

Anyone can hate. It costs to love.

THE BIBLE IS THE TRUE WORD OF GOD

By JIM BEEKE

Young people, we are living in a time in which many do that which is right in their own eyes. Many young people believe and practice the humanistic ideas which they have been taught that everyone can determine for themselves what is right and what is wrong. We are being "open-minded," if we understand that one person may believe one thing to be true and another the opposite to be true; and that to the one's value system something may be wrong, while to another it may be right. We are being "liberal," if we acknowledge that the ideas of another person are just as true for him as my ideas are for me. There are really no absolute truths of right and wrong:

right and wrong depends on the training and situation of each individual. Mohammedans, atheists, Buddhists, various cultists, and Christians of various groups may all agree and rightly say, "My ideas are as logical as your ideas; my values are as good as yours, my rights and wrongs are just as valid as yours." In short, we are living in a time of a do-your-own-thing philosophy, and who has the right to tell us different? Who does someone else think they are to impose their ideas on me?

Young people, all of the above statements would be true and the questions unanswerable, if we only had man's ideas in this world. As humans then, we could argue together that my ideas, my purposes in life, my values, my rights and

wrongs are as true as anyone else's. However, there is a Book which claims over 3,000 times to be the Word, not of man, but of God. Over 3,000 times this Book states: "Thus saith the Lord," or "Hear the Word of the Lord," or "The Lord spake unto . . .", or other similar statements in which it claims to be presenting the ideas, values, rights and wrongs, and the purposes of life of God Himself, the Creator of the entire universe and of you and me. This Book is our Bible.

This matter is of most crucial importance. If the Bible is truly the Word of God then His values and teachings are absolute for everyone. As God He is omniscient (all-knowing) and immutable (never-changing). When He speaks,

then it is absolutely true and this truth cannot be changed. However, if the Bible is not the true Word of God, then we must agree with the humanists that there is no absolute guide for our life, and return to the endless debate of human ideas. Of central importance then, are the questions: How can we know for sure that the Bible is really the Word of God? How can we know that the Bible is not just the ideas of different human authors which claim to be words of God, as special books of other religions are?

A Book which claims over 3,000 times to be the Word of God is not afraid of investigation. Let us briefly examine together several different proofs which testify that the Bible is not a book of man but

the very Word of God.

Let us examine, first, the order and completeness of the Bible. The Bible contains 66 different books, written by over 40 judges and tentmakers, kings and herds-men, priests and fishermen and more. Parts of the Bible were written in tents, parts in deserts, parts on mountains, parts in cities, parts in palaces, and parts in dungeons. The last writer lived some 2,000 years after the first. Yet, despite all these differences, the Bible has a perfect unity throughout — it is one Book. From Genesis to Revelation it teaches one plan of salvation, and one rule of faith. It is clearly one Book. Where could we find today, 40 different authors, from all different (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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THE ATONEMENT OF OUR LORD

By WILLARD WILLIS
Monroe, Ohio

The subject before us relates to whether or not our Lord's atonement at Calvary was for all people or some people. Most of you who are reading this message will probably agree with me, but others will be inclined to disagree. All of us however want the truth. We are all aware that only the truth will stand. We are all aware that all the doctrines of men will one day prove to be no more than a puff of wind. Those, therefore, who may disagree with me, should still give me a good hearing, since you may find that I and thousands of others are right regarding our belief relative to the atonement of our Lord. Those who are in error regarding this doctrine or any other doctrine, will find very solemn passage in Matthew 15:9.

"But in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Time is running out for all of us. We therefore should make every day count as the time nears for us to face our God. The brevity of our lives can be seen more clearly if we compare the span of life to a gas gauge on a car. Let a full tank represent seventy years. You only have one-half tank of life left if you are thirty-five, or if you are fifty-two, as is true with me, then there is only one quarter of a tank left. We, of course, have no assurance

that we will die at the age of seventy.

The subject before us relates to our Lord's atonement. Was His atonement for all people or for some people? We, of course, in answering this question, must obtain our answer from the holy scriptures.



WILLARD WILLIS

May we, in an effort to stir up your thinking, cite the following example which we will use as an illustration. The example is that of a rich father who built houses on the other side of the wilderness for each of his ten children. He proceeded to build a road to five of the houses. He, however, prepared no way for the other five children to reach their houses. This example can be compared to the atonement in that it is said that

our Lord died for all people without exception—that He built a house for every person upon the face of the earth. The question is, has He prepared a way for each person to reach their house, or has He only prepared the way for some? Let me state this question another way. Is it up to the individual to lay hold of the atonement our Lord has provided, or does our laying hold of the atonement depend entirely upon Him? Must He not only provide the atonement, but also the way to the atonement? This question is answered by John 6:44 which reads:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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THE REMISSION OF SINS

By JAMES E. HOBBS

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

There are many and various ways that are presented to the world as a means of removing sins. Some will tell the unsaved that they should turn over a new leaf, pay their honest debts, keep the ten commandments, join the church, be baptized, and many other things. The Bible shows very plainly that these things are not acceptable. "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

We are taught plainly in the Bible that the only way that we can be free from our sins is through a cleansing element. That (Continued on page 7, column 3)

Psalms 110:1: "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

Philippians 2:9-11: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven; and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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A Sermon by James R. Green

JESUS... LORD OVER ALL

THE PROBLEM STATED

There is a mysterious absence of a vital ingredient in the life of churches and church people today. I use the term "mysterious" in referring to the missing ingredient because almost everyone is aware that something is missing in virtually all of today's churches, even those which term themselves fundamental, Bible-believers. The spiritual power and vitality are gone from their lives and ministry; but they do not know why. These people are constantly

searching for someone or something on which to lay the blame for their sad lack of spiritual effectiveness. At the same time, pastors, deacons, and church leaders, in general, are casting about for a way to revitalize the church and recover her lost power and effectiveness. To accomplish this they have introduced parties, parades, pancake suppers, prizes, contests, circuses, and a thousand other gimmicks. These, in many cases, have increased attendance, (Continued on page 2, column 1)

THE BLOOD OF JESUS

By CHUCK SANDELIN
Bonners Ferry, Idaho

"I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:10b-11).

The blood is the most important substance found on this earth. God told Israel not to eat the blood, or that soul would be cut off. Life is valuable — human life the highest — but without blood that human life will die. The first thing

Five Demon Powers That Destroy Man

By OSWALD J. SMITH

There are five major forms of sin to which the human race is addicted—five demon powers that seek to destroy mankind. What are they? Men know them as gambling, drink, immorality, dope and dishonesty, but God recognizes them as vices of satanic origin.

Therefore, when an individual yields to sin, he invites a demon into his heart, and his life, to a greater or less extent, is controlled by that demon. Anyone who knows anything about the power of sin knows this to be true, for the individual is conscious of a personality driving him on to acts of sin even when he himself wants to do right. The presence of an unseen spirit holds him in bondage.

He is not, strictly speaking, a slave to his passions; he is a slave to a demon. And oh, the struggle before the battle is won! No one but the demon-possessed dope fiend, the lust and drink-crazed victim, himself, knows the awful torture that must be endured. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

The demon of gambling—who can understand? Why can't a man play a game of cards or a dice and turn away? Why must he go again and again to the horse races and offer his bets? Why can he not re- (Continued on page 8, column 3)

a First-Aid technician does at the scene of an accident is to "stop the bleeding." The blood — its the most important.

During World War II Germany knew the importance of the blood. In order to keep their soldiers fighting and put those back in health who had been wounded — they needed blood. It was so important that Nazi German leaders would line the Jews up and take their children and babies from the mothers, and medically extract the blood from them and hand them, dying, back into the arms of the parents. They wanted the blood. The Bible says, "The life of the flesh is in the blood." It is not only true to physical life, it is true to spiritual life.

GOD CHOSE THE BLOOD TO BE THAT ETERNAL SUBSTANCE WHICH REDEEMS

"In whom we have redemption through His blood" (Gal. 1:14). There was a vast number of things that God could have chosen to use to pay the ransom price to buy back those lost creatures, fallen and ruined in sin. It might have been gold or silver, but I Peter 1:19 says it was the blood. It might have been rubies or any other substance He desired, but, beloved, He chose "The Blood," as the substance to pay the redeeming price; and to us who have been purchased with that blood it causes tears of joy to run down our faces as we read those eternal words of promise, "and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood" (Rev. 5:9).

GOD CHOSE THE BLOOD TO CLEANSE

He could have chosen water, but He didn't — He chose Blood! Water washes dirt from the body, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ His Son (to) "cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). There is a host of different religions in this world — some have their sins forgiven in one way, some in another. Some have to say a rosary, (Continued on page 7, column 4)

THE GOD OF THE BIBLE CONTRASTED WITH OTHER GODS

By ROY MASON
(1894-1978)

1. The gods of the heathen are many. The devil started the idea of many gods. (See Gen. 3:5). The Egyptians had many gods. (See Ex. 12:12). All of the heathen nations have had numerous deities. The Greeks had a long list of them. They were thought of as warring against each other. Many nations have made for themselves gods of grass and wood and stone, etc. (See Dan. 5:4, 23).

2. The God of the Bible is one God, manifested in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (See Deut. 6:4).

3. What does God say about the gods? (See Jer. 16:20; I Cor. 8:4; Psa. 96:5; Psa. 95:3).

Some facts about God and false gods: (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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Jesus Is Lord Over All

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boosted offerings, and padded the annual statistical reports so that these leaders can boast of having the largest Sunday Schools, the most "converts," and the fastest growing church in town. But despite all of this; when one examines closely the life of the average member of the average "fundamental" church today, he finds it sadly deficient of a most vital ingredient, a deep conviction of the Lordship of Christ, which literally saturated and controlled the lives of early, New Testament Christians, and moreover the church of which they were members.

THE PROBLEM AFFIRMED
What are the grounds for such statements as I have made above? What evidence to substantiate the charge? How I wish there were none at all; but to my sorrow there is an abundance of irrefutable evidence that in most "Christians" and churches there is indeed a very vital deficiency. We shall note a few of these. This malady is evidenced by the lack of total surrender and consecration. It is seen by the careless manner in which church people care for the spiritual well-being of the Lord's church, as well as their own personal spiritual needs. It is noted by their lack of spiritual growth, their spiritual immaturity and instability even after years in the church. This deficiency is perhaps most noticed in the fact that self-will generally takes precedence over God's will and God's word. This results in lives that are so inconsistent with their profession as to cause the unsaved, non-professing sinner to make light of the gospel and to mock the Lord's church. May I say here that it is one thing for sinners to make light of the gospel because he does not comprehend spiritual things, but quite another when professing Christians lead him to do so because of their God-dishonoring conduct. In far too many cases the glory of the Lord, the Purity of the church, and the eternal destiny of men's souls, are things that seldom occupy the church member's thoughts, other than for a few fleeting moments on Sunday morning. There is, in short, a tra-

BRIEF NOTES

Elder James A. Crace, a young preacher and a member of the Midland Baptist Church of Midland, Ohio, has accepted the call as pastor at the Bethel Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky. Elder Crace is succeeding Elder Don Pennington who has accepted the call at Warren, Ohio.

We have known Bro. Crace for several years and consider him one of the finest young preachers in our ranks today, and certainly want to wish him well in his first official pastorate.

Elder Ray Hiatt has informed us that on July 14, 1980 his eight-year-old daughter, Victoria, will enter the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky. for heart surgery. She has had this condition since birth and the doctors have now determined that it is time to operate.

It will be necessary for the Hiatts to be in Kentucky for at least three weeks. During this period their travel, living expenses and cost of the surgery will run into a lot of money. If any of our readers would like to help them, please write them directly at the following address:

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gic lack of Bible Holiness, Scriptural separation, Christ-honoring reverence, and Christian compassion and concern among those who call themselves Christians today. Many talk about Jesus the Saviour, while completely ignoring His Lordship and authority in their own individual lives. The Bible is a closed book even to most church members of this age. Because of this, their life-governing decisions are made either on the basis of their emotions and human feelings, or on the basis of their sentimental, sin-clouded reasoning. Therefore, as a result of this ignorance of God, as revealed in the Bible, we have a generation of church members of whom Paul would no doubt write, "There is no (reverential) fear of God before their eyes," (Rom. 3:18, Amp. Bible). All of this has brought about a situation whereby the success or failure of present-day churches is measured almost entirely on the basis of their statistical reports. The idea in general seems to be: if their Sunday School is growing, the building is full on Sunday morning, there is much religious activity, and many decisions for Christ are being recorded; then that church must really be pleasing to God. If this is the only criteria for determining whether we are pleasing God and in harmony with His will, then the churches of Sardis and Laodicia should have been commended by the Lord of the Lampstands. Instead, He said to Sardis, "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Rev. 3:1); and to Laodicia, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15-16). The Lord's rebuke to these churches was not for lack of a glowing statistical report; they could have easily furnished that! This rebuke had to do with their disobedience and rebellion against His lordship.

THE PROBLEM DEFINED
Every honest and discerning Christian must acknowledge that there is indeed a real and serious deficiency in the lives of professing Christians and in the churches today. Two questions are naturally asked: "What is the reason behind this problem?" and "Wherein have we 'fallen short'?" Now I realize that many and varied answers may be given to these questions and all of them may be right as far as they go, but I am more convinced that the real cause can be summed up in the following statement: The professing Christians and the churches of which they are members are weak, unstable, fruitless and to a large degree joyless. They have lost the vital, thrilling, soul-possessing realization and conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord. This conviction totally possessed the hearts,

minds, and souls of New Testament Christians and churches.

One cannot read far in the New Testament until he is aware of the unshakable grip the Lordship of Christ held upon these early Christians. Because of their adoration of and devotion to the risen Lord, those who had previously denied Him (Peter) and followed afar off (the other disciples), were now ready to stand and boldly proclaim Him in the face of every foe, even unto death itself.

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM "LORD?"

W. E. Vine in his excellent work, "An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words," defines it briefly as follows:

"Kurios, properly an adjective, signifying power (kuros) or authority, is used as a noun, variously translated in the N.T., 'Lord,' 'Master,' 'Owner . . .,' an owner of, as one who has disposal of anything, . . . of a master, i.e., one to whom service is due on any ground, . . . of an Emperor or King, as a title of authority . . . as a title of respect, . . . From the outset of His ministry this was the common form of address to the Lord Jesus. Kurios is the Septuagint and N.T. representative of Hebrew for JEHOVAH, ('Lord') in the English version." (AN EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF N. T. WORDS, Vol. III, p. 16, W. E. Vine).

Unger's Bible Dictionary defines the word "Lord" as follows:

"Lord, Master, He to whom a person or thing belongs . . . The term is also used as a title of honor, expressive of the respect and reverence with which servants salute their master . . . employed by citizens toward magistrates . . . The title is applied to Jesus as the Messiah, since by His death He acquired a special ownership of mankind, and after resurrection was exalted by a partnership in the divine administration." (UNGER'S BIBLE DICTIONARY, p. 665, Merrell F. Unger, 1967).

Briefly stated, the term used in reference to Christ declares that He is the exalted Sovereign, having the absolute right to rule the affairs of men. This right, power, and authority is His by reason of His Deity. It is His by virtue of His conquest over sin, death, Hell, and the grave. He has now eternally assumed that right, power, and authority by virtue of His ascension and exaltation to the right hand of the Majesty on high. There He reigns as our Sovereign Owner, Master and King, to demand and receive our complete obedience, our unswerving loyalty, our loving worship, and our adoring praise.

THE DECLARATION OF THIS TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible plainly and emphatically declares that Jesus Christ is Lord. God leaves not the slightest room for any question of this glorious fact. It is the heart of Peter's message to the assembled throng on the first Pentecost after Christ's crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. He emphatically states this truth in these words: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you . . . Ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear . . . There let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2: 22, 23, 24, 33, 36). Read Peter's entire message carefully and notice how completely it is saturated with the emphasis of Christ's Lordship.

Peter states the same truth in Acts, Chapter ten, when he opens the door of the gospel to the Gentiles, as he preaches to Cornelius and his household. The main note of his gospel is struck clearly in the very beginning of his message when he declares, "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all): (Acts 10:36). This is brought out again in the verse: "And He commanded

us to preach unto the people and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and dead" (Acts 10: 42).

The very heart of Paul's ministry and message was this great truth of Christ's Lordship. Again and again he stresses the fact that He, who was crucified and buried, has arisen from His position of humiliation, to be gloriously exalted as Lord at the Father's right hand. This He declares in these words: "And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:8-11). Read also Romans 14:8, 9, 11, 12; I Corinthians 7:22; 8:6. Add to these the statements of every New Testament writer and you have the undeniable declaration and affirmation that Jesus Christ is Lord, and He was preached as such in the New Testament.

There is a very popular modern teaching which says, "One may be saved from the penalty and condemnation of sin by trusting Jesus Christ as Saviour, without learning of or submitting to the Lordship of Christ." They tell us one may learn His Lordship at some later date, sometimes after

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a period of years. This theory is totally unfounded in Scripture. Not one New Testament writer presents the salvation of Christ as being separate and apart from His Lordship.

The favorite passages of most modern "Soul-winners" will not support this theory. A close examination of Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; or even John 3:16, will confirm just the opposite. Both Romans 10:9-10 and Acts 16:31 emphasize Christ's Lordship ahead of His Saviourhood. Both state emphatically that if the sinner would be saved, he must both "confess with

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his mouth" and "believe in his heart" that Christ is Lord.

Now may the Holy Spirit teach every reader this truth — Jesus Christ is Lord! He is Lord whether or not you and I acknowledge the fact. He is Lord whether or not we render obedience, loyalty, allegiance, or loving worship and praise. He is Lord of all and He is Lord in spite of all. Therefore we see that the question: "Is He Lord?" is never raised in the Scriptures. Rather the questions facing men have always been, and still are: "Will you submit to His Lordship? Will you honor Him as Lord? Will you give Him the reverence, devotion, and consecrated service that He has every right to receive and demand from you."

DEMONSTRATE HIS LORDSHIP

Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and every truly born-again believer has been experientially taught this truth by the Holy Spirit. "Wherefore I give you to understand that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit." (I Cor. 12:3). It goes without saying that this revelation of, and surrender to His Lordship will be demonstrated in the life of that Spirit-taught believer.

MORE THAN WORDS ARE NECESSARY

Now, my friends, let me remind you that it takes much more than words to demonstrate the Lordship of Christ in your life. No one ever taught this truth more emphatically than did the Lord Jesus when He declared, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). And again when He declared, "Why call ye me Lord and do not the things I say?" (Luke 6:46). Oh, that all may see that real surrender to Christ involves the demonstration of that fact in actions.

Submission to Jesus Christ as Lord will begin to be demonstrated in the daily life of every born- (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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Continued from page one) occupations, living under different circumstances, and put together their books and say: here we have a book with perfect unity throughout, a book with no differences of opinion and with no disagreements about the central issues of life? We, as human beings, cannot make what the Bible is; because the Bible is the Word of God.

Look at the indestructibility of the Bible. Who can count the numbers of Bibles that have been burned by countless persecutions? World emperors have made all-out wars to destroy the Bible. People have been burned, thrown to wild animals and tortured to death in many different ways if they had a Bible or testified to believe in its truth. Yet, the Bible has survived all, and has continually grown over the world. As far back as what we know, the Bible has always been the most read book. Since the day of the printing press, it has been continually the best-selling book in the world. Never has there been a book so hated and so loved in the history of the world. Why? Because the Bible is the Word of God.

Think of the Bible's ability to speak to all types of people. People from different cultures, different backgrounds, different occupations, different ages, and from different periods in history. Despite all these differences, thousands have found that the Bible spoke personally to them, for it revealed what was in their heart, who God is, and the purpose of their life; because the Bible is the Word of God.

Investigate the power and the influence of the Bible over different nations. Think of the work of many missionaries. They do not enter a new area with weapons to force the people, or with money to bribe them; but only with the Word of God. See how that in many places, when blessed by God, the Bible has changed savagery to civilization, cruelty to kindness, and lust to purity. Think of all the nations of Israel down to us today: when they followed the teachings of the Bible they were blessed, but when they left it they

fell. Why? Because the Bible is the Word of God.

Consider the inexhaustibility of the Bible. Hundreds of commentaries have been written on the Bible. Thousands of sermons have been preached on single texts over thousands of years; and yet there is always something new. We have a finite mind and we cannot reach the limitless depth of the Bible. The Bible contains the infinite wisdom of its Author; for the Bible is the Word of God.

Notice the honesty of the writers of the Bible. When we read other biographies, the author tries to idolize the person he is writing about by smoothing over their faults and enlarging their achievements. But not with the Bible; we read honestly about Noah's faith and his sin, David's faith and his sin, Solomon's faith and his sin, etc. The Bible is completely honest throughout; because the Bible is the Word of God.

Study the teachings of the Bible about God and man. All other early forms of religion had gods like human beings. These gods had bodies and made mistakes. But, the teachings of the Bible about God are different. God is One, a Spirit, perfect in all His attributes. Other religious writings always speak better things of man: either that he is good, or that he is a little sick and with some improvement and some good works can get better and finally gain salvation. These other books testify of their human authors for these ideas are to our natural liking. We like to help ourselves, for it appeals to our pride. But the Bible, and the Bible only, teaches differently. The Bible teaches that man is dead in sin. It teaches that man cannot save himself, but that he stands in need of God to save him. The Bible only of all the religious books teaches the truth concerning God and man. In the Bible God is exalted to the highest and man is abased to the lowest; because the Bible is the Word of God.

Inspect the historical accuracy of the Bible. Many historical places and occurrences, long doubted by many Bible critics, have come to light today through the works of archaeologists. Stories about the flood have been found in myths of many different countries all over the world; writings from



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Ephesians 6:5-9.

Intro.: As we view the confusion which exists in relation to the home and in places of business, we are made to understand the admonitions of these verses are either neglected or unknown. There needs to be an honest explanation on the part of preachers of these verses; of course, this would not make him popular, any more than it did John the Baptist.

VERSE 5

"Servants." One who ministers, being in subjection to authority. Really, a bondsman, either in the physical or material realm, or in the spiritual realm. Jesus Christ sanctified this office by taking on Him "the form of a servant" and of "being obedient unto death" (Phil. 2:7,8). Paul himself de-

clares himself to be a servant of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:1). A faithful servant can both have dignity and humility at the same time. One can be free and yet be a voluntary servant.

"Be obedient to them who are your masters." One who is a servant, especially one who claims to be a Christian, should be the best servant possible. He should show proper respect for his master and seek to follow the orders of the master as much as possible. He should have the attitude, "What saith my Lord unto His servant?" Even though this applies primarily to the relationship between Christians and Christ, the principle can apply to earthly servants and masters. Notice the attitude of a godly wife to her husband (I Pet. 3:5,6).

"According to the flesh." This will serve to temper both servant and master. How we need to keep in mind that regardless of our earthly rank, we all have a Heavenly Master and that both servant and master, husband and wife, parent and child are equal in their heavenly standing (Gal. 3:28), and that we all have to give account to God (II Cor. 5:10).

"With fear and trembling." Having to do more with the fact that we should not want to do anything to bring reproach on our Heavenly Master, or to be unfaithful to Him. Thus they are to work out their salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12).

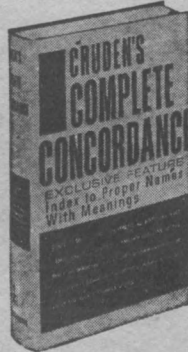
"In singleness of your heart." There should be one purpose in mind so we are not to have a divided heart. How easy and natural it is to seek our own glory or advancement instead of Christ's.

"As unto Christ." It doesn't matter whether you are a servant or an employee of a saved master or a lost master, you should do the work assigned just as if you were doing it unto Christ. You should serve honestly and faithfully.

VERSE 6

"Not with eyeservice." So many times there is the temptation to work hard in the presence of the boss, then to become careless or

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indifferent in his absence.

"As men pleasers." To have the approval of men is not enough.

"But as the servants of Christ." Desiring His approval and commendation and therefore following His instructions (John 2:5).

"Doing the will of God from the heart." David not only went to the house of God because he was supposed to, but he went there with joy and gladness (Psa. 12:1). The Lord loves a cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:7). Philip ran in obedience to the command of the Lord (Acts 8:30). Paul himself was so anxious to do the will of God that just as soon as he knew what God wanted done, he immediately endeavored to do it (Acts 16:19). There is little heartservice in our day.

VERSE 7

"With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men." The urgency of the matter is magnified by the repetition of the thought. We need this, for we are so prone to forget.

VERSE 8

"Knowing." Both by instruction, and by experience.

"That whatsoever good thing any man doeth." Remember, not just what a man does has been brought out, but also how he does it, and why he does it. It would seem, in order to encourage, only the good is mentioned here, although both the good and the bad are mentioned in other places.

"The same shall he receive." Many times the servant is advanced until he, in turn becomes the boss, or at least, receives a higher position. However, whether or not he does in this life, he is to continue being faithful, for in due season he shall reap (Gal. 6:9-10).

"Of the Lord." The Lord will not forget the labor of love of His servants (Heb. 6:10; 10:34-37).

"Whether he be bond or free." The principle is the same for both servants and masters.

VERSE 9

"And ye masters." We have seen the parallel between husbands and wives and parents and children, and now between servants and masters. God does not overlook the responsibility of the masters.

"Do the same things unto them." The master is to show the proper respect and care for his servant that the servants are called on to show to their masters. Notice Solomon's servants (I Kings 10:4,5,8).

"Forbearing threatening." Do not lord it over them and intimidate them by a show of force. It is sad to see this between husbands and wives, fathers and children, or masters and servants.

"Knowing that your Master also is in heaven." This would serve to cause the master to realize he also was a servant.

"Neither is there respect of persons with Him." We must always remember God has ordered a Godly arrangement in the home and in relation to servants and masters, but we are always to remember that no man or woman can pull rank on God, as God does not honor us because we are better than someone else (Rom. 3:9-18).

Conclusion: How beautiful to view things in the light of Biblical revelation instead of human reasoning or human logic. Remember, man professing himself to become wise, has become a fool in more ways than one (Rom. 1:22). Any time you set aside God's laws, you become a fool.

(EDITOR'S NOTE:—If you would like to write to Bro. Pyle expressing your appreciation for the lessons or ask him questions about his exposition of the Scripture his address is Rt. 22, Box 1198, Fort Myers Fla. 33908.)

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Observe the scientific accuracy of the Bible. When we read other books, sometimes only a few years old, we read of mistakes in scientific knowledge at that time; for now we have learned more about our environment. But, especially, when we read books several hundred years old, how often we find strange beliefs in regard to science. But not with the Bible; no proven scientific fact yet disagrees with the teaching of the Bible; on the other hand, many scientific facts discovered rather recently had been spoken of in the Bible thousands of years before. For centuries man was busy counting the number of stars; each time a more powerful telescope was made the number of the stars increased. It was not until recently that galaxies beyond our own were discovered, and with that knowledge man realized that the stars could not be counted. But in the Book of Jeremiah we could read, already 2,500 years ago, that "the stars of heaven cannot be numbered" (Jer. 33:22). During the past ages, men had all different ideas about the earth and what it was built upon. Generally, it was believed to be flat and that it was built upon a solid foundation. Not until the time of Columbus did man prove that the earth was round, and ever later, that the earth is in space which means it rests upon nothing. But the Bible testified of this already 2,700 years ago. In Isaiah we may read that it is the Lord "Who sitteth upon

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Do angels have wings?

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The imaginary angels in heathen Christmas pageants are beautiful young women with wings. They are really beautiful. But the Lord's angels we see in the Bible have masculine names, and they have no need of wings. The beautiful female angels you see at Christmas time are the figment of the Catholic imagination. There is a world of difference between the Catholic angels and the real ones. For a picture of real angels, turn to Genesis 18 and look at the ones who had lunch with Abraham, and then went on to Sodom where they led Lot out of the city, and then destroyed it. Those angels do not look quite like your Christmas angels.

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Some of them do, whether they all do or not is debatable. Frankly, I don't think they all do.

The Seraphims have six wings. "Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly" (Isa. 6:2). The living creatures that Ezekiel saw had four wings. "And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings" (Ezek. 1:6).

The angels that came to Lot, however, apparently did not have any wings. "And there came two angels to Sodom at even . . ." (Gen. 19:1). The reason that I say they did not have wings is because the people of Sodom called them men in verse 5. " . . . Where are the men which came in to thee this night . . ."

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Isaiah saw four creatures standing before the throne of God, each with six wings (Isa. 6). With two wings he covered or veiled his face for reverence. With two wings he covered his feet for humble

obedience. With two wings he did fly, indicating immediate and glorious service unto God. In connection with Isaiah 6, read Revelation 4:6-9: "And the four beasts ('living ones') had each of them six wings about him . . ." (Rev. 4:8). Daniel says the angel Gabriel flew swiftly (9:21), but he does not say Gabriel had wings. Abraham had three angelic visitors (Gen. 18), two created angels, and the other the Creator, the Christ angel. Abraham worshipped the Christ angel without rebuke. These angels had the appearance of men, no wings. We read that angels are the drivers of heaven's royal chariots (Ps. 68:17; II Kings 2:11; II Kings 6:17). The chariots have wheels, but no wings, and the angels are the chariot occupants. The first mention of a Cherubim is in Genesis 3:24. The Cherubim has a flaming sword, but there is no mention of wings. In Exodus 25 Moses is instructed to make two cherubims of gold and place on either side of the mercy seat. They were to have wings, and their wings were to stretch forth as a canopy covering the mercy seat. The ministry of cherubims is defensive (Gen. 3:24), especially of God's throne. The flood (Gen. 7) did away with the garden of Eden, and we never read of cherubims on earth after the flood. However, we do read of them in Heaven standing on either side of God's throne, but no mention of wings (Ps. 80:1; Psa. 99:1). The cherubims' wings of gold in the tabernacle is a metaphoric representation of the complete cherubimic protection of God's throne in glory. The Scriptures speak of God having wings, "Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings" (Ps. 17:8).

The Bible . . .

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the circle (sphere) of the earth." (Isa. 40:22). About 3,500 years ago Job testified that the Lord "hath the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7). The Bible testified thousands of years ago of a water cycle, wind circuits, and the circuit of the sun; not discovered by man until the 1800's and more recently. How could the Bible speak of these facts thousands of years before man "discovered" them? There is only one answer: the Author of the Bible was not human, but divine; for the Bible is the Word of God.

Trace the many prophecies contained in the Bible. Biblical prophecies are not vague as other "prophecies" of self-acclaimed prophets are, who state vague predictions and later claim their fulfillment. The prophecies of the Bible are very clear and very plain. Let us look at one example in depth. In Ezekiel 26 we can read these seven prophecies against the city of Tyre, which were written 590 years before Christ:

- 1) Nebuchadnezzar shall take the city.
- 2) Other nations shall also participate in the fulfillment of the prophecy.

It is readily seen that these words are a figure of speech indicating peace and safety in the presence of God. Revelation 8:13 and 14:16 speak of angels flying, but neither passage mentions wings. From what is called religious art the majority of people have come to believe angels have wings, but most of what is called religious art leads to deception, and the contention that angels have wings cannot be supported from the Scriptures. Some glad moment I'll fly away to be with my Lord, and I will not need wings to get to His presence.

- 3) The city is to be made flat like the top of a rock.
- 4) It is to become a place for the spreading of fishing nets.
- 5) Its stones and timbers are to be laid in the sea.
- 6) Other cities are to fear greatly at the fall of Tyre.
- 7) That the old city of Tyre shall never be rebuilt.

Let's study the fulfillment of this prophecy as it took place later in history:

In 586 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Tyre, he captured it 13 years later in 573 B.C. However, when he finally captured the city the inhabitants had secretly moved all their people and goods out to an island approximately a half-mile from shore and Nebuchadnezzar could not capture them there without a navy, so he only captured an empty city.

Tyre remained this way for 241 years, with only the first prophecy of the seven fulfilled. However, in 322 B.C., Alexander the Great wished to capture the city of Tyre because of its strategic location. He felt that he could not take the city with only his navy and ordered his army to make a causeway from the mainland out to the island. In making this causeway they used all the stones and timber from the old city and pushed it into the sea, literally leaving the old city a flat rock. With this causeway and with his navy he captured the city. The neighboring cities were so frightened after hearing how Alexander had conquered Tyre, that they surrendered to him. Today, visitors at this place find that this flat area is a popular place for fishermen, they spread out their nets to dry on this very spot. Despite its excellent location the city has never been rebuilt. If God did not inspire the writing of the Bible what is the chance that Ezekiel could have prophesied exactly what happened to Tyre, 250 years later? A recent professor computed what random chance Ezekiel had of guessing each of the seven prophecies and then multiplied those seven chances together as we do when figuring probabilities. His answer was that Ezekiel had one chance in 75,000,000 that all seven of these prophecies could be fulfilled exactly as he said, without Divine foreknowledge. This is only one prophecy of the Bible. But the Bible is full of prophecy. Think of the other prophecies against Samaria, Jericho, Jerusalem, Palestine, Moab, Ammon, and Babylon; the prophecies of Daniel and many more. Above all, think of the more than 300 prophecies concerning the coming and the life of the Lord Jesus. Every one of these prophecies have been exactly fulfilled. Why is the prophecy of the Bible so perfectly accurate? There is only one answer: the Bible is the Word of God.

Finally, there is yet one proof of Divine inspiration of the Bible which goes beyond all these other proofs; and that is the powerful and personal application of this Word to our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is this felt Divine power

in our lives that can remove all doubt. For this power is a power that produces great changes in our life. It is a power that brings about new birth. It is a power that convicts of sin. It is a power that teaches what sin is and what our condition is without God in this world. It is a power that goes beyond time and space, making eternity spiritually real. It is a power that convinces that God is righteous in His demands upon us. It is a power that teaches of a personal way of escape. It is a power that works faith to believe and to hope in a Saviour, outside of ourselves, in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the power of a Sovereign, sinner-electing God. In short, it is a power unto salvation. This is the proof which can be engraven in our heart, establishing forever in us the truth — that the Bible is the Word of God.

Young people, let us not base our life upon shaky foundations. Who of us would dare to walk across a frozen lake, if we did not know that the ice under our feet was solid? Who of us would cross a deep ravine on a plank, if we were not sure that it would hold our weight? So, let us by Sovereign grace, build the house of our hope on a solid, proven foundation. The Bible testifies through its order and completeness, its indestructibility, its ability to speak to all types of people, its power and influence, its inexhaustibility, its honesty, its teachings, its historical accuracy, its scientific knowledge, its prophetic accuracy, and above all, through its applied power to the heart, that it is the truly inspired Word of God.

Young people, let us then, by grace, base our thoughts, ideas, values, purposes, and hopes; in short, let us base our life on the absolute and infallible truth of the Bible. For this Bible shall stand forever as the one only God-given Word; for God Himself has testified: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Let us, by grace, center our heart and life upon this Bible; for the Bible is the Word of God.

Atonement Of Lord

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at the last day."

The five empty houses with no roads to them were of no value. The atonement, in like manner, is of no value unless there is a way prepared for us to receive the atonement. The rich father could stand on his house top and shout that he had built a house for each of his ten children, but his shouting would only magnify his ignorance in that his work was only half done. Those therefore, who preach that our Lord died for the sins of all people upon the earth are obviously not aware as to what they are stating.

Let us cite another example of ten boys who are drowning in a lake. A man runs to the edge of the lake and casts a rope to each of the ten boys. He, however, only draws five of the boys to shore. The other five boys are allowed to drown. The question obviously is—why throw five ropes to boys and not draw them to shore? Keep in mind John 6:44 which informs

us that "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." The big question, of course, is—why would our Lord did not die for all without exception. He, in fact, died only for the elect. It is as stated in Ephesians 2:4,5:

"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

The main passage which is used to refute the above is John 3:16 which reads:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

It is thought that the word "world" in this passage refers to every person who ever lived or ever will live. The fact is, however, that the word "world", as John uses it, has a limited meaning. This word in the Greek is the word "kosmos" and refers to mankind in general, rather than mankind without exception. This fact can be proven beyond the shadow of any doubt by comparing other places where John uses the word "world." The following two examples will clearly show that the word refers to mankind in general.

"For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the world" (John 7:4).

"The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? Behold, the world (kosmos) is gone after Him" (John 12:10).

A further proof of how John used the word "world" can be seen by considering John 1:29 which reads:

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (Kosmos).

You will observe that this passage goes further than John 3:16 in that it states that "He taketh away the sin of the world" while John 3:16 only states that He "so loved the world." If the word for world means all without exception then our Lord has taken away the guilt of every person upon the face of the earth. It becomes very obvious that the word "world" refers to mankind in general (kosmos) otherwise there will be no one in hell.

A close study of the scriptures will show that they speak of two worlds — the world of the believers and the world of the unbelievers. The above passage (John 1:29) refers to the world of believers, while the following passage refers to the world of the unbelievers.

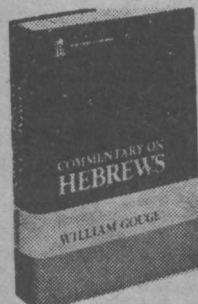
"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (II Pet. 2:5).

You will observe that Noah and his family were not a part of the world of the ungodly and neither do I belong to this particular world which is in existence today.

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY?"

ELKHART, IND. (EP) — Georgi Vins, Russian Baptist pastor exiled by Soviet authorities to the United States last spring, will represent "the persecuted Church in the Soviet Union" at a special conference to be held in Toronto, Canada on July 9-12. While living in the Soviet Union, Vins was the leader of the Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, a denomination which refuses to cooperate with the Soviet government because of its beliefs in evangelism and separation of church and state.

The conference, to be called "Voice of the Persecuted Church," will feature as speakers men and women who have actually served sentences in various Soviet prisons and concentration camps because of their religious convictions. According to Vins, unusual photographic exhibits will portray the life-style of Christians in the USSR as they evangelize openly in the face of ardent state atheism and stiff religious persecution. Vins further noted that Christian young people who have recently come out of Russia will testify about their experiences as they confronted the repressive Soviet educational system. A clandestine printing press that has been smuggled out of the Soviet Union will also operate in a public demonstration, showing how Christians in that nation print Bibles and other prohibited Christian literature.

Mr. Vins, in announcing the conference, said, "I appeal to Christians in the West to unite in support of the persecuted Church in the Soviet Union." Vins' conference is scheduled to open at 4 p.m. on July 9 at the Harbour Square Convention Center in Toronto.

It is no coincidence that Vins' conference on the persecuted Church is taking place at the same time that the Baptist World Alliance holds its international congress in Toronto. The Baptist World Alliance has as a strong denominational affiliate the Soviet registered and supported Baptist denomination which seeks to work in close cooperation with its Marxist government.

NEW YORK (EP) — Scripture distribution in the United States by the American Bible Society (ABS) declined by 18.6 million in 1979, to a total of 108.8 million complete Bibles, New Testaments, Scripture Portions, and Scriptures Selections. Despite the drop, the Society noted that the total represented nearly one Scripture for every two persons in the nation.

The ABS distribution figure represents 22 percent of the worldwide Scripture distribution program of the United Bible Societies. The world total for 1979 was

nearly 495 million, a slight decrease from the 1978 figure of 500 million.

RICHMOND, Va. (EP) — A white Woodbridge, Va., family is challenging a federal judge's ruling that no violation of their daughter's civil rights occurred when she was expelled from a Baptist church high school for dating a black classmate. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fiedler told a federal appeals court here that the dismissal by Aleck Bledsoe, principal of Marumsco Christian School, of their daughter, Melissa, was not protected by constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

District Judge Oren R. Lewis ruled last August that the friendship between Melissa and Rufus Bostic (both of them 14 at the time of the incident in 1978) violated a prohibition against close interracial friendships held by members of the Marumsco Baptist Church, which operated the school. However, the Fiedlers, represented by attorneys for the American Civil Liberties union, argued that church members believed no such thing and that the prohibition against interracial dating was part of Mr. Bledsoe's personal philosophy.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (EP) — The Unification Church has dropped a suit seeking restoration of its tax-exempt status in suburban Westchester County because Sun Myung Moon, founder of the church, would have been required to testify on the matter. Mr. Moon had been scheduled to appear at a New York City law office to answer questions by Arthur S. Olick, attorney for the Village of Tarrytown.

"We do not believe that the deposition would be handled with the propriety we feel is necessary in order for us to consider asking Moon to testify," said Bruce Brown, the church's director of legal affairs. He said the church's attitude toward the Korean-born preacher "could most easily be compared to the pope in the eyes and hearts of good Catholics." We simply will not consider asking him to participate in this action.

LOS ANGELES (EP) — A group of Korean-Americans demonstrated at American Red Cross headquarters here after being refused a guarantee that blood they donated would be sent to South Korea. Red Cross officials said they couldn't send blood to South Korea unless the South Korean Red Cross asked for it, which it hasn't done.

A spokesman for the Korean Democratic Students in the U.S., said the demonstrators wanted some 86 pints of blood they donated to be sent to people injured in

the anti-government protests in Kuangju, South Korea. More than 50 Korean-Americans who donated the blood staged a sit-in demonstration at the Red Cross headquarters here. Some carried signs outside urging people to donate blood for South Korea.

RICHMOND, Va. (EP) — Contrary to an Associated Press report, the General Assembly of Baptist Churches of Italy did not send a letter to President Carter protesting his foreign policy and the assembly took no official action in this regard.

Southern Baptist missionary Ben Lawton attended the conference and said a letter was drawn up by a group of observers at the meeting and was placed on a table for anyone to sign if they wanted to. Lawton said a group of Independent individuals who were concerned with sending a Christian message of reconciliation did sign the letter, but it was not an assembly action.

An Associated Press story dated from Rome said the convention accused President Carter June 3 of pursuing a foreign policy "contrary to the gospel of Christ." It said the congress released a statement saying that a large majority of its 120 participants had signed the open letter. The letter was critical of Carter's handling of the Iran crisis, his plans to build the nuclear-tipped cruise missile and his call for U.S. allies in Europe to boost military spending. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has a policy which prohibits its missionaries from becoming involved in politics in the countries where they serve.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (EP) — Leading a coalition of community groups, Southern Baptists were able to convince June 3 voters in Santa Clara County to reject two measures that would have prohibited discrimination against homosexuals in employment and housing. Measures A and B were placed on the ballot after Baptists, working under the name "Concerned Citizens Against the Sexual Orientation Ordinances," secured 58,000 signatures in the county to make the matter a referendum issue.

The Baptists took the action after unsuccessful attempts last summer to prevent the San Jose city council and the Santa Clara county supervisors from passing resolutions banning such discrimination. In the final county tally, 244,095 voters, or 70 percent, were against the enactment and 103,479, or 30 percent, were in favor. In the city of San Jose ballot the measure lost 75 percent to 25 percent.

SAN DIEGO (EP) — Tom Metzger, a Ku Klux Klan leader who calls himself a white racist, has won the Democratic nomination in the 43rd Congressional District here. With about 1 million residents, the district is the nation's most populous. The Klansman defeated Ed Skagen, who heads San Diego's Democratic Central Committee, by only 318 votes, but is expected to lose the November election to incumbent Republican Rep. Clair Burgener, now completing his fourth term.

At his victory party, Mr. Metzger had already begun campaigning against Mr. Burgener. "We have an incumbent who has recently voted to bring 320,000 more refugees into the United States," he said. "I feel an incumbent who is sending this many people into the working man's neighborhood has lost touch with the people."

Mr. Metzger had been a member of the United Klans of America before he formed his own Klan group in 1976. He says he is its "state leader" in California, and plans to call the organization the KKK of California.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (EP) — Prostitution is illegal in Michigan, but the madam of a thriving brothel here has started collecting state taxes from her girls' wages. "It's the first time we've gotten one of these women to agree to withholding taxes and so far she's doing it religiously,"

Atonement Of Lord

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pear to refute a limited atonement, but such is only an appearance. One of the passages I have in mind is John 12:32 which reads:

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

It is assumed that the word "all" in this passage refers to the entire human family. The thing to note, however, relates to the word "all", as it is used in the scripture, is that it can refer to a great number, or it may refer to all kinds of classes. You will find the following passages to be excellent examples—Matthew 3:5, 4:27. Luke 2:10, Romans 15:14, II Thessalonians 2:9 and I Timothy 6:10.

If we take the word "all" in John 12:32 (above) to mean all without exception, then we are going to have all without exception going to Heaven, since the word "draws" as used in this passage, does not refer to an attempt to draw, but to an effectual drawing.

We may also cite II Corinthians 5:14 for dynamic proof that the word "all" does not necessarily refer to all without exception. This passage reads:

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then we are all dead."

This passage makes it very clear that those for whom our Lord died, died in Him, and are thus dead to sin.

We have another excellent passage in II Corinthians 5:19 relative to the extent of our Lord's atonement. This passage states:

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

The world in this passage can only refer to the elect. It can re-

said Byrl Claxton of the state treasury's intelligence unit.

He said the illegality of the prostitution business is "strictly a police problem." Sault Ste. Marie Police Edward Edwardson said the brothel operated by Ethel Brand remains open because of the difficulty of proving the prostitution laws have been broken. Ms. Brand meanwhile, has started withholding state taxes from the wages of her employees and is turning the money over to the state.

ORLANDO, Fla. (EP) — The Sun Systems suntan lotions company originally designed its billboard advertising campaign "to get people's attention." But the beach scene of two women sunning themselves unencumbered by bathing suits has drawn the wrong kind of attention here, and the billboard advertising company has been asked to paint on bikini tops and bottoms.

Orange County Commissioner Lamar Thomas said he received calls from half a dozen "PTA types" and others who objected to the billboard ads being so close to schools. The poster photograph shows two women lying supine in the sand, such that little is revealed, though the actual nudity is unmistakable.

"I looked at them and personally don't find them all that offensive," Thomas said. "Frankly, you don't see nothing." Nevertheless, he called Andy Anderson of Peterson Outdoor Advertising Corp., who reported that his phone, too, "has been rather busy." Mr. Anderson agreed to move the ads that were close to schools and paint bikinis on the rest.

fer only to a certain number since He does not impute trespasses or sins to those for whom He died. We know that He does impute sins to all others. Those who believe to the contrary could not consistently believe in hell.

I have found many well meaning people who appeal to II Peter 3:9 in an effort to prove that our Lord died for all without exception and that He is trying to save all people without exception. This passage reads:

"Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

This passage can only be understood if it is studied in the light of the rest of this chapter. We, in fact, will find that the expression "Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," is only a part of II Peter 3:9. The first part of this passage stated that "the Lord is not slack concerning His promise." You will observe that the word "promise" is in the singular form. The question then relates to what promise is our Lord referring to? Is it a promise to save all people? Where is there a promise from God to save all without exception? The promise we are seeking is found in II Peter 3:4. This passage reads:

"And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

The promise, then, according to this passage, is to the Lord's return to this earth rather than to a promise to save all people. The context refers to God's promise to send back His Son. Many long years, however, have passed and the promise has not been realized. God, however, informs us that the delay is not due to any slackness on His part, but it is due to "His 'longsuffering to usward' (II Pet. 3:9). Who are the 'usward'? Do they refer to the entire human race? The answer is stated very clearly in II Peter 3:1 which says:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you . . ."

The "usward" then, in II Peter 3:9, are the "beloved" in II Peter 3:1. The "usward" are the ones to whom the epistle is addressed. Let us now read again II Peter 3:9.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

It is very obvious that this passage has reference to the fact that our Lord will not return until all the elect have been gathered in. Those who teach otherwise have a big problem on their hands in that the passage states that God is "not willing that any should perish." Let all know that our God does as He pleases and that His will is never defeated. This fact is evident from Ephesians 2:11 which states:

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."

Beloved, if I build a house for my son on the other side of the wilderness, I will also build a road to that house. The same applies to the atonement our Lord has made. This fact is made evident from John 6:37 which reads:

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

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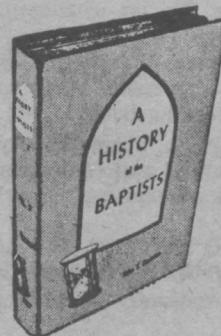
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Instead of fritting away odd moments, we could be putting them to good use. One man said he always prayed as the ink was drying on a letter instead of using a blotter. A mother makes it a practice to pray every time she bends over the crib.

A church visitor prays for the person he is to visit while walking or riding to that home. Many Chris-

er. Ironing dainty dresses for your daughter can remind you to pray for her future, or giving a sweat shirt an extra stroke can recall how good God has been to give you a healthy son.

Climbing steps is a chore of many a housewife and subway commuter, but those steps can be forgotten if you are in prayer concerning a need. While sitting in a dentist's or doctor's office waiting your turn, pray for missionary friends, many far from needed medical centers. Or when you pick up a Christian publication, pray for the publisher, editor and writers in this field of ministry.

As you listen to a Christian radio program or view a Christian telecast, pray that souls may be won to Christ. When you find yourself beginning to worry about something you can't overcome immediately, cease your worry and begin to pray to the God who works miracles.

Begin today to put those odd moments to prayer use. Do you have a spare minute after reading this article? Then pray!

THE FOOL

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psa. 14:1).

An evangelist, E. L. Hyde, was conducting a revival meeting, and in the course of his remarks said that he could prove to the satisfaction of any infidel within ten minutes that he was a fool. The next morning, while walking, a gentleman accosted him very abruptly by saying, "Aren't you the evangelist preaching up here at the church?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, I supposed you were a gentleman."

"I claim to be one."

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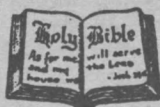
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"I do, sir. I have studied all phases of the subject, and have traveled and delivered lectures against Christianity for more than twelve years and I am prepared to say there is nothing in it."

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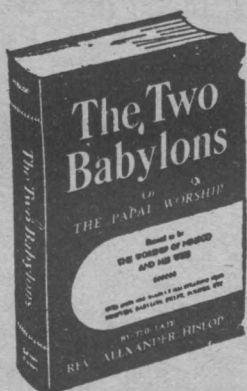
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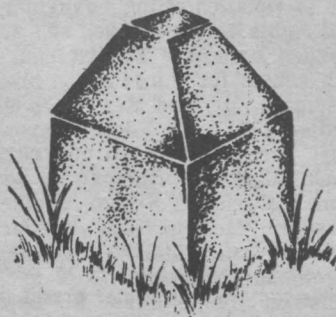
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God Of The Bible

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1. The god of the Mohammedan is not the God of the Christian.
2. The god of the Christian Scientist is not the God of the Bible. (Their god is not a person, but just a sort of abstraction. Likewise the god of the "Unity" people).
3. The god of the Universalist and the Unitarian and the Modernist is not the God of the Bible. (They deny the Trinity).

The character of God contrasted with that of pagan gods:

Many of the false gods of the heathen have had human sacrifice offered to them, (Cf. Moloch). The worship of other gods, like Diana, was celebrated by means of prostitution. Such gods as Bacchus, the god of "booze" was celebrated with an all night drunken carousal. The gods of the heathen have no morality. But the God of the Bible is holy. Habbakuk 1:13; John 17:11; Job 34:10.

Many of the gods of the heathen are man-made, hand-made gods. They take a tree and make a god out of a part of it, and furniture out of the rest of it. But the God of the Bible had no maker. He has ever existed. (Ex. 3:14). He is the

living God, while the heathen gods are not alive. (Jer. 10:10).

God is a Spirit. (See John 4:24). That is, He is not a material being such as we are, visible to the eye. Men are prohibited from making images to serve as a likeness to God. (See Ex. 20:4). Catholicism violates this.

But God can manifest Himself in visible form. (See John 1:32). He has revealed Himself in the form of an angel. (See Gen. 16:6, 10, 13).

God has revealed Himself fully and finally in the person of Jesus Christ. Hebrew 1:1-3; John 1:1-4; Colossians 2:9.

Why did man need a revelation of God such as was furnished by Jesus Christ? Because by looking upon, seeing, observing and beholding God as manifested in human form, humanity could get a more definite conception of what God is like.

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JANUARY, 1980	
BALANCE, January 1	\$ 4,970.00
Receipts	10,890.44
	\$15,860.44
Expenditures	
Mission labor, electrical supplies, office supplies, upkeep of mission, general supplies, bank charges, hotel bill	1,399.45
Family in America	1,000.00
Vehicle expenditures	823.20
Tithe, patrol expense, Haiwi Sta. Exp., stamps, tape ministry	1,526.24
Literacy work	407.99
Bible School	781.62
Plane charters	520.00
Plane fares	244.40
Total Expenditures	6,702.90
BALANCE, January 31	9,157.54

Note: Of the amount of balance as of January 1 \$3,970.00 has been designated for the Huli work and will appear in the balance of each month until the work actually gets under way and we can use it in that area.

FEBRUARY, 1980	
BALANCE, February 1	\$ 9,157.54
Receipts	4,783.67
	\$13,941.21
Expenditures:	
General Mission, supplies and upkeep, supplies for literacy work, plane fares, tractor hire, 1 plane charter, hardware, food supplies for Bible school students	3,023.79
For family in America	1,500.00
Plane fare to America	1,249.50
Other Bible School Exp., Literacy work, postage stamps, bank charges, misc. exp.	1,568.06
Labor on Mission, vehicle expense, one mission patrol	715.59
Total Expenditures	8,056.94
Balance, February 29	5,884.26

MARCH, 1980	
BALANCE, March 1	\$ 5,884.26
Receipts	4,806.33
	\$10,690.99
Expenditures:	
Bible School, Literacy work, parts for saw-mill, mission expense	919.98
Family expense, tithe, travel exp. in America, eye glasses, dental exp., physical check by doctor, final payment on car note	3,720.96
Total Expenditures	4,640.92
Balance, March 31	\$ 6,049.65

APRIL, 1980	
BALANCE, April 1	\$ 6,049.65
Receipts	4,722.66
	\$10,772.31
Expenditures:	
Hotel bill, air fares (P.N.G.), vehicle repairs, mission supplies, gasoline, tapes-batteries, tractor hire	1,527.53
Family expense in America, tithe	1,805.61
Plane fare America to P.N.G., some personal expense while in America, i.e., bed sheets, towels, etc.	1,550.49
House Insurance, Literacy work, teacher's salary, hardware, nails, etc., plane fare for native missionary	892.43
Total Expenditures	5,776.06
Balance, April 30	4,996.25

MAY, 1980	
BALANCE, May 1	\$ 4,996.25
Receipts	4,111.73
	\$ 9,107.98
Expenditures:	
Gasoline and kerosene, two air charters, 1 air fare, hotel bill, literature for Bible School and literacy work, batteries, tapes, etc., groceries and mission supplies, food supplies for Bible school students	2,147.15
Expense for teachers in Bible school and literacy work	161.70
Stamps, paper, envelopes and other office supplies	97.60
Mission labor	257.25
One mission patrol	127.89
Other Bible school supplies	39.69
Tithe and family expense	1,744.53
Total Expenditures	4,575.81
Balance, May 31	4,532.17

This brings the Mission financial report to date as of May 31.

There has been a total income of \$29,314.83; the entire expenditures have been \$29,752.65—a net loss of \$438.82 for the five months.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Calvary Baptist Church voted in its business meeting of April 9, 1980 to have Elder Fred T. Halliman issue a quarterly financial report. Missionary Halliman on his return to the field has complied with the church's request and above is a report for the first five months of 1980. In the future, a report will be given every three months. As you can see, he has ended the month of May \$438.82 in the red. Please remember Bro. Halliman in prayer at this time and pray that the Lord will provide.

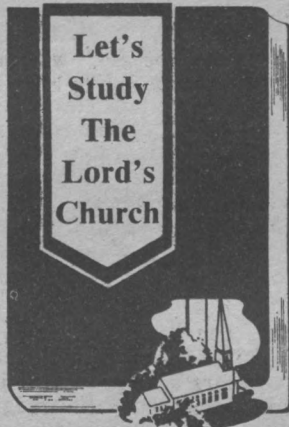
Remission Of Sins

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cleansing element is the shed blood. This is taught all through the Scripture. For instance, the passage found in Leviticus 17:11 shows us clearly. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the shed blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Thus God shows us in our physical make-up that the body lives because of the blood. This serves as a spiritual lesson, so that we can see that our spiritual life is dependent on the blood.

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way, God gave us symbols. The Old Testament animal sacrifices were to symbolize the fact that a perfect sacrifice would be forthcoming. John the Baptist announced it when he saw Jesus and said "... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

We are taught that redemption is through the blood of Christ. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7). Peter tells us that the only way we can receive remission of sins is through the precious blood of Christ. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18,19). Thus the blood of Christ brings us near God. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13).

I told you earlier that we must have a cleansing element in order to be made free from our sins. The blood of Christ is that element. "... Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5). "... And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanse us from all sin" (I John 1:7). This sacrifice is forever. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:12).

We have remission of sins because Jesus Christ, our Saviour, shed His blood for us. Praise His name!

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The Blood Of Jesus

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some other types of works, but there is only one worship that I know of that worship the Blood and what it does. It forgives sin. What can wash away my sin? NOTHING but the Blood of Jesus! I Peter 1:2 says, "sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ."

GOD CHOSE HIS BLOOD TO JUSTIFY

Some say, are we not justified by faith in Jesus Christ? Oh, yes, we are — but it took the Blood of God's Son to justify the All-Righteous and Holy God's wrath against sinners. When God sees the Blood of His Son on the mercy seat in Heaven, His rightful wrath is appeased and those chosen souls for whom Christ died are justified. His elect cry out with hearts of joy — I'm justified, I'm happy in Jesus today, because we realize what the Apostle Paul meant in Romans 5:9, "being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Once God's wrath has been justified, we who were enemies and "at enmity with God," ... "have made peace through His blood" (Col. 1:20). Once peace has been made; we who warred against God, were the enemy of God, and alienated from God, can come into His presence and "are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13).

HIS BLOOD SANCTIFIES

The unholy are made holy by the blood, whatever it takes to make an ungodly worm holy or sanctified, then that is a wonderful substance. Man can never enter into Heaven in his fallen state. This would corrupt Heaven and make it as Hell. This place and time on earth is the mid-point of both saved and lost. The saved will never come any closer to Hell than here thank God! And the lost will never come any closer to Heaven than right here. How terrible for them! And when one sees that he or she were made holy so that they will be able to go up instead of down, then they know that it was not by "works of righteousness which they have done" but only on the merits of Christ Jesus, "that He might sanctify the people with His own Blood" (Heb. 13:12).

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another, but my Lord bought His bride with His blood. The Bible says, "The church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). His bride is His church. You want to get in bad with a man, you slander his bride. You want to get in bad with God, you slander His church. His church was bought by the supreme price. So others might know and not be confused as to what church we are speaking of in an hour of man-made religion, it is His True Baptist churches. Not all who wear our name (BAPTIST) are Baptists. Many are Protestant and, as such, these carry the same anathema upon them as do the other Protestant harlot daughters of Rome. (Read Rev. 17:5). Christ Jesus' bride is to be pure, she's precious to Him. He's holy, He's sinless, He's precious, He's God, and He cares not for harlots. His blood bought His own.

Another thing that is interesting about the blood is that it doesn't come from the mother's side. The blood of a mother does not flow into the baby in the womb. The baby has its blood type from its father. Now Joseph was NOT the father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mary had never known a man when Christ was conceived of the Holy Ghost. The blood that ran through (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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Jesus Is Lord Over All

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again believer from the time he is brought, by the Holy Spirit, to the place of "repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." This is an evidence of his real regeneration. Therefore, the individual who is truly saved and properly taught will present himself to a scriptural church and follow his Lord in scriptural baptism, uniting with that church and working therein to the glory of his Lord. "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end" (Eph. 3:21).

The believer honors his Lord by diligent study of His Word that he may be fully equipped and qualified for holy service (II Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17). He respects that Word and accepts it as final authority without question.

For the glory and love of his Lord, the true Christian is compelled to witness, to pray, to be faithful to his church, to help send and support missionaries around the world, to separate himself from the very appearance of evil, and lastly, to keep himself pure and unspotted from the world.

EXAMINE YOURSELF

In view of the clear Bible teaching on this subject, I urge you to examine your own heart and life. Have you bowed to acknowledge and submit to His Lordship? Is this truth evidenced and demonstrated in your life? If not, what evidence have you in your own

heart and life that shows you have experienced genuine Bible Salvation. If, after examination, you find yourself falling short, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit may bring you to bow with a broken heart at His feet confessing yourself a hell-deserving sinner, surrendering your all to Him, and receiving Him as Lord and Saviour.

The Blood Of Jesus

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the veins of our precious Saviour was the blood of His FATHER! Is it any wonder that as God looks at those He chose for His Son through that blood which proceeded from HIM, that His wrath is appeased and He says, "When I see the blood I will pass over you" (Ex. 12:13).

HIS BLOOD IS THE EVERLASTING COVENANT

Many covenants are broken by man, but God has sealed His covenant with His own in an everlasting contract. As long as there is God there will be His covenant. His covenant is blood-sealed for eternity. If I'm sealed by His blood, then I'm sealed for eternity. As long as there is God, then I am, also. Some believe they can be saved (their sins washed away) and then be lost, but not so if the covenant is eternal. As long as the covenant lasts, my sins are forgiven. As long as the blood of my Lord Jesus Christ (which proceedeth from the Father) is the bind-

ing seal upon the covenant, and I've been made clean by His blood, then, friend, I'll never fear the loss of my soul while this blood-sealed covenant stays in effect; and Hebrews 13:20-21 says that it is, "The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant."

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST IS PRECIOUS

A teacher of mine once said, that to a lost man there is nothing precious or sensible about the blood of a dead Jew. In the eyes of the natural man this is so true. How could the blood of a Jew, who was hung on a cross nearly 2,000 years ago, be the theme of those Baptist hymns, and sung about in the songs of their congregations to the extent that it would cause the plaster to fall from the ceilings? (One church we were in, this would actually happen when we would sing: "Saved by the Blood of the Crucified One"). The blood of Jesus Christ to a lost man is not understandable. To a saved man it is unexplainable, but when the sin is gone, and the guilt is removed, and we read in the Bible "that we were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the PRECIOUS blood of Christ" (I Peter 1:18-19), then, my friend, then — it is precious; and we sing, "Praise Him for the blood that reached us, deeper than the stain had gone." Maybe there is some item, or substance in this world that is precious to you. Rarely many times makes something precious. Those things that are in abundance are usually not so precious. Our Lord Jesus Christ's blood is rare, it is all-sufficient, but it is like none other. There is none that can be acquired elsewhere, there is none that will ever be made again, there is none to be sold. God's blood is precious. Friend, how do you value His blood? Our text says, "for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." His book says, "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). There is no forgiveness of your sins — without the blood. There is no eternal covenant — without the blood. There is no sanctification nor justification — without the blood. My friend, there is nothing to look forward to in all eternity, but the wrath of God, if you trample under foot the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. To those blood-bought souls of His — may the blood be more precious to you every hour until His soon-coming for us! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Five Demons . . .

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tire from the lottery after gambling and winning once? Why must he play on and on until a fight starts and he is shot? Why does he end up by committing suicide? Why?

Why must he drink and drink until at last he loses his home, money, friends and reputation, dies a drunkard's grave? Why? He never intended to go the pace. Once he could take a glass and let it alone. Once his will power was supreme. Why the delirium tremens now? Why a drunkard at last?

Why the lust and immorality? Once it was all in his thought life. But he did not cast it out. He kept it as a sweet morsel. Then there was the occasional act. He went to the movies and the vaudeville shows and there saw things that excited and fed his lower nature. He attended dances, knowing full well that no living man can dance and remain pure in heart. He read unclean books, and listened to suggestive stories. He looked at filthy pictures in magazines and so-called "art" galleries. He fooled and played with secret sin, until at last he found himself gripped in a vice from which there was no escape. He wanted to assert his manhood and live above the power of the flesh, and he tried, but all his endeavors, his tears, and his

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vows, availed him nothing. Why? Or was it some girl who allowed too much familiarity and finally got into trouble? Then the torture of Hell as fear gripped her heart. And, finally, in desperation, the cold-blooded murder of her offspring before it even saw the light of day. A life taken by an illegal operation prior to birth, thinking thereby to avoid the shame. Think of it—a murderess, and the victim, her own child. Her hands red with blood. Why?

Why is the dope fiend in slavery? At first it was just a little morphine or opium taken to relieve pain. Then it became a habit. And now its victim is ready to steal or even murder, if necessary, to get it. All moral values have disappeared. Wrong is right.

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In each instance, there is but one answer. The one who plays with fire gets burnt. Those who indulge in sin of any kind throw themselves wide open to the demon of that particular vice, until at last, having silenced conscience, the demon enters the heart and takes full control. They may not want to do wrong, but they are driven on in spite of all they can do, and then it is too late to turn back. Their ruin is not affected all at once; it takes months or even years, but the demon knows his power and sets his traps accordingly. Thus the strongest fall.

"Something within me," men will say, "compelled me to do it." And when it is all over and they sit behind the bars, filled with

bitter, bitter remorse, wondering how they could have done such a vile deed, the demon but laughs and mocks at their plight. No, it wasn't them, it was some demon power. Yes, but they had opened the door long, long ago. And hence, they are responsible after all.

Oh, my friends, there is One, and only One, who can cast out demons. And that One, the Lord Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives today. He can deliver when no one else can. "Cures" will fail. He never will. There is nothing too hard for Jesus. He can break every fetter, and snap every chain. "Only believe. All things are possible to him that believeth." He never has failed; He never will. Nineteen hundred years ago, He cast out demons by His Word. He can do so today.

Oh, then, give yourself to Him. Trust Him. Let Him save you. "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Turn, then, from the old life of sin and shame, turn with all your heart to Jesus, for "He will have mercy and abundantly pardon." He understands you. He sympathizes with you. He loves you. He cares. And He invites you to come to Him, and to come to Him now. He will deliver you from the demon of sin, even your besetting sin.

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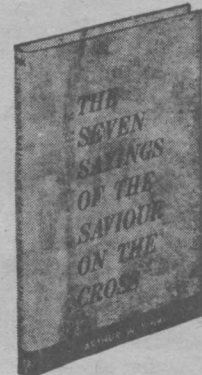
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