure that has no taint of corruption, ily, I say unto you, Ye must be born again."

How lovely is woman when con- church with a woman for a pas- and more superficial diagnosis of the true seat of the mischief. The but the roots live on. It is useless fine her to her home she becomes ing or the hissing. I started out to build dykes to keep out the wild waters. Somewhere or other they will find a way through. The only cation fit her for the task, she fore that the men pray in every real cure is that which only the creating hand can effect, who, by reputation of a Madame Sevigne out wrath and disputing. In like slow operation of some inward or of a Hannah More. Should the manner that the women adorn agency, can raise the level of the time and means to enlist actively ety; not with braided hair and needed is a radical transforma-

The proclamation of a new nature in Christ Jesus, great and precious truth as it is, has often been connected with teaching which has been mystical in the bad sense of that word, and has made the stalking horse of practical immorality. But here we have it distinctly defined in what that new nature consists. There is no vague mystery about it, no tampering with the idea of personality. The people who put on the new man are the same people after as before. The newness consists in moral and spiritual characteristics. And these are all summed up in the two - righteousness and holiness. To which is added in the substantially parallel passage in Colossians, "Renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him," where, I suppose, we must regard the "knowledge" as meaning that personal knowledge and acquaintance which has its condition in love, and is the foundation of the more purely moral qualities of which our text

Is there, then, any distinction between these two? I think there is very obviously so. "Righteousness" is, I suppose, to be understood here in its narrower meaning of observance of what is right, the squaring of conduct according to a solemn sovereign law of duty. Substantially it is equivalent to the somewhat heathenish word "morality," and refers human conduct and character to a law or standard.

What, then, is "holiness?" It is the same general conduct and character, considered, however, under another aspect, and in another relation. It involves the reference of life and self to God, consecration to, and service of Him. It is not a mere equivalent of purity, but distinctly carries the higher reference. The obedience now is not to a law but to a Lord. The perfection now does not consist in conformity to an ideal standard, but in likeness and devotion to God. That which I ought to do is that which my Father in Heaven wills. Or, if the one word may roughly represent the more secular word "morality," the other may roughly represent the less devout

phrase, "practical religion." These are "new," as actually realized in human nature. Paul thinks that we shall not possess them except as a consequence of renovation. But they are not "new" in the sense that the contents of Christian morality are different from the contents of the law written on men's hearts. The Gospel proclaims and produces no fantastic ethics of its own. The actions which it stamps in its mint are those which pass current in all lands - not a provincial coinment of what it has in itself, but age, but recognized as true in extirpation of the old by the in- ring, and of full weight everywhere.

Do not fancy that Christian nor any contact with evil. "Ver- righteousness is different from ordinary "goodness," except as being broader and deeper, more All slighter notions of the need thorough going, more imperative. Divergencies there are, templated in connection with her tor - a Baptist church at that, I the disease lead to a treatment law is more than a republication life's work; she goes forth to re- was both cheered and hissed for a with palliatives which never touch of the law written on men's hearts. Though the one agrees with the poison flowers may be plucked, other, yet the area which they cover is not the same. The precepts of the one, like some rockhewn inscriptions by forgotten kings, are weathered and indistinct, often illegible, often misread, often neglected.

The other is written in living characters in a perfect life. It inwork of the philanthropist engage themselves in modest apparel, low lands, and lift them above cludes all that the former attempts her attention, should she have with shamefacedness and sobri- the threatening waves. What is to enjoin, and much more besides. It alters the perspective, so to in this great cause, her name is gold or pearls or costly raiment; tion, going down to the very roots speak, of heathen morals and at once allied with those spirits, but (which becometh women pro- of the being; and that necessity is brings into prominence graces Elizabeth Fry and Florence Night- fessing godliness) through good clearly implied in the language of overlooked or despised by them. ingale. On the other hand, when works. Let a woman learn in this text, which declares that a It breathes a deeper meaning and neglecting these holy duties, she quietness with all subjection. But nature possessing righteousness a tenderer beauty into the words contends for a place at the ballot- I permit not a woman to teach, and holiness is "a new man" to which express human conceptions box, a seat on the jury, or a po- nor to have dominion over man, be "put on" as from without, not of virtue, but it does take up these into itself. And instead of setting It is to be further noticed what up a "righteousness" which is pe-Adam saw Eve and said, "Is- the Apostle specifies as the ele- culiar to itself, and has nothing of her own sex, without gaining sha," woman; it means that ments, or characteristics of this to do with the world's morality, Christianity says, as Christ has (Continued on page 7, column 2)



WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) world under-treasurer.

Church's world headquarters, has that." lost more than \$2 million so far in 1978 in converting dollars to President and his mother know as other, stronger currencies just to much about being born again as keep overseas mission budgets at Nicodemus did BEFORE he talked existing levels," Mr. Kemmerer with Christ in John 3. The term said. "Fortunately, we had made "born again" is in common use provision by setting aside funds primarily because of the constant in anticipation of this trend, so we use of it by our President, but I have not had to cut back on our fear many like him have little the image of God" - that is, of work."

TORONTO (EP) -An overwhelming majority of members of the United Church of Canada believe in prayer, but many don't pray much, according to a reader survey in the church's magazine.

Eighty-six per cent of those responding to the survey said they believe God hears and answers prayers. Eighty-two per cent said they believe prayer can change their lives.

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siege ramp in history — the one used by the Assyrians under Sennacherib to break into the Judean not enter into the kingdom of God." fortress of Lachish in 701 B.C.E.has been uncovered (JERU-SALEM POST, 5-78).

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) -Despite medical evidence of the dangers of smoking, cigarette sales continue to boom because of the profitability of the industry, massive government subsidizing, and the glamorous portrayal of smokers, according to a global study.

The study by Worldwatch Institute, an independent research group here, indicated that the U. S. spent about \$65 million in fiscal 1977 on activities supporting the tobacco industry including price supports, crop grading and export promotion. In addition, the government held tobacco stocks Worth \$659 million.

Public funds now used to subsidize tobacco should be devoted instead to retraining tobacco workers and introducing more beneficial crops on tobacco-growing land, the study recommended.

NEW YORK (EP) - A survey by McCalls' magazine, based on a record 60,000 responses from women readers, reports that 90 per cent of the women participating believe in God, 80 per cent believe in soul that survives death and 67 per cent pray daily.

However, only 17 per cent identified organized religion as "the principal influence of their morality" and only 6 per cent cited solemn remonstrance should come their church or synagogue as having "major responsibility" shaping their moral outlook.

upcoming.

Asked for her definition of "born Loss of confidence by world again," the President's mother money markets in the U.S. dollar replied, "Something must have has created a difficult situation for come to Jimmy that made him overseas mission programs oper- realize that he really wasn't as ated by the Seventh-day Adven- close to God as he would like to tist Church, according to Martin be, and I think that when he ab-E. Kemmerer, the denomination's solutely gave all of his life to God, is what you call born again. "The General Conference, the I've heard him express it like

> if any Biblical conception of what the Bible means by "born again."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) inclusion of tax credits for parents tion of that earlier likeness, which, of children attending non-public in some sense, has faded out of schools in the new federal budget.

The vote came on a proposal by Thomas A. Luken (D-Ohio) to lower the 1979 revenue target by cost of a tuition tax credit which ture, and not effaceable by any Rep. Luken is also proposing.

Under the Luken amendment, for their families. One in four there would be a maximum credit pray for the church's mission. of \$150 a year for college tuition. aries. Four per cent of the people and \$100 for elementary and sec-

## The New Man

(Continued from page six) The most ancient and famous taught us, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall

> en notion of "virtue," and adopts God? In moral antagonism. What the words and ideas which be is the true likeness? Moral harfound ready made to his hands, mony. What separates men from in that notion - as fitly describ- their Father in Heaven? Is it that ing the Christian graces which he His "years are throughout all genenjoined. Grecian moralists sup-erations," and "my days are as honest, just, and pure. His "right- power is infinite, and mine all eousness" accepted these as included within its scope. And we tending to weakness and extinchave to remember that we are not tion? Is it that His wisdom, suninvested with that new nature, un- like, waxes not nor wanes, and less we are living in the exercise there is nothing hid from its of these common and familiar beams, while my knowledge, like graces which the consciences and the lesser light, shines by reflecthearts of all the world recognize ed radiance, serves but to make that she got her soul and her body for "lovely" and "of good report," the night visible and is crescent from Adam. She is as much a "praise."

> a moment to urge you to take sovereign attributes of God — the tinct spheres, the man's sphere these thoughts as a very sharp distinctions of creator and creatand salutary test. You call your- ed, infinite and finite, omnipotent man's is more public; that the selves Christian people. The pur- and weak, eternal and transientpose of your Christianity is your make no real gulf between God When a worldly woman came to growth and perfecting in simple and man. purity, and devotion to, and dependence on, our loving Father. Heavens are higher than the earth, and arms and her ankles before a plant that never seeds, but may unlikeness, and establishes no sep- Gracchus (the Gracchi), said bear some feeble blossoms that drop shrunken to the ground before they mature.

with awakening force - "Ye did in run well, what did hinder you?" the revealer and bringer of the "Miss Lillian" Carter, mother of great mercy of God, and have so Christian. She made that com- salvation and deliverance. But ness and holiness." her religious beliefs in an inter- the mould into which your life is original creation of man, there is is it justifiable." view with ABC News White House to be poured, that life having been another reason for the representacorrespondent Ann Compton. The made fluent and plastic by the tion of the new nature as being a 1. Adam was formed, then Eve. interview was telecast May 14 on warmth of His love? You have work of Divine creative power. It Here the allusion is obvious to

life, His sorrows, His passion, His ing - a real and new creation. resurrection, His glory, His continuous operation by the Spirit and righteous and holy.

renewal is a creation of the image of God.

The new man is "created after course, according to or in the likeness of God. There is evident reference here to the account of man's creation in Genesis, and Representatives opened the door to man is restoration and complethe features and form of our sinful souls.

It is to be remembered, however, that there is an image of obscuring or disturbance caused lived and lives, is a human person, by sin. Man's likeness to God con- even Jesus Christ the express imsists in his being a person, pospersonality abides whatever per-

wholly with the first breath of but a simple fact. He ever liveth. comparison would be possible.

We should not think of saying The same apostle who here de- that a stone or an eagle were unand holiness are new things on the being makes comparison fitting, earth, allows full force to whatso- what makes the true contrast? ever weight may be in the heath- In what respect is man unlike plied him with the names true, an handbreadth?" It is that His thwarted by other might and ever reiterated in this metaphor of put-So, then, let me pause here for based upon what people call the

bend down round it, and send is my home and my boys." To very many of us the old rain and sun, dew and blessing?

truth that we do not make our You have gone to Him as the righteousness for ourselves, but source of salvation from the guilt receive it as from Him. The new and penalties of sin; have you man is not our work, it is God's gone to Him, and are you daily creation. As at the beginning, the growing in the conscious posses- first human life is represented as sion of Him, as the means of sal- not originated in the line of navation from the corruption and tural cause and effect, but as a evil of sin? He comes to make us new and supernatural commencegood. What has He made you? ment, so in every Christian soul Anything different from what you the life which is derived from God, were twenty years ago? Then, if and will unfold itself in His likenot, and in so far as you are un- ness, comes from His own breath changed and unbettered, the Gos- inbreathed into the nostrils. It, too, pel is a failure for you, and you is out of the line of natural causes. are untrue to it. The great purpose It, too, is a direct gift from God. of all the work of Christ - His It, too, is a true supernatural be-

May I venture a step further? "The new man" is spoken of here It appears from this that the Word — is to make new men as if it had existence ere we "put who shall be just and devout, it on." I do not press that, as if it necessarily involved the idea II. A second principle contained which I am going to suggest, for in these words, is that this moral the peculiar form of expression is probably only due to the exigencies of the metaphor. Still it may not be altogether foreign to the whole scope of the passage, if I remind you that the new man, the true likeness of God, has, indeed, a real existence apart from our assumption of it. Of course, By a vote of 199-173, the House of the idea is involved that this new the righteousness and holiness which make that new nature in me have no being till they become mine. But we believe that the righteousness and holiness which we make ours come from another, who bestows them on us.

"The new man" is not a mere \$632 million. This would cover the God inseparable from human na- ideal, but has a historical and a present existence. The ideal has age of the Father, who is the besessed of a will and self-conscious- ginning of the new creation, who ness. And that mysterious gift of God is made unto us wisdom Adam, potentially. His companion and righteousness. That fair vis- later named Eve, for a grace-reaion of a humanity detached from But beyond that natural image all consequences of sin, renewed simply means derived from the of God, as we may call it, there in perfect beauty, stainless and is something else which fades Godlike, is no unsubstantial dream, evil, like the reflection of the sky His word to us is "I counsel thee on some windless sea. The natural to buy of me - white raiment," of our text, which bid us "put on in righteousness and holiness," is 14. clares that actual righteousness like God. But while the personal found in the other words of the same apostle - "Let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."

In accordance with this -

that this new creation has to be ficult passage means, it is input on and appropriated by us.

The same idea which, as I have already remarked, is conveyed by and subjection of position. the image of a new creation, is (Continued on Page 8, Column 1)

## Mission Of Women

hail as "virtue," and crown with and decaying, changeful and wan-descendant of Adam as we are. I dering? No. All such distinctions read the Scripture and took the position that there are two disand the woman's sphere; that the woman shall live in her children. the dull earth be, does not Heaven going to live in these, my sphere

"The custom in some congrega-But it is because "your ways are tions of having a woman as pastor not as my ways" - because there is in flat contradiction of this is actual opposition, because the apostolic teaching, and is open lustrations and inspiring ex-You have apprehended Christ as directions are different - that rebellion against Christ our King. there is unlikeness. The image of and high treason against His sov-God lies not only in that person- ereignty, and against nature as the President, says she has never been led in some measure to put ality which the "Father of Lies" well as grace. It unsexes both the the school room nor the home, but considered herself a "born-again" your confidence in Him for your too possesses, but in "righteous- woman who usurps this authority only to teaching involving church and the men who submit to it. Un- rule that would put man in subment and other observations about have you apprehended Him and Buf besides this reference to the der no circumstances conceivable jection. Nor is prayer inhibited,

the network's Directions series apprehended Him as your refuge; is in order to give the most em- the beginning of the human race. have you apprehended Him as phatic expression possible to the The whole race was created in

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son was called woman, which man. Man by nature is the head of the family.

2. In addition to this natural reason is the explicit divine authority subjecting her to the man likeness remains, and without it no and a full parallel to the words because of her tempting part in the fall of the race. Compare the new man, created after God Genesis 3:16 with this passage 2:

#### III. THE ENCOURAGING AND COMPENSATORY PROMISE

"But she shall be saved through her child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification III. It is further to be noticed with sobriety." Whatever this diftended as a compensation to the women for restriction in sphere

> But the true antecedent of the pronoun "they" - if they continue -suggests a more appropriate thought, at least one in better harmony with the context. Let us get at this thought by a paraphrase: The man shall have his life directly in authority and public leadership. The woman shall live, indirectly, in the children she bears, if they, the children prove to be worthy. The man lives or dies according to his rule and leadership in public affairs; the woman lives or dies in her children. His sphere is the public arena. Her sphere, the home.

Under my construction of this visit Cornelia and parade her paragraph, I never call on a If we have only to say, "As the fine jewels that blazed on her head woman to lead the prayers of a church assembly, nor yield any Our religion is nothing unless it so are" his "ways higher than" her, Cornelia drawing forward her kind of encouragement to a womleads to these. Otherwise it is like our "ways," that difference is not two sons Gaius and Tiberias an pastor. This is very far from denying any place to woman in aration; for low and flat though "these are my jewels, and I am Kingdom activities. I have suggested to a woman the great theme for an essay: "Woman's sphere in Kingdom activities." The Scriptures blaze with light on the subject and teem with ilamples. Understand that the injunction against woman's teaching does not apply to teaching in but the leading in prayers in the church assemblies.

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#### The New Man

(Continued from page seven) ting on the new nature, as if it were a garment. Our task is not to weave it, but to wear it. It is made and ready.

And that process of assumption or putting on has two parts. We are clothed upon with Christ in a double way, or rather in a double sense. We are "found in him not having our own righteousness," don and acceptance. We are clothpurifying and sanctifying.

being like God. Both are the gifts of God. The one, however, is an act; the other a process. Both are received. The one is received on condition of simple faith; the other is received by the medium of faithful effort. Both are included in the wide conception of salvation, but the law for the one is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but by his mercy he saved us;" and the law for the other is- "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Both come from Christ. But for the one we have the invitation, "Buy of me white raiment that thou mayest be clothed;" and for the other we have the command. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the make ours what is in many other be in Christ he is a new creature." flesh." There is the assumption places of Scripture treated as For the quickening of our energy of His righteousness which makes God's gift. These earnest exhortaa man a Christian, and has for tions are perfectly consistent with give heed to the command, and its condition simple faith. There the belief that all comes from is the assumption of His righteous- God. Our faithful adherence to our ness sanctifying and transforming Lord and Master, our honest efus which follows in a Christian forts in His strength to secure course, as its indispensable ac- more and more of His likeness, companiment and characteristic, determine the extent to which we and that is realized by daily and shall possess that likeness. continuous effort.

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to grow purer and like Christ, you must slay yourselves. You cannot gird on "righteousness" above the old self, as some beggar might buckle to himself royal velvet with its ermine over his filthy tatters. There must be a putting off in order to and accompanying the putting on. Strip yourselves of yourselves, and then you "shall not be found naked," but clothed with the garments of salvation, as the bride with the robe which is and the pledge of her espousals

Apostle here commands us, as by have to remember with lowly trust our own efforts, to put on and

The new nature is God's gift, And one word about the manner, and it is given to us according to of some Bibles, you will see that the effort as set forth here. Two- His own fulness indeed, but also fold, as I have already pointed according to the measure of our out - a negative and positive. We faith. Blessed be His name! we are not concerned here with the have nothing to do but to accept

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but invested with His for our par- relations of these amongst them- His gift. The garment with which selves, but I may remark that He clothes our nakedness and ed with His righteousness for our there is no growth in holiness pos- hides our filth is woven in no sible without the constant accom- earthly looms. As with the first Both are the conditions of our panying process of excision and sinful pair, so with all their chilcrucifixion of the old. If you want dren since, "the Lord God made them" the covering which they cannot make for themselves. But we have to accept it, and we have by daily toil, all our lives long, to gather it more and more closely around us, to wrap ourselves more and more completely in its ample folds. We have by effort and longing, by self-abnegation, by prayer and work, by communion and service, to increase our possession of that likeness to God which lives in Jesus Christ, and the token of the bridegroom's love from Him is stamped ever more and more deeply on the heart.

> For the strengthening of our And let nobody wonder that the confidence and our gratitude, we that it is true of us, "If any man and faithful efforts we have to fulfill it in ourselves — "Be ye renewed in the Spirit of your minds, and put on the new man."

IV. And, finally, the text contains the principle that the means of appropriating this new nature is contact with the truth.

If you will look at the margins our translators have placed there rendering, which, as is not unfrequently the case, is decidely better than that adopted by them in the text. Instead of "true holiness," the literal rendering is "holiness of truth" - and the apostle's purpose in the expression is not to particularize the quality, but the origin of the "holiness." It is "of truth," that is, 'produced by" the holiness which flows from the truth as it is in Jesus, of which he has been speaking a moment before.

And we come, therefore, to this practical conclusion, that while the agent of renovation is the Divine Spirit, and the condition of renovation is our cleaving to Christ the medium of renovation and the weapon which the transforming grace employs is "the word of the truth of the gospel," whereby we are sanctified. There we get the law, and there we get the motive it, in the grand simple messageputing their trepasses unto them," deemed in glory, for they will ever May the Lord bless each of you. lie the germs of all moral progress. And in proportion as we believe that - not with the cold belief of our understanding, but with the living affiance of our hearts and our whole spiritual being — in proportion as we believe them, in that proportion shall we grow in "knowledge," shall grow in "righteousness," in the "image of Him that created us." The Gosple is the great means of this change, because it is the means by which He who works the change come near to our understandings and our hearts.

So let us learn how impossible righteousness and holiness, morality and religion in men unless they flow from this source. It is the truth that sanctifies. It is the Spirit who wields that truth that sanc-Subs tifies. But, brethren, beyond the range of this light is only darkness, and that nature which is not cleansed by His priestly hand laid

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who is clothed with any other garfind "the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."

And let us learn, on the other hand, the incompleteness and monstrosity of a professed belief in "the truth" which does not produce this righteousness and holiness. It may be real - God forbid that we should step into His. place and assume His office of discerning the thoughts of the heart, and the genuinenesses of Christian professions! But at any rate, it is no exaggeration nor presumption to say that a professed faith which is not making us daily better, gentler, simpler, purer, more truthful, more tender, more brave, more self-obliv- His dying crimson, like a robe, ious, more loving, more strongmore like Christ — is woefully deficient either in reality or in pow-- is, if genuine, ready to perish - if lit at all, smouldering to extinction. Christian men and women! is "the truth" moulding you into Christ's likeness? If not, see to it whether it be the truth which you are holding, and whether you are holding the truth or have unconsciously let it pass from a grasp numbed by the freezing coldness of the world.

And for us all, let us see that we lay to heart the large truths of this text, and give them that personal bearing without which they are of no avail. I need renovation in my inmost nature. Nothing can renew my soul but the power of Christ, who is my life. I am naked and foul. Nothing can cleanse and clothe faith. And if I put my confidence in that Lord, He will dwell in my inmost spirit, and so sway my affections and mould my will that I shall be transformed into His perfect likeness. He begins with each of us, by bringing the best robe to cast over the rags of the returning prodigals. He ends not with any who trust Him, until they stand amid the hosts of the heavens who follow Him, clothed with fine linen clean and white, which is the righteousness of His Holy Ones.

### Precious Blood . . .

(Continued from page one) hence it is said to believers - "Ye made nigh by the blood of Christ." It procures deliverance from bond-

upon it remains leprous, and he sing, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his ment than His righteousness will own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Often let us reflect on the value of the precious blood of Christ, and its glorious efficacy in cleansing us from all sin; and let us ever regard it as a wonderful expression of the love of God to guilty

Forbid it, Lord, that I should

Save in the Cross of Christ my God:

All the vain things that charm me

I sacrifice them to His blood.

Spreads o'er His body on the tree:

Then am I dead to all the globe, And all the globe is dead to me.'

(THE BAPTIST REPORTER, Vol. I, p. 116, 1844 edition).

## FTH Reports On ...

(Continued from page one) ferings accordingly, and that is concerning the rate of money exchange over there and the buying power of the dollar. Few people realize, that when I receive one dollar in Papua, New Guinea it automatically is reduced to seventy four cents in the rate of exchange. Or another way of saying is \$100.00 is worth \$74.00 after the rate of exchange at the bank. Or another way of looking at it is this, some churches contribute \$5.00 a month to the mission work in New Guinea and when I get to spend that in New Guinea I have

#### A Report of the Offerings for Transportation In Nigeria

Many churches and individuals showed interest in the mission work in Nigeria while out on this visit of the churches. Several gave offerings and others promised to help at a later date. Several individuals and some churches sent in offerings while I was away and for this I am most grateful.

As I write this (May 17, 1978), there has been a total of \$4,180.95 received towards getting the Volkswagen. The very minimum who sometimes were far off are that we would have to have, in addition, to purchase this for Brother Imah is \$1,179.91. I do hope that age - "We have redemption we get quite a bit more than this, through his blood, the forgiveness so that he will have something to of sins." It effects purity - "The operate it on after getting it blood of Jesus Christ his Son clean- I haven't seen a car yet that will seth us from all sin." It is plead- run on air or water alone, and ing blood, and "speaketh better while we could eliminate the things than the blood of Abel." It water in case of the Volkswagen, is invigorating, life-giving blood, we could not eliminate some fuel and the impulse. There we get the and unless we, by faith, eat the to go with the air. How about it, encouragement and the hope. In flesh of the Son of man, and drink friends, are we going to get the his blood, we have no life in us job done? I believe we are! One 'God was in Christ, reconciling (John 6:53). And this precious more real good effort and we will the world unto Himself, not im- blood will be the theme of the re- have Brother Imah on wheels.



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