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"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.

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"A Stranger Appears before United Nations"

Paul Harvey, News forecaster, A. B. Co.

There was a special session of the United Nations Political Committee summoned at Lake Success by its chairman. In the recess of the Security Council, many nations were represented by their chief delegates. Such was true in the case of the United States where Mr. Austin sat for Mr. Dulles, though Mr. Dulles was likewise present. The United Kingdom was represented by Jebb, sitting for Younger. Vishinsky sat for Russia. Such was the unusual nature of this suddenly-summoned secret session, that the rows—six deep—of spectator seats around the perimeter of Committee Room Twelve, were empty.

No photographers were allowed on the floor as the delegates filed in. Certain members of the recording secretaries were seated in the glassed-in translation loft which, I should explain, is about half way up the high ceilinged room and is accessible only by a stairwell in the outside hall. Were that not true, our story might have been different.

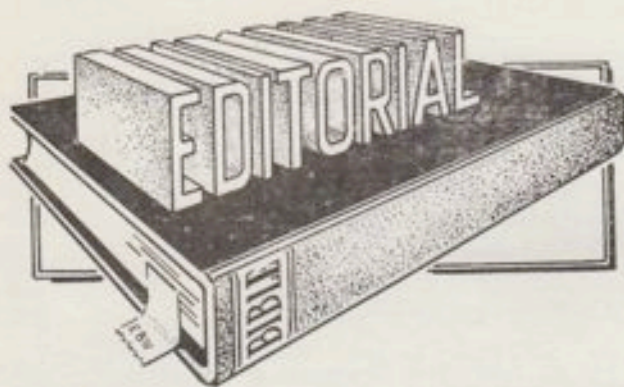
The doors were closed at about nine and twelve minutes after seven. No one could have entered the floor of Committee Room Twelve before the doors were closed without showing his credentials or being otherwise identified. None could have entered after the doors were closed without being seen by the blue uniformed guards in the hall outside. They say they were there, they were not distracted, they saw no one; yet the meeting had barely been called

to order, first in English, then in French . . . when a tall, lean man arose to his feet from one of the chairs behind the chairman. A hush came over the oval table, and Sir Bengal Rau, presiding, thinking at first all eyes were upon him, was nudged by a chair secretary. He then turned to follow their stare to the face of the stranger who stood behind him. His first inclination was to signal a guard. But, instead, he spoke:

"You, Sir. Would you please identify your delegation affiliation?" The lean man was draped in the attire of the East, not uncommon at Lake Success, sandals, bearded . . . the beard well groomed . . . his lips parted. The last of the hub-bub on the floor was suddenly still. And he said: *"I have many things to say and judge of you, I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. And ye shall know the truth."*

You could hear the asthmatic breathing of a fat aid completely across the windowless room . . . so still it had suddenly become. "Why are you here, Sir?" Mr. Rau demanded. He had meant to say, "Who are you?" but was momentarily flustered. The soft, compelling voice that seemed, though without benefit of microphone, somehow to fill the room, continued: *"There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men. With their tongues they have used deceit, the poison of asps is un-*

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"Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people:..."

Isaiah 49:22

The Godhead

Editorial—J. Hoffman

(A series of articles on the fallacy of modern day religions will appear in the *Standard* for the next several months.)

In this first series of messages along this line, we wish to deal with the "GOD-HEAD." We feel this subject is vitally important for the preservation of a Bible doctrine that is being assailed by false teachers who are mis-construing the Word of God to parallel with their heresy, known as the Jesus Only sect.

(1) Was Christ an Imposter?

Did Jesus mean what He said? Or was He only speaking figurative language? We believe that Christ was exactly what He claimed to be, He was neither an imposter nor a mere example. He was God incarnate in the flesh. When Christ spoke of His Heavenly Father, was He speaking to a title as the (JESUS ONLY) sect claim He was, or was He actually speaking to a Person? We will answer the following in this article.

The word God always begins with a capital "G." Whenever gods are referred to, the personal pro-

noun is omitted. Therefore whenever we speak of God, we are not speaking of a title but a person. The personal pronoun is used, therefore, signifying that God is the Almighty, the Supreme Being. All who do not accept this, have no argument to offer. Whenever we speak of the devil, the personal pronoun is always used to signify a person, but whenever speaking of demons, we deal with a different situation. All agree that demons are the emissaries of the devil, but they are not the devil. They are spirits working under his direction and leadership.

(2) Did God Recognize Jesus as a Son?

Saint Mark 1:11, "And there came a voice from heaven, saying, thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

If Christ was no imposter, then who was speaking in this incidence? Christ would have been exalting Himself which was contrary to His teaching. But if God the Father was speaking as He most certainly was, then there remains no argument but that the Godhead consists of more than one person.

Again when Jesus took His three disciples to the Mt. of Transfiguration, this same voice was again heard from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear him." (Mark 9:7) Who was speaking in each of these Scriptures? Was Christ really doing the speaking, or was the Father speaking from Heaven? To those who are willing to accept God's word at its face value, there is no need to even consider this matter. All Scriptures teach that there is more than one person in the Godhead.

(3) Did Christ Recognize God as His Father?

Christ always referred to His father not as a title, but a person. In the crucial hour of temptation in the garden of Gethsemane, when Christ was forsaken by all three disciples, I hear Him cry,

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The STANDARD PULPIT

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15.

Giants! Giants!

Rev. Thomas E. Prantz

"There were giants in the earth in those days."
Genesis 6:4.

From the beginning of time there have been the small and great, the humble and proud, the rich and poor, and weak and mighty! God's Word tells us of the same happening in the days of Noah. Since we are living in times that are parallel those of the sanctified sailor, Noah, it is not unreasonable to believe that there are GIANTS abroad today.

Giants of Iniquity

The Truman Administration has trotted out more 5 %'ers, Deep freeze wire pullers, mink coated employees of the government, and rotten income tax men than we dreamed existed. And the end is not yet! Washington has benefited little from "surface-scratching revivals," and there will never be any lasting results until given the chance to really repent. And yet...corruption in government now or at any past season is not the worst enemy of the Church. Right within the walls of the churches that founded the precious doctrines of regeneration and sanctification lounge preachers who are "red to the core" and are merely preparing the way for Communism or other "isms" to take charge of our precious country.

The old-line churches that taught the Holiness Movement all we know about religion, and how to sing and shout and get blessed in the Spirit, are now at the job of throwing bricks and denouncing us for the very thing they showed us how to do! God pity them!

A few examples...A certain city clergyman of a large church told an old-fashioned preacher that if he preached one sermon full of Bible Truth, he would not have 25 people left out of his congregation of more than 1,000 members. The same popular minister declared that he doubted seriously if ONE of his members was a Christian! Surely this is the age of GIANTS, Giants of iniquity!

However, all of the evil giants are not in the ministry. Pity the poor church members who are as carnal, fussing, fighting, and fuming until they resemble their "father, the devil." They can break the hearts of the Christians, break down the lives of Holy Ghost men in the ministry, break up the Church, and pull God off the throne if they could. That one who never has asked forgiveness for injuries caused many years ago. God send us a giant killer revival! Fleeing from this giant, notice the

Giants of Integrity

Job had it right when he said, "My righteous I hold fast, and will not let it go." Thank God for those who will swim against the tides of worldliness, lust, pride, jealousy, and other kindred waters! There are some in this age who stand out as Giants of Integrity.

That dear brother who has stood by the church all these years, through the opposition of the world, the temptation of the devil, and the misunderstandings of the saints—he is a GIANT.

The dear sister, who after losing her husband, has reared a family, managed somehow to always have enough for each one. Sunday found her in the house of God, dropping her tithe into the basket when it was passed. Prayer meeting night she blessed the others gathered in the meeting house as she told of her experiences with her God. She is a GIANT!

Picture that young man who was called into the service of his country, who stood true through all the temptations and tests of service life. He is a GIANT.

With joy we thank God for the

Giants of Intercession

"Pray without ceasing," says God's Word, and some precious saints have really stood on this command, living it out day by day. One old brother told this scribe he calls over one hundred names in

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YOUTH IN ACTION

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

"The Bus Ride"

Ellen Bressler

Continued from last month.

Just as daylight appeared, Rev. James was shaken awake by a quick stop to pick up an elderly farm woman going to town for early market and later shopping. "Good morning, Mr. Ray," she greeted the bus driver, as though she knew him very well. She stepped up and sat down beside Rev. James, in the seat vacated by a young sailor who had gone to the rear of the bus to join in the fun with his buddies. "Why, Rev. James! Fancy meeting you here!" she exclaimed in surprise.

Rev. James then recognized her as one of the dear old prayer warriors who had helped to 'hold the fort' and pray down the blessing as he preached in a large district camp meeting. She was so overjoyed at the meeting she hardly knew how to express herself. She asked him where he had been and what he had seen accomplished for God. Gladly he told her of the past several months work, and especially of his recent revival, in words of praise and thanksgiving to God. She praised the Lord for all His goodness to her saying, "I feel almost like a millionaire today," at which remark Rev. James noticed a slight flicker of surprise on the bus driver's smooth-shaven face.

After what seemed like a very short time of fellowship and communion, the little lady got off the bus with a heart-warming "Praise the Lord, I'll be remembering you in prayer," to Rev. James and a "Thank you, Mr. Ray," to the driver.

Just as the bus topped the brow of a long hill the dispatcher made an attempt to contact the driver through the two-way radio in the bus. The driver replied by way of his hand set, at the same moment applying the brakes with a quick firm movement. The passengers all sat aghast at the great destruction spread throughout the valley before them as the dispatcher gave the message. Essix Creek had become a raging torrent. Trees, logs, debris, and small buildings with an occasional chicken roosting on top were carried along in a maddening whirl of chocolate brown water. As they watched, the

wooden country bridge swayed and was swept off the piers by the relentless current. The driver's face turned a chalky white as he said, "We just now saw the bridge go out. Thank God, you caught me in time."

"Ray! You sure are lucky. We just received the information that the bridge was in danger a few minutes ago. Now, your new orders are to go back to the junction and proceed on Route 201 to Elmville. Then switch back to your original route. This will make approximately a 50 mile detour. Take your time. Drive carefully and be alert for slides. Contact me if you are in doubt."

Long after the dispatcher ceased speaking he sat there, gripping the steering wheel. Then he turned to Rev. James and said hoarsely, "That wasn't luck; that was God."

Carefully the driver turned the large bus around by backing into a hard surfaced side road. When he finally ascertained the correct detour route he said somewhat awkwardly, "Are you going from one place to another all the time in your type of work? Don't you have a regular charge?"

Rev. James sensed that there was more behind this question than the driver wished to appear on the surface, so he answered casually, "Why, yes, I go wherever they want the full gospel preached."

"You mentioned that you had just closed a revival. Where was that?"

Rev. James realized that here was a hungry soul, so he began to tell him how God had changed the hearts and lives of those to whom he had just ministered. He included the facts concerning the life and death of the godly young mother, and "By the way," he said, "remember that young fellow back there at the accident? He was saved just a few minutes before you fellows found us. God certainly can change lives, and make us ready to live or die."

"You know, when that bridge went out back there, it just seemed to upset me so that I hardly know what to do," he confessed, and his hand shook visibly as he shifted gears. "I'd give any-

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Not Far from the Kingdom

G. A. McHatten—Pastor-Evangelist, Alexandria, Indiana

There are some people today in this sin cursed world that are far from the Kingdom of God, but the man I want to draw your attention to is one of whom Jesus Himself said, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." This man was like countless thousands in the world today, not far from the kingdom—yet not in! Almost a Christian—but still lost!

In Mark 12:28 we notice this man's POSITION. "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?" From this portion of Scripture we notice that this man had a high position for he was a scribe. A scribe in the New Testament days was a very religious man for he was the one that would teach and explain the law. Thus we see that this man was a religious man, but he was still lost. He had a head knowledge of the Bible, but he did not have the heart knowledge which is essential for salvation. In my youth, I was in the same spiritual condition. I knew the Bible for I had spent many hours memorizing it. I could quote verse after verse, but even though I had gained this knowledge in my head it was not ringing the joy bells of heaven within my heart. Thank God for the day when I, a poor lost sinner, had the Devil's blindfold of deception taken from my eyes and I began to realize that my knowing the Bible, going to church and Sunday School, and being good was not going to get me to Heaven, but only if I would come by the way of the cross could I kneel there and receive my one-way ticket to Heaven.

In verse 28 we notice not only the fact that he was a scribe, but that he was a sincere man. We know he was a sincere man for he "came" to Christ. The very fact that he "came" to Christ on his own volition proves to us he was a concerned man. However, being concerned and sincere in what one believes is still not sufficient to walk into the pearly gates. One can be sincere, but be sincerely wrong in what he believes. We see also that this man was not afraid to talk about spiritual things. He inquired from the Master "Which is the first commandment of all?" How many people there are in the world today that are always willing to argue the Bible, but are never willing to admit their own individual need when the Bible reveals it to them.

In vs. 32 and 33 we have definite proof this man knew the teachings of the Old Testament. "And the scribe said unto him. Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul,

and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices." The phrase "whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices" shows us that this scribe knew the practices of the Old Testament. He was a spiritually enlightened man for he realized that God desired complete devotion and love. It is one thing to know what to do and quite another thing to do it! Many today know what God's requirements are for one to make it into Heaven, but it is not enough to know what to do, but one must act upon his knowledge and give his heart to Christ in full repentance and submission to His will.

In verse 34 we see the man's PERIL. "And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the Kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question." The man's peril was the fact that he was not far from the Kingdom, but he was not in!! There are many in the Bible like this. For instance there was the rich young ruler that came running to Jesus one day and asked him, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" After Christ heard the young man's testimony of his keeping the commandments from his youth up, Christ instructed him "One thing thou lackest, go thy way sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow me." Only one thing this young man lacked, yet he let this one thing damn his soul. We know that this young ruler was not saved for he "went away sorrowful" and any one that takes up Christ's cross goes away rejoicing, like the Ethiopian eunuch, after he had been converted, under Philip's ministry. Truly the rich young ruler was not far from the kingdom,—but he was still lost!

Paul dealt with several men that were not far from the kingdom, but to our knowledge never did make it inside. Agrippa himself testified, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." How true the song is in this respect, "Almost" cannot avail; "Almost" is but to fail! Sad, Sad, that bitter wail, "Almost," but lost!!!

Felix was another one that heard a convicting message from Paul, he even trembled under its influence, but then procrastinated and put the eternal issue aside. We know that he wanted to become a Christian, he expected to when he had a more convenient season, yet he rejected and, even though he was not far from the kingdom, he was still lost!

What about you, unsaved Friend? Are you not far, but yet not in? You may ask, "Brother Mc-

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Sons of God

Rev. James Tharp

Text: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." John 1:12.

In this Gospel, John sets forth the power of Christ in several aspects and manifestations. He presents Christ as power through the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, the Truth, Way, Resurrection, and the Door. But just preceding the message of our text, John states that Jesus is the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Still, that was not the completion of John's message, but he shows how that Light becomes power and that power of Christ, when given to men, can cause men to become the sons of God.

Let us notice three important divisions of our text: (1) The Reception, (2) The impartation, and (3) The adoption.

The Reception

"But as many as received Him."

Beloved, your eternal destination will be determined according to the manner and way in which you treat Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe the greatest sin in all the world is that of the rejection of Jesus Christ. This will lead to all other sins. Christ is standing at the heart's door knocking for a reception. It is the receiving of Christ that makes a new creation, a born-again believer, a Christian. Now, let us take note of a few thoughts concerning the reception of which we write.

First, it must be a voluntary reception. We believe that the cure for half-hearted, slipshod, half-baked and Christless religion is that of a Holy Ghost-wrought desire for the presence of Christ in the soul! Our seekers today, many times, make up a shameful, half-determined, presumptuous and prejudiced generation who hardly realize what the presence of Christ really means to the heart and soul. It is entirely up to the seeker himself as to whether he receives Christ or not.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me." The will must get into the matter. He also said, "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." The implication is that opening the door is entirely up to the seeker. I am convinced that the reason we are seeing people linger at an altar of prayer for hours and nights at a time is because of the fact that their will has never gotten into the matter as it should.

Their desire to be converted does not exceed that of everything else. May Heaven help the ministry to preach a rugged, sincere, simple and Scriptural plan of regeneration to a gainsaying, care-free and inconceivable group of deceived, misled and degenerated human beings. If this is done, surely the choice made for such will be voluntary and direct from the heart. That kind of seeker will repent, confess, and will not have to struggle and wrestle to believe God, but faith will come after hearing such preaching under the anointing of the Spirit.

Second, it is a vital reception. It is vital because it pertains to eternal issues. Without this Christ, man is hopeless, doomed and bound for Hell. People do not realize what a priceless possession the soul is. If they did, not one would die without Christ. If they did, the earth would be full of men and women repenting of sin everywhere. Most people don't believe in a literal eternal punishment in Hell. If they did, they would do something about it. This reception determines Heaven or Hell. It determines peace and promotion or eternal degradation and damnation.

It is vital because it is necessary for standing in the day of judgment. The Bible declares over and over that there is coming a reckoning day to every person. Every person will be dealt with as to how he treated Jesus Christ. The greatest and most noble deed that any person ever did, or ever will do is to receive Christ.

It is vital because it is essential to life. Man in his natural state is dead in trespasses and sin. He is born with his back to God, and a stranger to righteousness. He must be born again. He must be regenerated. Christ declared Himself to be the Light of the world. This Light brought life. When Christ comes in, He brings life. The soul is active and awakened to a new atmosphere and surroundings. How precious is this life.

Third, it must be a whole-hearted reception. When a soul steps out for Christ, he must realize that it is a proposition of life or death. It is a step from self to Christ, from sin to righteousness and from shame to grace. Show me a person that is sick and tired of sin, and will renounce sin, and I'll show you an individual who will go through with Christ.

Lincicome—Says

Decisiveness of character is one of the most indispensable elements in your equipment for life. Someone said, "Three-fourths of our life is determined by our ability to make up our minds." Decision must precede every action. It determines not only what you will do, but how and when you will do it. Some people, due to temperament or a wrong habits of thinking, spend whole days trying to decide what they are going to do, and usually they end by doing nothing. A person that is always brooding over his plans but never executing them reminds us of Voltaire's sarcasm directed toward LaHarpe when he likened him to an oven that was always heating up but which never baked anything. You save or waste an appalling amount of time and energy according to the degree to which you have developed your capacity to make decisions. If you are not decisive you cannot possibly command the respect and confidence of your fellow man. David Starr Jordan used to say, "The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows where he is going." Such a man inspires confidence; we admire the man who can make up his mind, and who knows what he wants to do. "From birth to death life forces you to face one decision after another, but life will never ask you to make more than three great decisions: Whom you marry, what you make your life's work, and what relation you have to God and Eternity." These three decisions, once made will determine all subsequent decisions which you will be called upon to make.

Indecision is harmful because it divides our energies. Decision unifies. When a man can say, "This one thing I do," he then is able to focalize all his powers upon one single object, but the undecided man squanders himself. His ability may be great, but even then he will be a failure if he never reaches decision. Indecision leads to inaction, and many times to wrong action, it ends in a wrong character, and a wrong character ends in a wrong destiny. From the cradle to the grave we are consciously or unconsciously making decisions, and in making these decisions we are forming our character and determining our destiny. Decisions are like cross-roads. Follow the wrong road and you get to the wrong destination.

Never tell a seeker to take it by faith and never mind feeling, because faith and feeling are inseparable. Faith fruits in feeling. "Now being justified by faith we have peace with God," and peace is emotional. There is a lot of feeling in religion, only our feelings can't be uniform or always the same.

Our feeling will be like the markets, fluctuating up and down. Fluctuating of emotions obtains with all temperaments. Life is not built on a level, so that we can maintain a constant elevation. Life is made up of mountains and valleys and emotional ups and downs. There is a better standard to go by than your feelings. If you take feelings for your standard, you will be living much of the time in spiritual uncertainty. Someone said, "Victorious living is related more to our actions than to our emotions." The habit of measuring the victory of one's life by the state of one's feelings is an error and will always lead to spiritual uncertainty. This is not to say that victorious living will not be reflected in one's feelings or that one may not achieve victory even over his feeling state. It is rather to say that the loyalty of the heart to God which works itself out in proper conduct with one's fellows is a better practical measure of the victory of life than one's own feelings. Let us learn to measure our feelings. This is the path to real victory.

A Great American Speaks

General Douglas MacArthur recently addressed the Mississippi Legislature. In his address he made this statement: "America is gone bankrupt for leadership." Truly these words ought to stir us Christians to pray for God to raise up a spiritual leadership for our nation.

He was presented a Bible by the Gideons in a religious service, and the great General replied: "I am not going to let you off with one Bible, I want thirty million Bibles to give to the people of Japan." Truly it seems like there is one man who has not forgotten God. All the Christians in our nation ought to back this great American who alone has offered a solution to the Korean Crisis.

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"It's Happening Here"

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SMILE

"A smile costs nothing, but creates much.

"It's given in a flash, but its memory sometimes lasts forever.

"It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen.

"But in case you meet someone who is too weary to give you a smile, leave one of yours.

"No one needs a smile quite so much as he who has none left to give."

Alice Vickery

GREAT INDOOR CAMP MEETING

A great indoor camp meeting at the Cadle Tabernacle at Indianapolis, Indiana, sponsored by many churches, and featuring such men of God as R. G. Flexon, T. M. Anderson, Byron Crouse, Dr. James DeWeerd, Dr. Z. T. Johnson, and Bishop C. V. Fairbairn, came to a close January 20, 1952.

Seekers at the altars totaled at least 1100 for the eight days of the camp. Attendance was reported to be nearly 60,000 for the camp. 2,000

ministers got to attend the various services. It seems that the Calvinists aren't the only ones able to draw a crowd! More power to God's precious people.

MODERN PROVERB

A certain taxpayer attached a little note to his tax return requesting that as much as possible of the check he enclosed be forwarded to the treasury of the United States. What with all the corrupt collectors, Uncle Sam is getting robbed!

SMOKING PREACHERS

In a certain town in the state of Ohio a Pilgrim Holiness minister said that he attended a ministerial meeting, and was offered a cigarette in the sanctuary of a city church by one of the five ministers who lit up and puffed in the house of God. The man of God replied, "No, thanks, I am a Christian."

"A Basket of Fragments"

Gathered by Thomas E. Frantz

"I LOST HIM! WHY?"

I made a visit some years ago to the office of a physician. He was nervous that morning, dark lines were under his eyes, and evidently he had been pacing up and down his office before I came in; something was weighing heavily on his mind. Almost unconsciously he said, "I lost him. I can't understand why." The story, as he told it, was that early on the previous night a patient had been brought to the hospital and he was called to handle the case. His case did not appear critical at first; but in the night he became worse, and this doctor had spent most of the night at the bedside of this patient, doing all he could to save him. About an hour before I saw him, the patient had died. The doctor was baffled and disturbed because of this loss, hence he was saying, "I lost him. I can't understand why." Being a minister, it was natural for me to apply these thoughts to the ministry.

—D. Shelby Corlett

Joy Perfected

There may be sorrow and heaviness on account of manifold temptations, there may be great trials and perplexities, but the joy of the Lord, which is his strength, like a great Gulf Stream flows and throbs in an unbroken current through the heart of him who is sanctified. God becomes his joy. David knew this when he said, "Then will I go... unto God my exceeding joy."

—S. L. Brongle

TRY RELIGION

It would be well to remember the advice of Horace Greeley, when church officials had enumerated all the schemes and devices they had used to attract and hold people and were at their wit's end to know what to try next: "Why not try religion?" he asked.

—Preacher's Magazine

"Tell Him That I Love Him"

Commander Evangeline Booth used to tell the story of a boy in one of our midwestern states who was arrested for the crime of murder. Into his jail cell came his mother who, sitting down beside him, said, "Jim, tell me now. Did you do it?" With what seemed to her to be convincing honesty, he said, "Mother, I did not do it." However, just before the trial the judge said to the mother, "If you will persuade your boy to plead guilty, we will be easy with him." "But, your honour," said she, "he did not do it." When neighbors and friends sympathized with her she would smile and say, "But he did not do it."

The prosecuting attorney, knowing how unmistakable the evidence was, asked the mother to persuade Jim to make a confession, to which she simply replied, "Thank you, sir, but he didn't do it."

The trial proceeded and the young man was con-

victed. He was sentenced to be executed. With the shadows of the gallows falling across him, Jim was visited by the prison chaplain. "Jim," said the chaplain, "you are facing eternity. Tell me, did you do it?" With face averted, Jim sat perfectly still for a moment, then turning to the chaplain, he said, "I did it. Will you go and tell my mother?" The chaplain went. The mother sat with her head in her hands. Finally the chaplain reached the point where he told her that Jim had just confessed to the crime. No word did she speak for the moment. No word! But one huge shudder went over her aged body. Then, slowly raising her face, a face down which the tears of love and pain were trickling, she said, "Chaplain, go back as quickly as you can and tell him that I love him." That is God! That is Christ's love in miniature. It is the hint of the matchless mercy that awaits the return of the man who has failed. In that love is our healing and hope.

—Dr. Paul S. Rees

Progressive Holiness

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II Pet. 1:5-8, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Apostle Peter while standing under the shadow of the cross took every precaution to probe, stir, and warn the church against spiritual declension. Grow in grace was the Apostle's injunction to all the recipients of Divine grace.

The church needs in this age to be kept in mind of the great truth, that there remains yet much land to be possessed. Religion is a principle of perpetual progress in both the life of the regenerated and the sanctified heart. The gradualism in the plan of salvation is all on the human side. We gradually approach sanctification, suddenly enter it, and gradually progress indefinitely. Sanctification gives you experimental holiness, but to this we are to add practical holiness otherwise your experience will prove evanescent.

Sanctification will not make an adult Christian out of you overnight, any more than a grain

of corn will produce a harvest the day following its planting. As a young minister, the writer took advantage of some of the camp meetings and revivals wherein some of the old seasoned evangelists preached and thundered forth God's eternal Word. During the course of some of these messages the crowds were blessed and at times seemed like they were soaring high in the third heaven.

After beholding scenes like this for some time, and hearing these men preach for an hour or more with unlimited experiences, I felt somewhat discouraged and at times felt like quitting the ministry.

During the midst of my discouragement a still small voice began to speak to my heart, and I soon found myself confronted with a few questions, such as this: "Do you remember the night wherein your heart was justified and your sins forgiven?" I said, "Yes, Lord, I shall never forget that night." "Do you remember the night your heart was cleansed from inbred sin, and filled with the Holy Ghost?" The second question was answered as the first, as I felt His Divine presence burning within. Then came the third question, "Have you preached, and been in battle as long as these old warriors of the Cross who have thirty, forty, and fifty years of exper-

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These shallow professors of religion are mere sin-lovers and had no intention of going clear to the rock-bottom at any time. No wonder we have so many testimonies that sound hollow, and so many dry-eyed prayers, and uninterested church members.

Friend, this is a whole-hearted proposition. Only the other day I was with a group of ministers who held a service inside the chapel of a penal institution. I was asked to speak, and spoke a short message on preparing to meet God. After the service, one young prisoner about 24 years of age came to me and said, "Preacher, religion is all right, but I'm just not ready to give in." As he turned to leave I noticed that he was one who had heard us preach several times and had loved his sins and wouldn't yield whole-heartedly.

I remember again one time while in the South, a young man about 23 years of age was under conviction in the back of the church. I spoke to him about giving in and getting saved. He went down and knelt and prayed. He ceased praying after a while, and stood to his feet and gave an unconcerned mixture of praise to God. I tried to deal with him and show him that this was an eternal matter. In a day or so he came to me and said, "I think I'll just backslide." If his actions and testimony were any criterion he had never gone through with Christ and had never had anything to backslide from. To me, this kind of attitude toward Christ is pathetic. Until a man has purposed to go through with Christ, he'll never feel the sparkle of joy in his soul, neither indeed, will he ever see the hill-tops of glory.

The Impartation

"...to them gave He power."

In the foregoing division we saw men's side of obtaining salvation. In this division we see the divine side. In order for a person to pass from the sonship of Satan to the sonship of God, both man and God must be willing. But that is not all, man must do his part, and God will impute or impart to the repented and receptive soul "the power or privilege, or authority" to become His son. Praise God! Now, in view of this thought, let us note very carefully what the power will mean to the seeker.

First, it means the privilege of knowing that your sins are forgiven and that Jesus Christ

saves. Thank God for a salvation that is so outstanding that it is as clear as the sun. There is no guess work about it. There is no supposition or assumption. Thank God, the witness is present that you have passed from death unto life. Old things are gone, new things are present. Your salvation has been worked in the heart by the blood of Christ through repentance, and now is working itself out. Why, it sticks out all over you. Yes, it is working itself out. God is not a God who delights in keeping His children in the dark. When we become His son, He delights in giving us the witness. And I have never met a person in all this wide world who was a Christian and didn't have the witness. I've met many who didn't have the witness, but they weren't born-again Christians.

Thank God, you can know about it. It would be a sad case if this all-important issue of eternity was uncertain. If this were so, we might get salvation and not know about it, or we might lose it and not know where we lost it. Beloved, this is not the case. You know when you get it. You know if you lose it. You know where you find it. I met a minister once, who claimed that it was impossible for a person to know if he was saved. What an abomination such a man is to the work of the Kingdom of God! Why do such men put themselves behind the sacred lecturn? God certainly didn't place them there. Who do they think they are to declare God's Word a liar and themselves authorities on the matter? Thank God for the great salvation that is as real as day!

Second, it means the power to quit the sin business. Power to become sons of God means power to quit sinning. For a son of God does not sin. If he does, he cannot remain a son of God and keep his sin. The idea that Christians must sin has been instilled in the hearts of people in this country until they look upon one who preaches a clean and full gospel as a modern fanatic heretic. They term us setters forth of extreme and unreasonable doctrine, charging us with the teaching that man cannot sin. Whatever might be the desire or motive of such a class of people, I am here to say that if Christ is not able to keep from sin, then He never was able to pull us out of it in the first place.

But this boy remembers one summer night in the South when God spoke, and I repented, and God pulled me out of sin. He not only pull-

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Christ's Last Six Days and Resurrection

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Six days before the Feast of the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, Jn. 12:1, the next day being Palm Sunday, and five days before the feast, Jesus rode into Jerusalem (the antitype of the pascal lamb that was taken up the 10th of Abib, killed the 14th, eaten that night the 15th. Ex. 12: 3:6; 8:42.), went into the Temple looked about, then returned to Bethany. The next day, Monday the 11th and four days before the feast, Jesus went to Jerusalem; on the way cursed the fig tree, cleansed the temple and returned to Bethany.

The next day being Tuesday the 12th and three days before the feast, Jesus again goes to Jerusalem; this was one of His busiest days; twenty some recorded events took place that day; In the afternoon He prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem, then went to the Mt. of Olives. Three questions were asked by His disciples. When would the destruction of Jerusalem take place? What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the world or age? This He proceeds to explain in Matt. 24 and Lk. 21. Then He gives the parable of the ten virgins, the talents, and His second coming. Ch. 25, then Matt. 26:1. When He had finished all these sayings, He said after two days is the Feast of the Passover. Then went He to the house of Simon where the woman anointed Him with the precious ointment, Matt. 26: 6, 7—Mk. 14:3. This was Tuesday evening; so if after two days was the Feast of the Passover and unleavened bread, Mark 14:1, then Wednesday would be one and Thursday two, so Friday was the Passover.

Jesus probably stayed with Simon that night and the next day being Wednesday the 13th, two days before the Passover, Jesus sends two of His disciples to prepare the Passover supper, so that evening Jesus with His twelve apostles went to the prepared place. Now Jesus could not eat the supper Thursday night the 15th as He would die at the time the pascal lamb was killed and be in Joseph's tomb when the supper was eaten. Provision had been made if it could not be eaten at the regular time, it could be eaten at another date; so Jesus ate it on Wednesday night; so after Jesus had washed the disciples' feet and they were eating the Passover supper, Jesus said, "One of you shall betray me." After each one had asked, "Is it I?" Jesus said, "It is the one to whom I shall give the sop after I have dipped it." He gave it to Judas Iscariot, and Satan entered into him and he went out, it being night.

Now Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, encour-

aged the apostles in the 14th ch. sang a hymn and started for Gethsemane. There He prayed His val- edictory prayer, then entered the garden, when the weight of our sins and the agony of soul was so great that He sweat as it were great drops of blood and fearing He would expire under the awful burden, He offered up prayer and supplication with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death and was heard in that He feared, Heb. 5:7. An angel came and strengthened Him; the cup He was praying to have removed if possible, was for His Father not to forsake Him in His dying hour—Hear His agonizing cry on the cross, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!"

Judas now comes with the soldiers, Jesus was arrested, taken before Ananias, Caiphas, the Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod, then back to Pilate Thursday the 14th 6 A. M., the day of the preparation of the Passover, Jn. 19:14, crucified about 9 A. M., expired about 3 P. M. He was taken down from the cross by Joseph and placed in his tomb; the women returned from the sepulcher and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment, Luke 23: 56. What commandment and what Sabbath? The command given Lev. 23:5-7, Ex. 12:8-42, relative to the Feast of the Passover, and the Sabbath was the Passover Sabbath called a high day—Jno. 19:31, that always came the 15th, the night after the lamb was killed.

So Jesus was in the tomb Thursday night, Friday the Passover Sabbath, Friday night, Saturday the 7th day Sabbath, Saturday night and rose Sunday morning the third day after His crucifixion. Jesus told His disciples Mk 8:34 that the Jews would kill Him but He would rise the third day. He also told the Jews, referring to His body, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Jn. 2:19. Then on Sunday evening as two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus conversing with Jesus about the crucifixion, they said this is the third day since these things were done Lk. 24:21. Now if Sunday was the third day since the crucifixion, Saturday would be the second Friday the first, so Thursday would have to be the day He was crucified; all these Scriptures and events agree that the crucifixion took place on Thursday.

But that is not all; Jesus said Matt. 12:40, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." So by placing the crucifixion on Thursday where it be-

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A STRANGER APPEARS

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der their lips. And the way of peace have they not known."

The delegate from Belgium beckoned, and recognized, he said: "Let this man speak; he is here; let him speak." "May I question the witness?" interrupted Russia's Vishinsky, grinning. His wit went unheeded from the floor. He fidgeted. Mr. Rau, testing the stranger, spoke: "Represented here is a great nation which keeps itself apart from the rest of us, I fear they will move shortly to silence you, too."

And the stranger said: "*Everyone that doeth evil hateth the light. They make clean the outside of the cup and platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. The axe is laid unto the root of such trees.*" (Referring to Russia, as also in the above paragraph).

Mr. Vishinsky, stern and unsmiling now, spoke. It was a long moment before the translation came. "The Soviet Delegation will not listen to the ravings of this warmonger. This interruption is doubtless some carefully planned and poorly executed plot to depict the Soviet as the aggressor in which we have no part. Is it any wonder Communism in Korea opposes these Imperialists?" He snapped his spectacles from his nose and, with them, indicated in the direction of the United States delegation.

The stranger spoke more sharply now: "*Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. If a man strive for masteries, then he is not crowned except he strive lawfully. The days shall come upon thee.*"—He looked squarely at Vishinsky,—"*that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee and compass thee in on every side, and shall utterly destroy thee.*" "But," interrupted the chairman, "you have touched on the purpose for which this meeting was called. What about Korea? How have we erred there?"

And the stranger said, "*If the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. But while men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.*"

Mr. Jebb for the United Kingdom said, "I think what we all fear most is that one of us may be next." And the visitor still standing said, "*When a strong man, armed, keepeth his house, his goods are in peace.*" Mr. Austin was waving a small sign which marked his place. "The chair recognizes the delegate from the Uni-

ted States," said Mr. Rau. "In the United States, we are hosts to enemies within our own house, agents of another government who plead mercy, saying that they are loyal to our government as well."

And the man of gentle grace raised his hand as if to hasten the end of the question, and said, "*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other: Or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation.*" "But," said Mr. Austin, "They use our own laws, our own courts, our own freedom to outwit us." The stranger replied, "*How can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?*" "But," Mr. Austin went on, "These among us say they intend only to alter our government by peaceful means... to better our economic system, to..." Less patient now the visitor interrupted, "*They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick?*"

(Let us suggest at this point the stranger is referring to America as the strong man's house, now being broken up in Korea with terrific losses of American youth and resources. America is bound by her word to carry on when no one can give any good reason for our boys dying in Korea. America is sick and needs a physician. America needs Jesus Christ.)

Mr. Austin turned, smiling, to Mr. Dulles. And the stranger turned toward them... "*There is none righteous among you; no, not one. I know thy works; that thou art neither cold nor hot, Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched. Beware lest ye, also, being led away with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness.*"

Procedure was forgotten now. The representative from France spoke out: "This same enemy is within our ranks...demonstrating against our parliament...antagonizing our courts..."

And the voice replied, "*Scatter thou the people that delight in war. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. To be not brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.*"

Mr. Rau rose from his chair, turned, "We came here to place the blame for our unrest... and you have given each of us our share. What is it we should do? Abandon our efforts to seek peace?" And the stranger said, "*Let all things*

be done decently and in order. Be sober, be vigilant, Depart from evil and do good. Execute ye judgment and righteousness and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor. It is impossible but that offences come, but woe unto him through whom they come. Seek peace, and pursue it. And increase your faith. Faith hath subdued Kingdoms, wrought righteousness obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions."

"You make all this seem so infinitely simple," said Rau.

"Many righteous men," replied the stranger, "Have desired to hear these things which ye hear and have not heard them."

"It is not customary," Mr. Rau smiled, "for us to hear wisdom from outside our chambers. We are inclined, I fear, to feel that all the wisdom of the world is assembled here."

His guest unsmiling, said, "*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*"

Sir Bengal Rau turned to the assemblage and said quietly, "There is no further purpose in this meeting. This man has answered all our questions." Then turning to the man still standing behind him, he said, "You, Sir, thank you. If . . . if only you could write these things . . . which you have spoken . . . If you could write them in a book . . . that men of all ages might read them . . ." It was at that moment, just for a fleeting instant, that the visitor's quiet eyes seemed to flash with a sudden anger (indicating his words were already written in *The Book*, our Holy Bible). Mr. Rau noticed, for he stopped short then the anger faded. The eyes were calm again, and somehow sad, and the tall stranger turned to the door and it was opened for him.

There was no effort made to detain Him. The U. N. Official Recording Secretary who was in the upper tier translating room and who furnished me with this literal translation of the visitor's words . . . left the booth, walked, still making notes as he went, to the stairs and down the hall . . . outside room Twelve. But, thinking the man would be detained, he had not hurried. And the man had not been detained and was said to have left the building. That is as much as I know. You know how it is after such an unusual occurrence.

There are as many different versions of what happened as there are witnesses. And as many varied descriptions of the soft spoken stranger. One delegate, whom I shall not identify, except

to say he sits in one of the first of the alphabetically arranged chairs and probably only the chairman himself, (Mr. Rau), could have seen the visitor better . . . this delegate, whose name you would know said, "Such a strange fellow. Was it a tear in his eye? Yet," . . . (I'm still quoting, says Mr. Harvey) . . . "Yet His calloused hands were that of a laboring man. A man of the soil perhaps. Or a carpenter." And so ends this story. If I have not said what I intended, the fault lies in the messenger, not in the message. For I have quoted the message precisely, adding nothing. Paul Harvey.

—The Midnight Cry

THE BUS RIDE

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thing I possess if I could know everything was all right if I were to meet with an accident and die tonight."

"Mr. Ray, you *can* know. You can know that every sin has been blotted out and you have made your peace with God." Rev. James leaned forward as he spoke earnestly.

"NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM"

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Hatton, just what does it mean to be "Not far?" It means, Friend of mine, that you have felt God's Holy Spirit pulling upon your heart strings until you have raised your hand for prayer, while you wept and trembled under deep conviction. Oh, how terrible it would be for you to be so close to Heaven but yet miss it. Friend, it is not enough to be "not far," you must be in.

What was the man's PLIGHT? If you miss Heaven, Friend, you miss everything. Perhaps you as you have been reading this message, have been asking this question, "How can I make it inside the Kingdom?" Let me briefly answer your question for you. In Rev. 3:20 we read, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Here we see that if we are to make it inside the kingdom we must voluntarily open our heart door and let Jesus the Great Saviour come in. We notice that Jesus is not pounding upon the heart door, but gently knocking, giving you the opportunity to open the door of your heart that He might come in. No longer remain far, or "Not far from the Kingdom," but open your heart to Him and enjoy the blessing that He alone can give.

THE GODHEAD

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"Father if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." Who was He praying to, friend? Was He praying to a title? Was He praying to Himself? Nay, to believe such would not be true to His own teachings.

Again we hear the wail of Calvary. Jesus is dying, the nails piercing His sinless hands, the thorns piercing His head, the blood dropping from His sinless body. The earth begins to feel that the Creator of the world is dying. The sun hides its head in shame. Creation begins to stagger under the mighty guilt of Calvary. Jesus cries, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

If God were not His Father then He would not have been forsaken, but since God was His Father, and we are guilty before God, Christ was bearing the sins of all men to the cross on that day. Therefore God turned His back on His son, for He was bearing the sins of all men to the death and the cross. Christ felt the awful loneliness of being forsaken by God, for sin separates. Therefore Christ could be touched with the feeling of a lost soul astray from God, for He tasted the awfulness of being forsaken by God. Let all who read these lines humbly ask God to help you realize the awfulness of the death of the Son of God. We should rejoice to know that He took our place and died in our stead. Hear Paul as he writes, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

The only way to understand the Father's love is to accept this Scripture as true. Christ reaches down with one hand and grasps the lost sinner's hand, with the other He reaches up and grasps the hand of His Father and brings lost humanity and an offended God together, therefore, man becomes reconciled to God. Christ becomes the medium through which this is done. It is here we must magnify the office of the Son. Thank God His death afforded a plan of redemption.

(4) *Is the Holy Ghost a Personality in the God-head?*

To teach otherwise would be perilous and dangerous. The Spirit works as a convicter of sin. He is also a guide. He is a comforter. He is a teacher. He is the Spirit of Prophecy. We must magnify the work of the blessed Spirit of God.

Luke 3:22, "And the Holy Ghost (capitals H and G) descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

The modern day truth-twisters tell us that in this Scripture, there is no revelation of three persons.

However, they are too stupid to see that the dove here reveals the character of the Spirit who possesses the dove nature. Notice the Spirit descended upon Him, and at the same time there came a voice declaring, "This is my beloved Son." We have here an affirmation of the Trinity. Let those who deny these facts, declare that they are ignorant, stupid and perverters of the truth.

(5) *Do the Devil and Demons Recognize the Trinity?*

Mark 1:24, "Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." Notice in this Scripture the demons were speaking. They called Him Jesus, the Holy One of God. (Again notice the word God is capitalized.)

Therefore according to God's word the devil recognizes the Trinity.

CONCLUSION. In the end time the devil will have a trinity. The Beast, the Dragon, the False Prophet. If Satan doesn't believe in the Trinity why should he seek to mimic God? Friend, your argument doesn't hold water. Thank God, there are three persons in the Trinity and each has a part in the great scheme of redemption.

We all believe in the trinity of evil. The world, the flesh and the devil. All men who are sensible and rational believe in the trinity of man. Body, soul and spirit. Why should anyone doubt the fact that there are three persons in the Trinity? Our conclusion of this matter is, that those who doubt this fact are illiterate and know nothing. Let God be the truth and every man a liar.

Matthew 12:31-32, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."

"And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

This Scripture strongly affirms the facts of the Godhead. The sin against the Son will be forgiven, but the sin against the Holy Ghost shall never be forgiven. Beware, dear reader, lest these modern day truth-twisters deceive you into denying the Godhead. To deny one is to deny all. This is that spirit of Anti-Christ. **TAKE HEED LEST ANY MAN DECEIVE YOU.**

AS IT LOOKS FROM HERE

A pastor was asked how many people he had on his roll. He replied, "They are all on the roll. Some rolling out and others rolling in."

GIANTS! GIANTS!

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prayer each morning. Recently a call went out for prayer for the recovery of a relative who was near death's door. He was home in a few days. God give us GIANTS of Intercession, who will carry the burden until that day when every man's burdens drop at Jesus' feet!

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ed me out, but He has kept me out of it. Hallelujah! You can teach your sinning religion if you desire, but that gives praise to the devil and takes glory from the precious name of Jesus Christ. Power to become the sons of God is power to keep from sinning. Many religious people twist, warp and misconstrue the word of God and make it look like as though man has to sin no matter how many times he is transformed by the grace of God, but I believe the Bible teaches that there is no man under the sun who can keep from sinning in his natural state. (Rom. 3:23; Ps. 51:5; Titus 3:3; Rom. 3:12). But this is the man who has never been converted. The Apostle Paul on admonishing a group of people in their post-regenerated state had this to say: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid." (Rom. 6:1, 2.) See I John 5:14, John 8:34, I John 1:7, I Cor. 15:34 and I John 4:4.

The Adoption

"...to become the sons of God."

What glorious transformation! This should make every Christian praise the work of Christ more and more. "For ye have received the Spirit of adoption." (Rom. 8:15). How wonderful, how marvelous!

This certainly puts our modernists to task in their preaching of the Father-hood of God and the brother-hood of man. This text teaches that only those who receive Christ as Saviour are sons of God. Thousands are failing to preach the New Birth, and instead are propagating the doctrine that all are children of God. That is not so. God is a Holy God, and only through a Divine provision can we become His son. Christ is the way to God. It is the only acceptable grounds on which God receives sinful men.

This is an important relationship between the Father and the Christian. It is on the basis of our sonship that we come to Him in prayer and

praise. It is through this that we become joint heirs with Christ.

May God bear on the hearts of the ministry and Gospel workers to uphold the truths in this ungodly gainsaying age! One of these days at the sounding of the trumpet, we'll all be gathered from every nation who have received Christ and have been given power to become the sons of God.

CHRIST'S SIX LAST DAYS

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longs, the infidel can not say any longer that Jesus lied and the Bible contradicts itself by saying Jesus was crucified on Friday making Jesus in the heart of the earth only two days and nights.

But one more thing I wish to notice, Israel was to take up a lamb the 10th of Abib, this was the first month of a new year for Israel, Ex. 12:2, which was in the spring, while the first month of the old year was Tisri, which came in the fall. Notice they were to commence to count from the 10th, we do not know what day of the week it was of the old year. They were to kill the lamb the 14th. Here is four days, man's number. Then on the 15th the destroying angel killed the firstborn where the blood was not found; then God led Israel to Succoth where they camped that night, the 15th they camped at Etham and the 17th they came to the sea and the Lord opened the sea and they passed over. Three is the divine number and 4 plus 3 equals 7 which denotes completeness. So the 7th day after the lamb was taken up, God miraculously finished His work of delivering Israel from Egyptian bondage, and the day was to be kept as a sign of that event; Ezek. 29:12, 20; Ex. 31:13-17, also as a covenant, verse 16.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem the 10th, was crucified four days later on the 14th, rose the 17th three days after the crucifixion and seven days after He rode into Jerusalem which denotes completeness. When Jesus rose He completed or finished His work of redemption. On this day He was declared to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead, Rom. 1:4. On this day, the first day of the week the disciples were begotten again to a lively hope by His resurrection.

Around this day cluster all the hopes of a once lost, but now redeemed world. It was the resurrection that brought life! Memorable day! Glorious day! A day above all other days, a day that should stir the hearts of Christians and move sinners to repentance. No wonder the early church revered it because of what it stood for, the redemption of a lost world.

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ience, which has seasoned their lives and enriched their ministry, also given them many experiences which does not come through the reading of books?" For a moment I reasoned with self and God, and thanked Him for the new and added light, crawled from beneath the gourd of discouragement and praised God for new light which was a real uplift to my despondent heart. Since then my life has been enriched with many experiences which came about as a result of years of service in the Army of the Lord.

Oftentimes the sanctified babe in Christ becomes discouraged and goes down in defeat because he fails to take into consideration the fact that there is a Progressive Holiness. It takes years for a child to mature and become a man or woman.

Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians (I Cor. 13:11), "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

No father expects a six or eight year old child to do the work of a man. As a child grows it picks up strength and is able to carry more than just one or two pieces of wood or a half pail of water. He further expects the child after reaching a certain age to forget his marbles, wagon, tricycle and other toys, and help to shoulder some of the responsibility, and help support the home.

The basic thought in the Apostle's message is enlarging our spiritual borders, and adding to that which has been planted in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Failure is sure and certain if we fail to grow and abound in the graces mentioned in the text. Defeat is inevitable when virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity lack in a church, Peter tells us if these things abound in our lives we shall never fall. (Jude 20, 21, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.") The ministry of today is largely spent giving first aid to a weak, sickly Church which has become dwarfed as a result of failing to

grow and abound in the love and knowledge of God.

1. One of the first establishing graces which has served to fortify the Church against Apostasy and establish them in Holiness is *Virtue*. One writer said virtue is real bull-dog courage which never lets go. It makes you brave enough to fight a regiment of devils. Since you have to hew your way every step to the Celestial City.

2. *Knowledge* is the second addition in this Christian grace which is insight into divine truth. God provided the Holy Spirit to teach and instruct the Church how to combat and overcome the evils of this world. (II Cor. 4:3, "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.")

3. *Temperance*. Love in self control. It means self government in harmony with the will of God, or practical Holiness. Temperance enables us to abstain from everything that is not for the glory of God.

4. *Patience*. Let patience have her perfect work. Without perfect patience you cannot keep your experience, as impatience leads to hasty decisions and defeat, and robs the soul of its spiritual sweetness.

5. *Godliness or Godlikeness*. It was the Godlikeness in the disciples at Antioch that caused spectators and on-lookers to call the followers of Jesus Christians. They relived and reproduced the Christlife.

6. *Brotherly kindness*. This word is "philia" in the Greek and infers mutual love of all mankind. Where brotherly love and kindness abound there will always be fellowship and communion with God.

7. *Charity*. Holiness of heart, which climaxes and seals the heart and convinces the ungodly of our relationship to Him.

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