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THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE SAVING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

"...And again, behold I and the children which God hath given me" (Heb. 2:13).

Jesus Christ came into this world to do a specific work. He did not come to try to do a job. He did not come to make it possible that a job might be done. He came to save His people from their sins. My message is as to the final outcome of that work. Will Jesus accomplish the task given Him by His Father and undertaken by Himself, or will man defeat Jesus Christ and will His efforts prove to be in vain in the final outcome? Let us see. We will bring up several different matters, and then tie them together in the end.

God eternally knows all things. He knows all things on the basis of His eternal predestination of all things, and upon the basis of the fact that He will bring His predestinated purposes to pass. As the architect knows what the building will look like before the foundation is dug or one stone laid, so God knows what will be because He has planned it to be that way. God knows at every moment of His being, all things just as if they were just now taking place before His eyes. The past and future are as much before His eyes as the present. I say that to say that the choice of a people to be saved, the saving work of Christ, and the outcome of that work are ever present to the mind of God. He sees, and can announce what the final outcome of that work will be—he sees it now, just as clearly as He will see it when it is all finished.

The elect of God have an eternal existence in the purpose of God. When were they given to Christ? Our text speaks of them

as given to Christ. Not given at that moment, but given in the past. And many of those who were given to Christ were not yet



Joe Wilson

born. They were given to Christ from eternity. They have always been given to Christ. Now, one cannot give what does not exist in some sense. So the elect have an eternal existence in the purpose of God. The elect, and their eternal and completed salvation have always been present to the mind of God, just as if already fully completed. Read Romans 8:29-30. Note the five links in the chain of sovereign and saving grace presented there. Note that they are all stated in the past tense, just as if these things had already taken place, though not one of the

elect are yet glorified. When God purposes a thing, it is as good as done and God often speaks of the future as if already past, because what He has purposed is as sure to be as if it already were. Is not this an exalted view of our God? Does it not magnify Him greatly in our sight? Is it not a glorifying view of our great God? Does not this conception of God and of the matter of our salvation put a halo of glory around the matter of salvation? Such a view of the

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THE FALLACY OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

On December 20, a Christian Scientist woman died of injuries received in an automobile accident near Conroe, Texas.

Her will has been filed for probate. The will left all cash to a son. Any personal belongings remaining after various beneficiaries have made their selections are to go to the Goodwill Industries.

The remainder of her property is to be held in trust by her son, who was named independent executor. Seventy percent of the property to be used for his benefit during his lifetime, after which it will pass to the Boston Church.

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"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"

by Willard Willis
Monroe, Ohio

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



Willard Willis

world" (Gal. 6:14).

Death by way of the cross has always been, above all other kinds of death, the death of

shame. Governments have used various means to execute criminals. Some, in fact, have used hanging, while others have used drowning, and still others have used burning, and even the ax. The electric chair has been our primary means to execute the criminal.

The cross, however, stands above all of these in that it was the most shameful kind of death. The victim who was nailed to the cross was nailed there in deep agony. He was suspended, naked and torn, so that all who gazed upon him would hear and fear. The victim would hang on the cross for as long as three days before death finally arrived. The victim was tortured in this manner because he was a specimen of disgraced and degraded humanity. The victim was to be mocked and never pitied. The people, therefore, made it a special duty of theirs to mock the culprit while he hung there in deep agony. It, in

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"TOUCH NOT MINE ANOINTED"

by Roy W. Snell
Charleston, W. Va.
(Psalm 105:15)

After reading and hearing the comments of some of my contemporaries in Christendom, I have come to understand that they regard Psalm 105:15 as singularly referring to God's only begotten Son, The Lord Jesus Christ. Until I have been better enlightened, by the Holy Ghost and by the Word, I have to continue to believe that the "anointed" here is not solely our Lord but is also referring to any and all of the elect, corporately, and to the chosen of Israel, specifically.

I occasionally get embroiled in somewhat of a disagreement with my brethren for my stand regarding the status and standing of the contemporary State

of Israel in the sight of my Omniscient Lord. Not being infallible nor inspired in the sense in which the holy prophets of old were inspired, there is always room for error in my understanding and reasoning. However, God knows my heart and if I am going to err, it is going to be in favor of those whom I claim are my Lord's Chosen People. I do intend to guard against my ever being a "consenting" member of a "goat" nation.

A local clergyman (Greek Orthodox) recently was moved to voice his opinion, and evidently his aggravation, with some of us who see God's Sovereign moving yet today in that growing State of Israel. He also takes issue with anyone who dares to favorably look upon that one whom we sometimes loosely classify as the Jew. He, too, would place those sympathetic with modern day Israel into one of two classes. His idea is that we are either "closet" Zionists who are not willing to admit to such an affiliation, or that we are of those who believe that the modern Jew is one of the Lord's Chosen People. It is entirely possible that this clergyman is correct on both counts, to a certain extent, and it is clearly evident that he doesn't see those who have come back to present day Israel as being among the Chosen ones. This is an area where he could

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A Sermon By John R. Gilpin

CAN THE POPE CONSIGN A SOUL TO HELL?

THE BIBLE IS A MISSIONARY WORK

1. Every book in the New Testament was written by a foreign missionary.
2. Every epistle in the New Testament that was written to a church was written to a foreign missionary church.
3. Every letter in the New Testament that was written to an individual was written to the convert of a foreign missionary.
4. Every book in the New Testament that was written to a community of believers was written to a group of foreign missionary converts.
5. The one book of prophecy in the New Testament was written to the seven foreign missionary churches of Asia Minor.
6. Of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus, every apostle EXCEPT one became a missionary, and he became a TRAITOR.

—Coliseum Courier

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:18).

I am sure there is not a person here but has read something of the Mindzenty trial. Regardless of your opinions concerning that trial, I want to speak to you tonight from one angle of it.

After this Catholic Cardinal Mindzenty had been sentenced, all over America and the whole world as well, went up a cry from the Catholics of persecution. The magazines — particularly the pictorial magazines — carried pictures of Catholics in their cathedrals interceding in prayer, in behalf of this condemned cardinal.

Growing out of all this, comes the anathematization and excommunication on the part of the Catholic Church against those who have taken part in the trial

against Mindzenty. The papers said that the Pope assisted by twelve priests who stood with lighted candles about him made this statement:

"Whereof in the name of God the all powerful Father, Son, and Holy Ghost of the blessed Peter, prince of apostles and of the saints in virtue of the power which has been given us of binding and loosing in heaven and earth we deprive (Then they put in the names of each and everyone of the individuals who had taken part in the trial against Mindzenty), and all his accomplices and all his abettors of the communion of the body and blood of our Lord, we separate him from the society of all Christians, we exclude him from the bosom of our holy mother the church in heaven and on earth, we declare him excommunicated and we judge

him condemned to eternal fire with Satan and his angels and all the reprobates as he will not burst the letters of the demons, do penance, and satisfy the church, we deliver him to Satan to mortify his body that his soul may be saved on the last day of judgment."

Then the priests cried, "Fiat, fiat, fiat," meaning, "Thus be it," and hurled their candles to the ground as if to say by that act, as the light of the candles went out, "We consign this soul to the darkness of the pit of hell fire."

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THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE SINCE JESUS CHRIST ALONE HAS THE KEY TO HELL.

My text says, "I am he that liveth and was dead and buried, I am alive forever more, Amen, and HAVE THE

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KEYS OF HELL AND OF DEATH. Brother, sister, the keys of Hell are in the hands of Jesus Christ who is alive, resurrected from the grave, and not in the hands of the pope, nor any other earthly human being. If that were the only Scripture in all the Word of God thus to teach. I would thereby know that the Catholic Church cannot consign a soul to Hell. Yet, beloved, that is not the only Scripture and as I proceed with this message, I shall present to you many other Scriptures of the same precious truth — that Jesus Christ only has the keys to Hell, and no one can act in His place.

I recognize the fact that our Catholic friends say that the pope acts today with delegated authority from God, and that he serves in Christ's stead in this world. They even go so far as to say that Jesus Christ passed His own priesthood down to the pope. Yet, beloved, this is absolutely false. Listen:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an UNCHANGEABLE priesthood" (Heb. 7:24).

This text is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. It says that He continues ever. It thus declares that the Son of God lives forever. And, therefore, he hath "an unchangeable priesthood." Now, the King James version does not fully bring out the meaning of the Greek word that is translated "unchangeable." Actually, beloved, that Greek word which is thus translated "unchangeable" means a priesthood that cannot pass to someone else. It thus says that the priesthood of Jesus Christ is so unending, and so unchangeable, and so continuing and abiding, that it cannot pass from Him to anyone else. Therefore, beloved, when the pope would consign those, whom he says have persecuted Mindzenty, into eternal damnation and the darkness of Hell, he

is acting upon an usurped authority, for the Word of God says that the priesthood of Jesus Christ is an unchangeable, unalterable priesthood that remains the same with Jesus Christ forever.

II JUST LIKE MUCH OF THE TEACHINGS OF

CATHOLICISM in that it is without Scriptural support. I say, beloved, it is like much, if not the majority of the teaching of Catholicism; it is without Scriptural support. In fact, it is flatly and definitely contradicted by many, many Scriptures in God's Word.

"For there is one God, and ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).

This verse declares that up in Heaven is God, down here on earth is man and there is just



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one mediator to come between God and man, and that is the man Christ Jesus.

There is their teaching of the infallibility of the pope — namely, that he can't make a mistake. They did not even know that themselves until the latter part of the 19th century, and it is less than one hundred years ago they found out themselves that when he had his scarlet robe on, he was infallible, and that he couldn't make a mistake. But, brethren, long, long ago this Word of God declared that whether he had on a scarlet robe, or whether he was wearing his birthday pajamas, that every man, pope included, was a sinner in the sight of God.

"For there is NOT A JUST MAN upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecc. 7:20).

Paul declared the same thing in the Book of Romans.

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

So, brethren, when the Catholics say that their pope is infallible, it is another teaching of Catholicism that is without one particle of Scriptural support.

The existence of purgatory into which poor souls are consigned when they die and from which later they may emerge purified into Heaven, is another Catholic heresy. I grant you, beloved, that this would be comforting, if it were the truth. I am ready to grant you it would be mighty pleasant, most precious and wonderfully sweet to the majority of this audience tonight who have had loved ones die, to go to Hell, because they died without Christ Jesus. It would be mighty precious if purgatory were a reality. If, beloved, an individual could go to Hell, and suffer a while for his sin, and then finally get into Heaven, that would be exceedingly precious to the hearts of everyone of us. Of course, that would make purgatory to be a great and successful reform school where all the incorrigibles

of this earth, who wouldn't be corrected in time, would be corrected in eternity. But, brethren, like much of Catholicism, it is not only without scriptural foundation, but contrary to the Word of God in every particular. Listen:

"And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried" (Luke 16:22).

This is the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Two men lived, two men died. Two men lived on after death. The rich man, not because of his riches, but because of his rejection of Jesus Christ, lived on in Hell. When he asked for a drink of water, he was denied the comfort of even one drop of water upon his tongue. In fact, beloved, the Word of God says that there was a gulf separating him from the redeemed, none could pass to him, and neither could he pass over the gulf to the redeemed. How in this world that any man with even one eye and half sense could read that text of Scripture and believe in purgatory, is beyond my mental calculations.

Here is another of their teachings that is without Scriptural existence: they tell you to pray to God through Mary and that Mary is the one who makes intercession to God. Listen to three texts from God's Book. If you won't believe what I say, I ask you to believe what God says.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION for them" (Heb. 7:25).

He is the one that makes intercession, not Mary. Listen again:

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE with THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST the righteous" (I John 2:1).

Now who is the advocate? Not Mary, but Jesus Christ the righteous. Again:

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who ALSO MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR US" (Rom. 8:34).

Brother, there is not one Word in this Bible from Genesis to Revelation which says that Mary makes intercession. But here are three Scriptures, and I could give many more of them, which tell us that Jesus Christ makes intercession for sinners. I say, then, beloved, that this excommunication of those who are the supposed foes of Cardinal Mindzenty, who were communicated and anathematized into Hell, is false, like much of the teachings of Catholicism.

III MEN ARE NOT TO FEAR EXCOMMUNICATION BUT A HELL WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST.

I don't care if tomorrow the pope consigns my soul to Hell. It will not make one particle of difference to me. The fact of the matter is, beloved, I would count it an honor for him to consign my soul to Hell. Brethren, you don't need to fear any church's excommunicating you and anathematizing you into Hell. The thing you need to fear, sinner friend, is the Hell of the Bible, that God says is awaiting every unbelieving reprobate, who has rejected Jesus Christ as Saviour. Listen:

"The WICKED SHALL BE TURNED INTO HELL, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

"And if thy HAND offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched, And if thy FOOT offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine EYE offend thee, pluck it out; it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" (Mark 9:43-49).

Brother, you'd better go around with a black patch over one eye, with an artificial hand protruding from the stub of an arm, and with a peg leg that you might get into Heaven, than to carry a whole body into the fires of Hell. These are drastic operations of which the Lord speaks. I say to you, you don't have to worry about a pope consigning you to Hell, but you need to fear the Hell of the Bible into which every unbelieving individual is sure to go. Listen again:

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with FIRE AND BRIMSTONE in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up EVER AND EVER; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name" (Rev. 14:10-11).

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the LAKE OF FIRE" (Rev. 20:15).

It does not say whosoever was not found written on the church roll of the Catholic Church, but rather, whosoever was not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Let me go farther and say that it doesn't make any difference so far as the church record books of the church, as to the matter of salvation. The question is, brethren, is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life? There are some of you folk who sit here in front of me, pious-like, who have your names on some church record book, but I would like to ask you if your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life. If not, brethren, there is the Hell of the Bible for you to fear, rather than

the excommunication and the anathematization of the pope.

IV SALVATION IS NOT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BUT IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3).

"Who HIS OWN SELF BORE OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

"For Christ also HATH ONCE SUFFERED FOR SINS, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (I Peter 3:18).

Brethren, I say salvation is not in the Catholic Church, but it is in Jesus and in Jesus Christ alone. Let me go further, brethren, and say to you, salvation isn't in any church. Salvation isn't in a Methodist church, nor Campbellite, nor Presbyterian. Salvation isn't to be had by membership in any church. Salvation isn't in the baptistry. My brother, salvation is in Jesus and Jesus alone.

I wonder if I speak to some soul, who has been depending on the fact that he is a member of some church, hoping sometime, somehow, to go to Heaven, because your name is on some church record book, and you have been a contributing member of some church. If I speak to such an individual, let me disillusion you now. Let me be fair with you and frank with you, just as you will wish I had been, when you stand before God. Let me tell you, if you are depending on your church membership, you are as certain of Hell as though you were already there.

Brethren, you can be baptized in any way you please, you can join any or all churches, and die, and spend your eternity in Hell. But, brethren, listen, the man who believes that Jesus Christ at Calvary paid for all of his past, present and future sins, and who depends upon the finished work of the Son of God, that man is going to Heaven when he dies, because there is nothing for him to go to Hell for. Jesus Christ has already suffered his Hell on the cross. I ask you, "Where is your faith?" In your baptism? In your morality? Where's your faith? There is only one place for your faith, and that is in Jesus Christ the Son of God, for He Himself said, "I am the way."

"I am THE DOOR: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:9).

Oh, sinner, don't leave this house of God without trusting Him, and Him alone as your Saviour. May God Bless you!

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matter breathes the atmosphere of Heaven.

The elect have been the children of God in the purpose of God from eternity. In Acts 18:10 they are viewed as the people of God before their salvation experience, and this is used to encourage Paul to continue in his evangelistic labors in Corinth. God has a people. They are going to be saved. God is going to use Paul in the salvation experience of many of them. Thus God's eternal election of a people — the sure salvation of those people — the use of the gospel in their salvation — all these encourage the preacher to continue preaching despite all opposition. In Luke 15:4 and John 10:16, we learn that the elect of God have always been the sheep of the Lord. Salvation is the finding of a lost sheep. It is not the turning of goats into sheep. The elect have never been goats. In John 11:52 and Galatians 4:6, we see that the elect were the children and sons of God before the salvation experience. Sons we are by God's election. Galatians 4:6 tells us that because we are sons, God sends forth His Spirit into our hearts crying Abba, Father. In other words, because we are already sons by election, the Holy Spirit works within us the salvation experience and we become children of God in experience. The elect have never been the children of the devil. Children of the devil and goats are the reprobates. They will never be saved. But all the children, sheep, and people of God will surely be saved, for God is not willing that a single one of them should perish (II Pet. 3:9).

The elect were given to Christ from eternity. They are the children God gave Him as seen in our text, (Heb. 2:13). Many times in the Bible, the elect are referred to as given to Christ. (See John 6:37, 39; 17:2, 6, 9, 11, 12, 24). In these Scriptures we learn that the elect are given to Christ, will come to Christ, will be raised up at the last day by Christ, will be given eternal life, Christ prays for them, they receive His Word, and will be with Him in glory forevermore. Oh, what blessings are these! And they will be given to all the elect of God. How blessed if we can but know that we are of the elect of God. And we can. For all the elect will be drawn in saving faith to Jesus Christ. Have you trusted in Him as your Lord and Saviour? Then the Holy Spirit drew you for you would have never come by yourself. The Father elected you, for the Holy Spirit only draws the elect. Jesus died for you because He died for all the elect, because they were given to Him. Now, if some were given to Christ from eternity — and they were — then others were not given to Him. He does for those given to Him what He does not do for the others.

The elect were given to Christ for Him to save. Hebrews 13:20 tells us of the everlasting covenant and the blood thereof. That covenant was made between the persons of the Divine Trinity. There could be no others involved, for no others were in existence as to real existence. This is not a covenant between God and man. It is a covenant between the persons of the Trinity. It relates to the salvation of the elect of God. The Father chose a people according to His sovereign will and predestinated them to be

the recipients of eternal salvation. The Son agreed to do that work of living a perfect righteousness that might be imputed to each one of the elect, and of dying effectually for their sins. The Holy Spirit agreed to apply this work of the Son in the salvation experience and the keeping of each one of the elect.

Now this covenant is "ordered in all things and sure for this is my salvation, and all my desire," (II Sam. 23:5). Our salvation originated in this covenant. You will never properly appreciate your salvation until you go back to your participation therein — of your experience thereof — to the foundation in the everlasting covenant of grace. Now Jesus Christ came into this world to do His part in that covenant. Hebrews 10:6-8 tells us how that God had no delight in sacrifices and burnt offerings. That is, God could not and would not accept such as an adequate and proper payment for the sins of the elect. So God prepared Jesus a body in the womb of the virgin. Jesus came in that body into this world to do the will of God as expressed in the everlasting covenant. By Jesus doing that will, the elect are sanctified forever by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ. This is a perfect offering. All those for whom it was made will be perfected forever thereby. Now Jesus did not need to come to earth for Himself. But He came for His people. He lived a perfect life for them. He made a perfect and effectual atonement for their sins. Now what will the outcome of this work of Jesus Christ be?

Hebrews 2:13 furnishes the answer. Jesus Christ will save those He came to save. When it is all over down here, when time is ended, as eternity begins, Jesus will stand with all the elect, saved and glorified in the presence of the Father. Jesus will then say to the Father, "Behold I and the children which God hath given me." All present and accounted for! Not one missing! This will be the final outcome of the saving work of Jesus Christ. He will save all the elect. They will all be with Him where He is, that they might behold and share in His eternal glory.

He will save them in spite of the power of the Devil. Oh, the devil will seek to hinder Jesus in this great work! Satan will bind men in chains and seek to hold them as his goods. But Jesus is stronger than 'the strong man armed,' and He will come upon Satan and take his armor from him, and set the elect free. If the devil could get but one of the elect of God, it would dethrone God — enthrone the devil — and defeat the saving purposes of our sovereign God. But Jesus will have all that God gave Him, despite all the efforts of the devil. Jesus will save all those given Him by God despite the natural depravity of the elect. They are born in sin even as others. They are by nature as depraved as others, and of themselves would never repent and believe in Jesus Christ. But they were given to Christ by His Father and will be among that number of whom Jesus will say, 'We are all here.'

Jesus will save all those given Him by the Father, despite the false doctrines about how men are saved. Some of His elect are wrapped up for a time in those damnable heresies, but The Holy Spirit will deliver them from the chains of false doctrine and enlighten them to the saving truth as it is in Jesus Christ.



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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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Psalm 19:7-14

Intro.: Without a correct view of the God of creation and the God of inspiration, man goes far afield on his understanding of this universe, and of his understanding of sin and salvation. David gives us the proper view the believer is to have, whether he gazes into the heavens, or into the Holy Scripture, for both declare "the wonderful works of God." However we must realize we are to interpret creation by the Word of inspiration and not the Word of inspiration by creation. So David magnifies the authority and accuracy of the Word of God.

VERSE 7

"The law of the Lord." All other laws must stand at the bar of eternal justice and unless they measure up, they are wrong. All lands in which God's law or Word is cast aside will eventually sink. God's law is to be honored and upheld, not in order to obtain salvation, but to reveal the holiness of God and the great need we have of the Lord Jesus, as well as to show the perfect standard and principles by which we know of true morality and Godly living. Even though the child of God is not under law, he is not lawless. The new man which exhibits true love will love God, and his neighbors.

"Is perfect." It is without spot or blemish. It needs no addition nor subtraction.

"Converting the soul." The law doesn't change, but it changes man's direction by turning him from idols to the living God, and from a life of disobedience, to a life of obedience or service (I Thess. 1:5, 9). It therefore accomplishes that whereunto it was sent (Isa. 55:11). God's work is internal (II Cor. 4:6).

"The testimony of the Lord is sure." We have therefore "a

Jesus will save all these despite the failures of the children of God. Oh, we ought to be faithful! We ought to live godly lives before the unsaved. We ought to be faithful in witnessing to them of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We ought to pray much for them. But we fail. We all fail. But Jesus will not fail. He will save all the ones given to Him in spite of our failures. The failures of the children of God will never cause one of God's chosen ones to go to hell. There will not be one soul in hell who would not have been there if we had lived better, or witnessed better, or prayed more. This is a lie of the Arminians. Now, we will suffer for our failure. There is such a thing as God's chastisement of His unfaithful children. There is such a thing as loss of rewards. But there is no such thing as the salvation of one of

more sure word of prophecy" (II Pet. 1:19) and so we can say with Paul, "I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me (Acts 27:25).

"Making wise the simple." It makes wise unto salvation (II Tim. 3:15). It makes wise those who know not the way (John 14:5; Acts 8:30, 31, 35-37). It is a Light and a Lamp (Ps. 119:105).

VERSE 8

"The statutes of the Lord are right." They are the very thing needed (Luke 10:38-42). They are words of comfort and consolation (I Thess. 4:18). There is no better medicine than this to lift up the spirit and to create faith (Rom. 15:13; Rom. 10:17).

"Rejoicing the heart." The Philippian jailor was turned from despair to joy by the gospel (Acts 16:34). This is the reason the Eunuch could go on his way rejoicing (Acts 8:39). Not only is there joy in Heaven at the repentance of a sinner, but there is joy on earth (Acts 8:8).

"The commandment of the Lord is pure." A drink at the fountain of God's Book can be taken without fear, for every Word of God is pure (Prov. 30:5). The Word of God is like pure gold, without any mixture of error. It is therefore profitable (II Tim. 3:16).

"Enlightening the eyes." The eyes of our understanding are enlightened as we apply the eyesalve of the Word of God (Eph. 1:18; Rev. 3:18).

VERSE 9

"The fear of the Lord is clean." So "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" and the man who stands in reverence before the Word of God knows Godly fear and is cleansed by the water of the Word (Eph. 5:26).

"Enduring forever." Both the Word of God and those

Now all this is to the eternal glory of the Saviour. Matthew 1:21 tells us that He shall save His people from their sins. If He does not do this, then he failed in the work that He came to do and does not deserve the name that is above every name, even that of Jesus. Luke 19:10 tells us that Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. You will say that all men are lost. That is true in a sense. But it is not true in the sense spoken of in this text. This text means that everyone who is made, by the Holy Spirit, to realize and to know their lost condition — all such will be found by the seeking Saviour. In fact, this knowing of one's lost condition is the first stage in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Now, what if Jesus failed in this work that He came to do? Oh, what a tragedy! All the failures of all the men and women of earth would be as nothing to this failure of Jesus Christ. Had He failed, who then could have been saved? Weep, ye angels of God! Hang signs in Heaven! Turn out the light of the sun! Let Heaven and earth go into deep mourning. Oh, there is no hope for anyone (Continued on Page 5 Column 1)

begotten by the Word endure forever (I Pet. 1:23-25). The Word is secure and it brings security.

"The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." His declared judgments cannot be overthrown nor annulled, and the judgments He executes in this world in fulfillment of His Word are true and righteous. They are true and righteous individually and collectively.

VERSE 10

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold." No gold rush could do for you what the Word of God can. He that pans in God's stream is truly rich (Rev. 2:9). He has what all the gold in the world cannot purchase. If Achan placed his life in danger for earthly gold and silver, how much more should the child of God desire heavenly riches.

"Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." No wonder Job said, "I have esteemed the words of Thy mouth more than my necessary food" (Job. 23:12).

VERSE 11

"Moreover by them is Thy servant warned." The Word of God has kept, and is keeping the children of God away from harm and danger. The Word of God stands as a road-block in the path of the saints.

"And in keeping of them is great reward." The children of the King prosper as they follow His directions. Yes, blessed are they that read, hear, and keep the words of this prophecy (Rev. 1:3).

VERSE 12

"Who can understand his errors?" Apart from the Word of God under the power of the Spirit of God no man can realize his errors. Because of a lack of knowing God's Word, we fail to see our errors; therefore, we need to repeat the next phrase of this verse, "Cleanse Thou me from secret faults."

VERSE 13

"Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins." Even in the believer, the old nature is liable of the most wicked actions.

"Let them not have dominion over me." Paul cried out, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

"Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the transgressions." Even the child of God would be condemned and conquered by sin if it were not for the fact that we have a Deliverer (Rom. 7:25) and One greater than he that is in the world (I John 4:4).

VERSE 15

Conclusion: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." Herein we have the Heaven-born desire of every believer.

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Does Satan realize that God already has mapped out, in the Bible, what Satan's battle plans are for the future, as well as how Satan will be ultimately defeated?

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In Mathew 4:6, we see that Satan can quote the Scripture, therefore, knowing the Scripture, he is well aware of what God has in store for him. His demons were aware of their fate when they cried out to Jesus, "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Matt. 8:29). We know that during the tribulation when the devil is cast out of Heaven, he will be aware of the fact that his time is now very short, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12).

We need only to look about us today and see the great increase in the occult movement and all other kinds of false religions, to see that even now Satan knows that his time is coming to a close and is making a greater effort to defeat God, but knowing in the end he will be defeated.

He not only has his own organizations, but he has placed in the Lord's churches evil men in order to sow his false doctrines. Paul said to the elders of the church at Ephesus, "For I know this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:29).

The saddest thing of all is that Satan sometimes uses Christians to carry out his evil ways. When Peter rebuked Jesus, He said to Peter, "Get thee behind Me, Satan;" (Matt. 16:23). Even the night before the crucifixion of Jesus the apostles were quarreling over who would be the greatest, "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest" (Luke 22:24).

In looking back over the many, many assaults made by Satan against Calvary Baptist Church, TBE and her other mission work, I see in most instances, the troubles were caused by Christians who permitted Satan to use them to sow discord. In, at least, two instances, when he made an all-out effort to destroy the church and her mission work, he used well-established Bible-believing Christians, through jealousy or other self-motivation, to cause the trouble which they did.

I am sure other churches, who also, "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3), have and will continue to experience the same thing.

Yes, Satan knows what his

end is to be, but this makes him more determined to take with him all that he can. In the Word of God we are warned to be on the watch for his wiles. In I Peter 5:8, we are told to, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

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Immediately after that old Serpent, known as the Devil and Satan, deceived Eve, the Lord God revealed to Satan both His and Satan's over-all battle plans for the future; also how Satan will ultimately be defeated and judged.

So, in regard to the strategy of this plan, or plans, we find the delineation briefly formulated in Genesis 3:15, as it is written: "...I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Consequently, then, God can only be said to be leaving the Serpent and his seed (the man of sin) to the influence of their own corruption. Too, in this, Satan and his angels are filled with envy and rage, in that he sees the salvation of God's elect-people is being effectuated through His Son (as the Seed of woman) in the energy of His Holy Spirit.

Yes, between Satan's seed (the man of sin) and the woman's Seed (Christ the Man of God's righteousness), there is an antipathy of implacable and irreconcilable hatred of a perpetual war, which is waged resolutely, according to God's eternal purpose, which was fore-ordained before the world began.

Indeed, it is amazing how much Satan knows about God's redemptive plan of salvation for God's elect-people, and how, at the most opportune time, he uses strategy to thwart God's plan; but, always, though sometimes he seems to succeed, yet God always turns Satan's seeming successful schemes to His own advantage, as pre-determined.

Yet, though Satan knows much and, also, it is known that his knowledge and ability is super-human, however, it must be understood that he is not omniscient, as is illustrated many times in the Holy Scriptures. Knowing this, I wish to relate how Jesus, in Matthew 8:28-34, thwarted Satan in casting out demons at Gadara. In this instance, "there met Him two possessed with (demons), coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no man might pass that way."

At this point, it must be understood that this being

possessed with demons was not a natural disease of the body as some suppose, but real possession by Satan. Evidently those demon-possessed men met Jesus unaware; that is, not purposely, or with design, but accidentally, and, also unawares, even to Satan; for though Satan knows much, it is evident that he is not omniscient, because, if he were aware of Christ's coming that way, and what Jesus was about to do, he (Satan) would have taken care to have had these men (as possessed of demons) out of the way of Jesus.

But Jesus (being omniscient) chose to go to this place of demons, though, perhaps, they had never seen Jesus before, it was given to them perspective ability to recognize Jesus. So, with this knowledge, they cry out, saying, "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? Art thou come here to torment us before the time" (Mt. 8:29)?

These dual questions portray, in their crying out, their great consternation, horror, and fear of Jesus, in being under subjection to His command. Thus, in their knowing the time of their fate to be yet future, according to Scripture, they first made it plain that they, presently, wanted to be left alone, since the time of their judgment and perdition was yet future. In other words, they wanted to play neutral with Jesus, not having any interest in His grace, blood, righteousness, and salvation; but, with Jesus, there is no neutrality. They must obey, though it is against their wills.

So, in expostulating with Jesus, "the demons besought Him, saying, If thou cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine" (Mt. 8:31). Then, in answer, Jesus said, "Go," and the response was immediate. But in their entering into the herd of swine, the whole herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

However, because of the profit-motive of the people of the city, they besought Him (Jesus) that He would depart from their borders (Mt. 8:34).

Yes, as the demons preferred the swine to Jesus, so, also, the people of the city preferred the swine to Jesus. How preposterous!

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"And saith unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angels charge concerning thee..." (Matt. 4:6).

This Scripture occurs in the account of the Devil's temptation of Jesus Christ, and shows Satan's acquaintance with and

quoting of the Word of God. I do not know that I can absolutely prove this, but I assume from the above Scripture that Satan is acquainted with the whole of God's Word. Satan misquotes, adds to, subtracts from and perverts the Bible. But his doing of this surely shows his acquaintance with the Bible.

We need to learn the Bible for ourselves and hide it in our hearts, and when Satan uses the Bible against us, we need to be able to say "It is written again," and answer Satan's misuse of Scripture with the proper usage thereof. Believing that the devil knows the whole Bible, I believe that he knows that God knows what all the Devil's plans are. And I believe that the devil knows about his ultimate and complete defeat.

We might raise the question of whether or not the devil believes the Bible. I think that the devil knows from the Bible about his ultimate defeat. I also think that the devil believes what the Bible says about this. "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Matt. 8:29). This was a part of the questions of the demons in the Gadarean demoniac. These demons knew they were defeated foes and would be tormented eternally. So, surely the devil knows as much as the demons under him. Since God has not revealed the time of Satan's defeat — except as related to other events — Satan does not know the time of his defeat.

The question arises that if Satan knows of his ultimate defeat, why does he keep battling? The devil is totally evil. There is no good in him of any kind. He is bent on doing all the hurt to the work of the Lord and the people of the Lord that he can. So, though he does know of his ultimate defeat, he is determined to do all the evil he can before that time when he is cast into the lake of fire and can do no more hurt or evil.

As to the devil believing the Bible, see James 2:19 where the devils also believe. He does not believe savingly in the gospel, of course. But he does believe that all the Bible is the Word of God and is all true and will all come to pass. He endeavors (successfully) to get others to disbelieve what he, himself, knows is true.

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In the intellectual arena the Christian is no match for Satan. If Satan can dupe the saint by getting him to try and defend the Scripture on the basis of reason and logic only, the poor beguiled saint is sure to be run through with the polished and poisoned sword of carnal wit. The believer is admonished to "Resist the devil," and his resistance is to be done with the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (James 4:7; Eph. 6:17). In this resistance we have our Saviour as the example (Mt. 4:4, 7, 10), and as with our Lord, the devil will also flee from the piercing and cutting two edged sword (James 4:7).

Satan is the arch-apostate, "there is no truth in him" (John 8:44). He is the arch-deceiver, but the saint need not be ignorant of his devices (II

Cor. 2:11), for his modus operandi has been abundantly clear in Scripture. Satan may be wiser than Daniel in some things (Ezek. 28:3), but not in knowing the mind of God, and certainly not as to end age events (Dan. 9:21-27). Satan knows much about the Bible, but like those whom he as god of this world has blinded, knows nothing as he ought to know it (I Cor. 8:2).

Satan at the present time does not know that his diabolical plans for the overthrow of God's throne shall be utterly aborted. He does not know at the present time that he and his massive and God-defying army shall meet the Generalissimo of the skies at the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-14). Satan does not know at the present time that his army in the battle of Armageddon will be reduced to bird bait (Rev. 19:17-21), and that an angel of God shall chain him and cast him into the bottomless pit for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3). Satan cannot know these things until he is cast out of the immediate heavens unto the earth (Rev. 12:7-11), then he shall know "that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). Satan shall be caused to know that his plans to annihilate the Jewish remnant by the brutal hand of the anti-Christ, and to set up his throne in this world at the end of the age, shall be frustrated and defeated by "the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev. 6:16, 17).

Where Satan's power abounds, the power of the Lamb of God doth MUCH MORE abound, and the saint shall eternally sing, we "overcome him by the blood of the lamb."

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Frankly, I don't know how much Satan knows of the future. Since he is not omniscient he can not know all things, and I doubt very much if he knows anything of his future. He has deceived himself into thinking that he can still be victorious over God. I imagine he still believes what he said as recorded in Isaiah 14:12-14: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O, Lucifer, son of morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most high."

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anywhere, if Jesus failed. But He shall not fail! He did not fail! He will not fail! He will see His seed and be satisfied. He will see in glory all for whom He travailed on Calvary. He will say to the Father. "We are all here."

See the folly of Arminianism. This heresy places salvation in the hands of men. It is all up to man. The Father loves everyone. The Son died for everyone. The Holy Spirit is trying to save everyone. But it is all up to man. The Trinity cannot save one soul — the Trinity must and will fail — unless man — mighty man is willing to 'let God save him.' Oh, what horrible blasphemy is this! Where in all this heretical garbage is there any hope that anyone will ever be saved. The Arminian puts all his eggs in the basket of the free will of man, and they will all be smashed. Oh, what a defeated, dis-illusioned, disappointed trinity is the Arminian trinity! But the God of the Bible — what a different Being is He from the pale counterfeit of Arminianism! The God of the Bible — The Father — chose a people. The Son died for them. The Holy Spirit saves them. And the Son says to the Father, "We are all here."

According to Hebrews 12:2, this was the joy set before Jesus. He knew that all for whom He died would be saved, and this encouraged Him and He endured the cross and despised the shame. He died for the elect, knowing that His death would not be in vain. This is the preacher's encouragement. God has elected a people. Christ died for them. They will all be saved. Preach on! Brother, Preach on! God's Word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that whereto He sends it.

Now, let us look ahead. It is dark now. The night is upon us. We grow weary. Things look bad. But let us look ahead. That glad and gladsome day will surely come. It will all be over down here. The night will be forever past. Jesus Christ will stand before the Father. A multitude will stand with Him. Jesus will say to the Father, "We are all here." And if you and I have been made to participate in the saving work of Christ, if we have been enabled to repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ, we will be there on that glorious day and see this great testimony to the final outcome of the saving work of Jesus Christ. Praise His name forevermore!

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work hand in hand with some of my Baptist acquaintances who hold that all of those today who may claim to be the Chosen People are no less than usurpers and imposters. This, then, is my bone of contention because I hold, dogmatically, that those who have returned to Jerusalem, even in blatant unbelief, are God's people and in His Sovereign purpose He has brought them back.

It is certainly not difficult to

see where those of Arminian persuasion would fail to recognize God's dealing with present day Israel, inasmuch as they are yet in the land in unbelief, nationally, and it follows, in rebellion against the will of our precious Lord. However, it escapes me as to why that one believing in the absolute sovereignty of God cannot view His will and His work, laying the groundwork in a political Zionist movement which will soon be reborn into a Spiritual Israel.

In the Lord's sight even the hairs of our head are numbered and He sees the fall of the sparrow. Can we then assume that He is not cognizant of what the Jew is now engaged in? Even if contemporary Zionism is wholly and solely political, and it would appear a man-made entity, God is still in complete control and is personally directing all the actions and moves in this burgeoning neophyte of a nation.

Mankind certainly does not have to be operating in the will of our Lord in order to be under His providential care — hence Israel today, even without realizing it, is now being directed by the almighty hand of an omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient Sovereign Ruler of all the universe. One has but to study the history of the Israelites in times past to find that when this people were being exiled and sorely chastised for their open rebellion, disobedience and spiritual adultery, and were subject to harsh and rigorous treatment and conditions in a pagan land. God never took His eyes nor His providential hands off of them. Under the most abject conditions He still caused the women to be most prolific in child bearing. When the pagan king of their captors directed the midwives to halt this influx of male children, our Lord intervened mightily and the midwives had then to report that those healthy Israelite women were delivering those bouncing baby boys before they, the midwives, could cause

a still-birth or perform an abortion. So from a relatively small number going into exile, they had increased into a mighty multitude by the time of their deliverance.

If our Lord could will to protect His Chosen Ones even in that sorry spiritual state, He most certainly can and will control both those "scattered among the nations" who have now returned to the land of promise and prophecy — and deal with those who dare to raise a hand against His beloved.

Much of the protest and many of the charges against present day Israel are lodged in criticism against the militant and aggressive attitude of one Menachem Begin, with the attending claims that he has no credentials to prove himself a genuine Israelite. Whether the man be bandit or benefactor, saint or sinner, hero or hooligan is not in the least pertinent and relevant here. Our Sovereign Lord has historically used evil men and pagan nations to accomplish His own will. He even made a dumb ass to rebuke a human being.

Another charge, and one made by the Greek clergyman, is that no one should ever support a nation which ignores world opinion. This sounds suspiciously like some of those "One World" views and this is what has happened to our own fine nation in part — an inordinate concern on our part as to maintaining a "good" image in the eyes of the world. And much of that unfriendly, to say the least. Much of the thinking of this minister seemed to be influenced by the Israeli's action is destroying the nuclear plant in Iraq. Herein lies a strange thing. It was expected that the media, so predominately liberal in expression, would almost to a man, condemn Israel for her act. The oddity, to me, is that the so-called conservative writers and radio and T.V. commentators, along with our own government, joined in the condemnation of Israel.

This same segment, which likes to consider themselves as being of a rightwing ideological mind — these selfsame men of the media who have written much copy rebuking America for her servile stance in the face of demeaning treatment — they too took up stones to cast at Israel. And that for having the national "intestinal" fortitude, guts if you will, to defend herself.

Dr. Daniel Fuchs, an intelligent, educated Jew who has long since received the Lord Jesus as his personal Messiah, has stated that he finds it hard to criticize Begin and Israel for their actions in Iraq. And that the destroyed reactor was not solely intended for peaceful purposes. If the news reports, preceding the action were correct, then I have to agree. In fact, Iraq admitted as much. They said that; "This one is for you, Jew." Yet, all the assorted news media, along with our own government, have no choice in this matter. God hath decreed it thus.

You see, Israel was not only encompassed, surrounded and decimated in 70 A.D., she also has a future time of tragedy, turmoil and trouble. A conglomerate of "goat" nations will once more come upon the apple of God's eye. While they will be entirely responsible for their actions and will be thus judged, they yet have no choice in the matter. My Lord's decrees shall stand.

Now in defiance of my brethren who declare that the "anointed" are not those in the land of Israel today and that "blessings on those who bless you and curses upon those who curse you" does not apply to my treatment of the Jew, I wish to point out something which I feel is entirely relevant to that which I have been trying to express. This something may shock

some, edify some and bring down the wrath of others.

We have only recently, via the T.V., been witnesses to a brutal and senseless act, one which aptly depicts the depravity of all of mankind. We saw Anwar Sadat gunned down in what we refer to as a cold-blooded act. Practically alone among the Egyptians and all the conglomerate block of Arabian nations, this man publically stated that the Israelis were entitled to exist as a recognized nation. From the human standpoint alone, this well may have cost him his life. And by human standards he may well have been a noble and a thoroughly decent man. However, it might be well that we look beyond this man's actions and doing and get a glimpse of our Sovereign Lord's eternal plan and purpose.

Sadat had been often referred to as the Man of Peace and as the Prince of Peace, all capital letters if you will. On Oct. 6, 1973, Sadat's people, in reality an alliance of Egyptians and Syrians in huge numbers and unbelievably well armed with Russian planes, tanks and guns, mounted an attack on Israel. Somewhat of a resemblance to our own Pearl Harbor here, in that the devout among the Jews were observing their Yom Kippur at the time of the surprise invasion. It has been reliably reported that not a single family escaped the loss of at least one member. The Israelis were sorely pressed and pounded, yet near the end of the conflict they had those combined Egyptian forces in a position where the Israelis could have literally annihilated all of them. Within another forty-eight hours, if the world powers had not intervened, the Israelis could have been dancing victoriously in the

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QUESTION:—Who was Zipporah?

ANSWER:—One of the wives of Moses, Exodus 2:21 — "And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter."

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streets of Damascus and Cairo, the capitals of Egypt and Syria.

You may conjecture as you will as to why the combined world powers intervened at that time for Israel's tormentors, but please keep in mind this one sure fact. Whether it be Sadat, Begin, Jimmy Carter, Reagan or myself, mankind is going to adhere and confirm to God's timetable — whether it suits our fancy or not.

One more in depth look at Anwar Sadat, and a telling revelation it surely is. In Egypt there are roughly six million Coptic Christians — believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Sadat was a strong Muslim and in May 1980, he devoted over half of a four hour speech accusing the leaders of these Christians of a conspiracy to discredit him (courtesy-New York Times). In the same year these Christians were forced to cancel their traditional Easter services because they had been labeled "infidels," subjected to insults and aggression against their lives and churches. (Christian Science Monitor). In June 1980, one month after Sadat's provocative tirade against the Coptic Christians, his religious counterparts armed themselves with guns, knives and crowbars to attack those Christians, killing twenty, injuring 100 and wrecking and/or burning 150 homes and shops. The words of censure or restraint from Sadat? None! To this day no Muslim has been indicted for those activities.

Avail yourself of a copy of the Muslim "bible," the Koran, and you can find that an obedient Muslim is forbidden to

regard a Jew or a Christian as a friend. In fact, Muslims are exhorted to kill off Jews, Christians and other non-Muslims. In the Book of Repentance alone, in the Muslim "bible," there are 16 directives as to eliminating all the infidels (non-Muslims).

So much for the background of Anwar Sadat, that vaunted Man of Peace and Prince of Peace, so lauded and extolled by the world-wide news media.

On October 6, 1981, during the Yom Kippur of that despised Jew, Anwar Sadat was in the reviewing stand, saluting and honoring that military might which had attacked the "apple of God's eye." The rest is history — you draw your own conclusions. As for me, I intend to keep on believing I Samuel 26:9 and Psalm 105 and when the Holy Spirit reminds me I will endeavor to be obedient to Psalm 122:6. Shalom.

CROSS

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fact, was the approved and recognized thing to do to torture the victim as much as possible. The victim, no doubt, begged for water and for other relief, but the people were taught to show no mercy. We see, then, that the curse and not the blessing was attached to the cross.

We come now to ask ourselves a very solemn question. Why did God choose the cross as a means for the death of His Son? Why a place lower than all others? The answer is found by looking at ourselves in the mirror of God's Word. We will find from the word that He was not dying for himself, but for you and me. He had no sin of His own, therefore death had no claim upon Him. Death, however, does have a claim upon us, since we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Our hearts, in fact, according to Jeremiah 17:9, are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. We learn further from Romans 3:12 that "there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

God, then, chose the cross as a means for the death of His Son, because it was the best place to speak to us relative to our fallen state. He chose the cross because it is a symbol of disgrace and wretchedness.

The Lord Jesus, because of His death on the cross, changed the symbol of the cross from that of shame to that of glory. This fact is brought out clearly by the Apostle Paul in our text:

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Gal. 6:14).

It is obvious for that which we have already stated, that Paul's statement cut deeply into the roots of public opinion relative to how the people of his day felt regarding the Cross. Paul, in fact, defied the custom of his day by his historical statement. The cross, in fact, after the death of Jesus, became a power throughout the world. We, in fact, to this day, rejoice as we sing about the "Old Rugged Cross."

The cross, since the death of our Lord, has gone forth like an invisible power smiting down false religions by the multitudes. This power, of course, is still with us today.

There are those who say that the preaching of the cross is old-fashioned and out of date, but these people do not disturb me in the least. I still emphatically state with the Apostle Paul, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I love that old cross because of the multitude of things His death has taught us. The cross, in fact, has revealed that which is down inside each one of us. The cross, like nothing else, has set forth our true colors. It has shown whose side we, by nature, are on. Man, in fact, at the cross, showed clearly that he was not on God's side. He showed very clearly that he was against God — God's law and God's authority. Keep in mind that death by way of the cross was the worst kind of death. This fact says to us that man vent his worst upon God. Man, in so doing, declared very clearly that he is a God-hater. Furthermore, man did not do his worst while hidden behind the barn, but he openly and publicly declared his feelings. He cried loud and clear, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" We see, then, that the cross removed man's "false face." It showed that each one of us is hopelessly corrupt and in dire need of the Saviour.

There are those who may say, "I don't hate God. I may be in-

different to Him, but I don't hate Him." What, then, does the cross mean? Does it mean love, hatred or indifference? Does love ever demand the death of its recipient? Did indifference ever crucify anyone? This leaves only hatred as the basis for the crucifixion of God's Son.

The cross has not only revealed our own fallen condition, but it has also revealed to us the God of all grace and the God who so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son to die for us. God, in fact, in the person of Jesus Christ, did not die for His friends, but for those who hated Him. This fact makes His love all the greater.

The cross is not only a revealer of man's depravity, and God's love, but it is also a revealer of God's righteousness. The cross, in fact, speaks in no uncertain language that God "will by no means clear the guilty." Our Lord's death on the cross proves beyond the shadow of any doubt, that God's righteousness is very exacting. The cross, in fact, states clearly that God will not wink at sin, that He is not indifferent relative to right or wrong. He demands that the uttermost farthing be paid. This is why, sinner friend, that your only hope of ever going to Heaven rests entirely upon the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, in His Word, states that all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags, so let us not be so foolish as to try to pay our sin debt with "filthy rags." God doesn't have any need of filthy rags. We, in fact, need to have our filthy rags covered with the spotless robe of His righteousness. If there are those of you who hope to be excused from your sins aside from our Lord's finished work, then I

admonish you to take a very close look at the cross and the one who hung there. Note very carefully how much God hates sin. Note very carefully what it costs in order to have sins forgiven. Do you really think that any of your efforts could measure up to the work our Lord did during His life and at the cross? This is why the following passage is written:

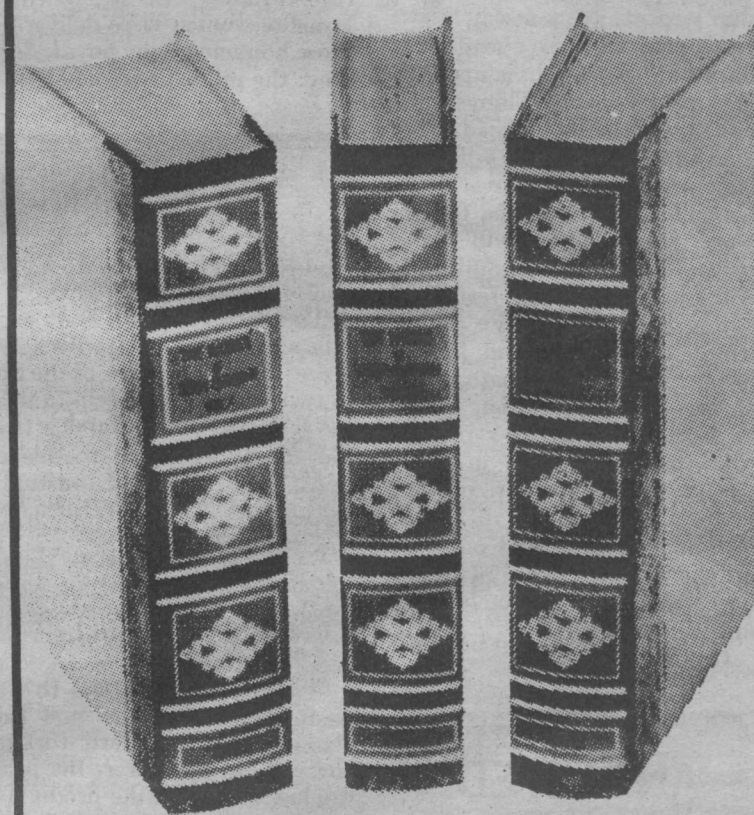
"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

We see, then, that it was at the cross where the sinner was enabled to embrace God. It was at the cross where peace was made, the debt paid, and the ransom given.

What does the cross of our Lord mean to you? Do you agree with Paul when he said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Christ?" Paul was a great man and could have gloried in many things. He, for example, could have gloried in his national privileges, since he was a Jew by birth. He, in fact, was "an Hebrew of the Hebrews." Paul might have gloried in his own works, since none ever worked as hard as Paul. He, according to the Scriptures, was more abundant in labors than any of the apostles. Paul was also full of grace, but neither did he glory in this. He was so full of self-denial that he suffered from hunger, thirst, cold and heat. He was so humble that he considered himself to be the least of saints, and the chief of sinners. Yet he said, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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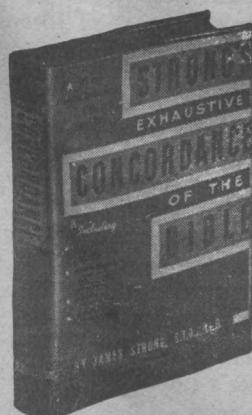
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VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (EP)--Dr. George W. Hill, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and prominent American Baptist leader, has hailed the recommendations of a major bipartisan congressional commission which called for the creation of a U.S. Academy of Peace funded by Federal appropriations and private donations. Hill, chairman of the National Peace Academy campaign, declared, in a report from the American Baptist News Service "Today, the only true national security lies in our ability to keep the peace."

The nine-member commission was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 on the basis of a resolution of the 97th Congress to study proposals for a national academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution. On Oct. 20, after a year and a half of study and public hearings, the commission presented its report to President Ronald Reagan in a special White House ceremony. Present at the ceremony, in addition to the nine members of the commission, were two congressmen, both Baptists: Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, member of the Georgetown Baptist Church in Washington, and Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, a Seventh Day Baptist.

Following the ceremony, Dr. Hill chaired a congressional reception marking the presentation of the report. At the reception, Hill quoted Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, US Army, retired, former superintendent of the US Military Academy at West Point, as saying: "I have long felt that carefully organized study and support of the processes that strengthen world peace can be of broad and lasting value." Goodpaster noted that "during my years of service with President Eisenhower, his concern for peace based on justice and freedom stood high among his official and personal priorities. The initiative on behalf of a peace academy dedicated to such goals is a worthy contribution to the deeper understanding of these complex issues that we all need."

The commission recommended the establishment of the Peace Academy to serve as a national research, resource, and training center in the field of conflict resolution and third-party mediation techniques. Hill asserted that "this is a great victory for all who support the traditional role of the United States as an international peacemaker."

TUCSON (EP)--Jerry Falwell admitted "he just plainly made a mistake" last week in saying he and the Moral Majority would support a substitute equal rights amendment, one of his aides said November 16. Michael Farris, executive director of Moral Majority in Washington state and the only fulltime staff member, said Falwell "frankly said he just blew it."

He said Falwell, in a weekend telephone conversation, "admitted to making an error in saying that the Moral Majority would take a new position on

behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment. He said he was in error when he said he would support additional legislation (but no amendment)."

Falwell said in Tucson November 17, "I would be for the Equal Rights Amendment if it had a few addenda" such as prohibitions against homosexual marriages and women in combat.

COLORADO SPRINGS (EP)--Anti-Catholic crusader Jack Chick whose comic books attacking the Roman church have angered numerous Catholics in America, continues to be a member of the Christian Booksellers Association. Chick's possible expulsion from the association was not on the agenda of CBA's October board meeting, although an official had said earlier it would be, according to Christianity Today magazine.

While it was not on the agenda, discussion of Chick arose at the meeting anyway. John T. Nass, executive vice-president of CBA, said the board voted to have a committee appointed to visit Chick. The committee will report back to the board by January 1 and "their report will be the basis of future action, if any, by the board," Nass said. A CBA spokesman said expulsion is not a strong possibility.

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (EP)--Afghan children are being wounded in their country's struggle against Soviet aggression. The children are losing hands and feet from "toy bomb" explosions, an Afghan doctor explained to International Christian Aid Coordinator Mark Bass when Bass visited the refugee camps in late October.

"Dr. Zumani has treated many cases from these explosions," Bass said, "and he had handled actual bombs that look like sparrows, parrots and pens." Called "butterfly" mines, the plastic gadgets are reportedly dropped by Soviet airplanes and helicopters in the grassy, wooded border passes between Afghanistan and Pakistan. The devices explode when touched.

ICA is now providing funds to buy artificial limbs and joints for these young victims. Coordinator Bass said that ICA has started an ongoing program at two hospitals in Peshawar.

TUPELO, Miss. (EP)--The head of the Coalition for Better Television has called on the three networks to stop their discrimination against Christians. Christian values and Christian culture in their programs. Donald E. Wildmon, asked the networks to give evidence by February 1, 1982, that they have taken concrete steps to stop the discrimination. Wildmon said that if the networks do not offer concrete steps by that time he will ask Christians and others who find the discrimination repulsive to join in an economic boycott of the networks.

"Methodically the networks have excluded Christian characters, culture, and values from their programs. All too often, when persons are identified as Christians in programs

which air on the networks, they are characters only to scorn, prompt revulsion, and to ridicule," Wildmon wrote to the chairmen of the three networks. "More than 133,000,000 Americans profess the Christian faith. But rarely do they do so on network programs. More than 50,000,000 attend church regularly, but rarely on network programs. Every community in America has local churches which contribute to the good of their communities and this country. But they hardly exist on network television. About the only time one hears the name of God or Jesus on network programs, is when they are used as profanity."

Wildmon told the three chairmen that he didn't think "Christian people would rush to spend their money with companies which seek to ridicule, demean or belittle the Christian faith." He said that if the networks refuse to stop the anti-Christian bigotry he would ask Christians, their friends and all fair-minded people to refuse to purchase the products of the networks and those companies who are party to the discrimination against Christians. He said that refusal of the networks to take action to correct the situation by February 1, 1982 will be proof to the American public that "this discrimination is intentional and by design."

WASHINGTON (EP)--The U.S. Supreme Court left standing a ruling by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago upholding the constitutionality of a section of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requiring employers and unions to "reasonably accommodate" the religious beliefs of employees unless doing so would create "undue hardship." The Seventh Circuit's action upheld a ruling U.S. District Judge Robert W. Warren of Eastern Wisconsin that Title VI provisions of the Civil Rights Act do not violate the First Amendment's no establishment clause.

Warren had ordered the reinstatement of a Wisconsin production worker, Darrel C. Nottelson, who was fired from his job with A.O. Smith Corp. when he refused on religious grounds to participate in the Smith Steel Workers Union. Nottelson is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church which teaches it is morally wrong to be a member of or pay dues to a labor union. In requiring Nottelson's reinstatement as well as a payment of actual and exemplary damages and attorney's fees, Warren ruled that Nottelson's proposal to pay a sum equivalent to union dues to a nonreligious, non-union charity could have been accommodated by the company and the union without undue hardship and therefore, both had violated Title VII provisions.

Attorneys for Smith asked the high court to rule on the question of constitutionality of the religious accommodation requirement, arguing in a written brief that the Seventh Circuit's ruling upholding the law was "clearly erroneous." Attorneys for Nottelson argued that the court of appeals ruling was consistent with other circuit court decisions and that Title VII does not violate the establishment clause but is an "accommodation of the free exercise clause." They also contended that the religious accommodation requirement involves only a "minimal" and not "excessive" entanglement between church and state.

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (EP)--Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Jews will need to band together if they are going to have any impact on the religious right, a Lutheran theology professor says. In a new book, Religious Pied Pipers, John Charles Cooper says only a concerted effort by all three groups will be able to generate the financial power, influence, and prestige needed to combat the threat to freedom posed by groups like the Moral Majority.

"Falwell, Robertson, and others regularly take in more millions of dollars than whole denominations do," he says. "Then these millions are poured back into the mass media again. There seems to be no way that a church denomination can keep up with that."

Cooper, who teaches theology at Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Ohio, says people are attracted to the religious right "because they don't want to think for themselves." Churches must help them regain their "intellectual freedom."

MUNICH (EP)--Soviet guards are forcing relatives to leave prison compounds after just a few minutes visitation with prisoners, dissident sources report to East/West News Service.

One prisoner, Baptist Pastor Dimitri Minyakov, and his daughter, Elena Petrova, were separated after talking for 15 minutes at the Estland D. Rummo Prison. Minyakov, sentenced to three-years imprisonment in August for teaching his children Christianity, said that he does not think he will survive prison. He has reportedly been in poor health for some time now.

Nikolai Boiko's relatives experienced a similar setback when they came more than 3,000 miles for a visit. They were taken away after just 10 minutes with Boiko. Guards did not give a reason for the abbreviated stay. But, Boiko's relatives were told that another visit would not be permitted until mid-1982.

As these prison visitations were being shortened and others denied, the Soviet police continued to arrest Christians. Also, a sentence was recently handed down for two women, Lyubov and Dovbun Kurs. A soviet court sentenced the two to one year in a hard labor camp and assessed a fine of twenty percent of their annual income. Dovbun is expecting a child.

Another Christian who has been incarcerated on religious grounds is Chailo Nicolai. Nicolai is in a psychiatric clinic in the USSR where he says guards have told him that if he renounces God he will be allowed to go home.

NEW YORK (EP)--President Reagan described National Bible Week as "a welcome opportunity to expand America's recognition of the high value and importance of a sound knowledge of the Holy Bible" in his message for the 1981 interfaith celebration of the role of the Bible in American life. National Bible Week, November 22-29, is sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee.

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NEW YORK (EP)--U.S. News & World Report calls it "America's Golden Age of Church Building." According to the publication, a recent boom, in new church building brought the value of religious construction from 867 million dollars in 1975 to 1.6 billion in 1980, despite rising construction costs and interest rates. Examples of such buildings include the well-known Crystal Cathedral of Robert Schuller, a nine-million-dollar addition at the new First Baptist Church of Houston, and Hare Krishna's Palace of Gold in West Virginia.

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (EP)--Sometimes clever magazine covers backfire--as Moody Monthly magazine can testify.

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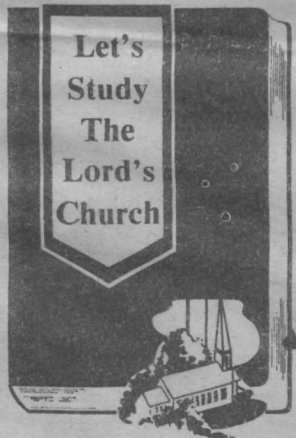
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