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## *God Is Justified in Christ*

WE speak of the wondrous love of Christ to us in suffering to make an atonement. Let us not forget the great love of righteousness which He also manifested in satisfying the demands of the law. God would never save us at the expense of righteousness. And herein the atonement manifests increased beauty; more beautiful also appears to us the character of God.

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“TEN thousand human beings are born and ten thousand die weeping and wailing betwixt each sunrise and sunset; and many, oh, how many! are claimed by the angels of perdition as their quarry; for, transient as their earthly life has been, they have found ways and means to forfeit an eternity of bliss therein!

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## *A Long Sleep*

A MAN in Michigan took ten sleeping pills one night, and then settled down for a nice, long snooze. When he woke up three days later, he found severe burns on his hands, his face and his feet.

Deputy Sheriff Laman said that the man had apparently fallen against his cabin stove while walking in his sleep, and then went back to bed without waking up. This was evidently the only thing that could have happened, since he was burned so badly when he was all alone.

And many unsaved people are just about like him, walking around in their sleep. They may be awake physically, but spiritually they are fast asleep. Now and then they may come in contact with a real Christian, someone who is on fire for God. But strange to say, the Christian does not make much impression on him, and he is not

awakened to his lost condition and his need of the Saviour.

This man was so full of dope from the sleeping pills that even a hot stove could not awaken him. Likewise the sinner is kept so soundly asleep by the devil that sometimes a red-hot Christian does not seem to make much impression. Some Christians today are not so hot anyway, they are only lukewarm, and you cannot expect them to wake up anyone. God's precious Word does have the power to wake people up, for it is like a hammer, a fire, a sword. (See Jeremiah 23:29; Hebrews 4:12). But if people will not listen to it and believe it and let it awaken them and lead them to the Saviour; the only alternative they have left is to be awakened some day by eternal fire, when it is at last too late to escape it (Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:15).

# FLASHES



By the Editor

## "Hello, Chaplain"

I looked, and there was a boy I had known when he was a little fellow. He came from my home town. I knew him very well.

"Hello Dick," I said, "How are you?"

"Oh," he replied, "Chaplain, look at that; I'm pretty good. I'm not shaking much now. I can practically hold my hand steady."

"Will you be out in a short time?" I asked.

"Yes, I think I will," he said. "I'm awfully glad you came in. I

want to show you a picture of my girl."

These fellows love to show you their pictures of their girls and talk to you about them. This lad put his hand in his pockets to get out the picture of his girl. He didn't know exactly where it was. Anyway, while he was fumbling around in his pockets, he pulled out a New Testament. He threw it on the bed beside him rather casually and said:

"Well, Chaplain, that is what pulled me through."

Now you can figure that one out yourselves. It wasn't the book; the book didn't stop a bullet. We have heard of that happening, but that was not what happened in this case. He threw this mud-stained book on the bed and said, "Chaplain, that is what pulled me through."

—Chaplain H. E. P. Pressey,  
in *Bible Society Record*.

## Too Personal

Fire Chief J. B. Camuenz, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, asked a friend, Special Officer Jack Bowers, to sit in for him during his lunch hour. But Officer Bowers complained that this job was "too hard on the nerves."

They received only one fire call during the hour—but it was Bowers' own home which was on

fire, and this is what made it so nerve-racking. Volunteer firemen confined the damage to one room.

And this indicates the reason why so few people are saved—because the matter is too personal. Tell them about someone else being lost and on the way to hell, and it does not bother them much. But tell them they are in danger of hell-fire themselves and they can't take it.

An old drunkard once told me that he wanted to be saved, and I suggested that we talk to the Lord about it. But when he undertook to pray himself, he never confessed his sin or his need of a Saviour. He asked God to save all the other poor sinners, but he never admitted that he needed to be saved himself. So he was not saved, and you will never be saved yourself until you realize you are lost and on the way to hell.

### *His Business*

"Lady, you shouldn't park in the middle of the street," said one motorist to another one day in Champaign, Illinois.

"Mind your own business!" she replied.

So Lyle Jochim decided to take her advice and mind his own business, which, by the way, was arresting people; as he was a plain clothes policeman. And he gave her a ticket right there on the spot.

Likewise when we speak to people about getting right with God, we are sometimes told to mind our own business. And that is exactly what we are doing, for God has

told us to "*preach the gospel to every creature*" (Mark 16:15); and when we do this, we are minding our own business and God's business as well.

### *Wounded Again*

After taking part in three South Pacific invasions, Private Charles Smith came back to his home in Kansas to recuperate from the wounds he had received. Now, he figured, he would get some rest from dodging shrapnel.

But as he watched a power lawn mower at work in his front yard, the mower picked up an old spoon and hurled it with such power and accuracy that it penetrated the calf of Private Smith's leg; so that it was necessary to take him to the hospital for an operation to remove it.

"It's the same wherever you go," he said dejectedly, from the hospital bed.

Yes, it does not matter where you go, you are always a target for that enemy Death. He may have missed you so far, but the grim monster will catch up with you one of these days. You may escape him in a danger spot, and then have him catch up with you in your own bed, or in the most unexpected way.

The only wise thing to do is to "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12); and then it will not matter very much when you have to leave this world, or where, or how; for you know you are going "to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:23).



Scottish Loch

## *How God Saved*

### Charles Innes, Bible Teacher

I WAS born twice amongst the heather hills of Banffshire, Scotland. My earliest spiritual impression were received from a godly mother. I was also blessed with a converted Sunday-school teacher, belonging to the Free Church of Scotland, who weekly in the old schoolhouse used to tell me of the Good Shepherd Who died on the Cross of Calvary to save guilty sinners like me. How we used to sing so heartily in the home and in the Sunday school such good old hymns as "Jesus Loves Me," "When He Cometh," and others! Over sixty-five years have passed and

gone, but the memory of those youthful days and those early impressions remain.

Passionately fond of sport and play, I thought and cared little about eternal verities, and passed on my careless way. My mother, a devoted Christian, was much given to hospitality, and many of the Lord's servants were entertained under her kindly roof. Some of those "tramp preachers," as they were nicknamed, ever on the alert for souls, would get me alone, and oftentimes in serious monotone, characteristic of the North of Scotland, ask me if I were saved,

a question which always made me uncomfortable and which I resented. As far as possible I shunned those good men and endeavored to forget my latter end. I am convinced, however, that God's eye was ever on me for good.

It so happened that there came into our home each month certain Christian magazines suitable for old and young. In the year 1879 there appeared in one of those magazines a prophetic announcement that the Lord would return in the year 1881, and whilst my mother did not believe in the fixing of the date of that great event, she used the announcement as an occasion for reminding me and others of the certainty of the Lord's return and the necessity of being ready when He comes. I must admit I felt a bit uneasy at the prospect of Christ's return, but did my best to hide my concern by assuming an air of indifference, and all the while continued to drink at the world's broken cisterns of folly and pleasure.

Being a member of a Christian home, I was oftentimes thrown into the company of Christian people, whose topic of conversation was the Coming of the Lord; a subject which at that time was largely engaging the minds of many of the Lord's people. While it was believed by the majority that it was quite unscriptural to fix the date of Christ's return, there was no doubt as to the certainty of the event, which might take place at any moment. I was a silent but interested listener to those conversations, which stirred my soul and caused me consider-

able concern. I knew that our Lord would return for His own people, and as I was still a Christ-rejecter I would be among the number who would be left for righteous judgment and eternal doom. I had read that my sins deserved eternal death; but mother lovingly pointed out to me from John 3:16 and other Scriptures that God had so loved me that He had sent His only begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary for sinners like me.

On the evening of that eventful day mother took me to a cottage meeting two miles away, where a few folks had gathered to listen to the Gospel message. Satan is always anxious to divert the mind from eternal things, and it so happened that a very old Bible had been put into my hands with so old-fashioned type that the "S's" were shown as "f's," thus the opening of the 23rd Psalm read, "The Lord if my fhepherd, I fhall not want." This to me was a curio, and kept my mind occupied during the preaching. The preacher's home being in the same direction as ours, we had to walk a part of the way together, and my mother having given him the hint that I was anxious about my soul, he engaged me in conversation, and very simply put the Gospel story before me, but I was still without light. During the last part of my journey home, I was left to my own meditations. In order to reach home mother and I had to pass through a small gate, and as I stepped forward to open it I seemed to hear an inward voice

say, "For whom did Christ die?" I said to myself, "He died for sinners." Then again the voice seemed to reply, "You are a sinner, and if Christ died for sinners, did He not die for you?" "Yes," I inwardly replied. "He died for Me." And immediately the light of salvation dawned, and the peace of God that comes as the result of the knowledge of sins forgiven entered my soul. I was saved and I knew it. Ignorant of the experience through which at that moment I was passing my mother

before entering the house asked me the straight question, "Are you saved yet?" Through the grace and mercy of God, I was able to answer, "Yes, mother, I now know my sins are forgiven."

During my sixty-five years' experience of the Christian life there has been much failure on my part, but the Lord has never once proved unfaithful to me. He is "the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." "He is a Friend who sticketh closer than a brother." Make His acquaintance now. C. I.

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# I Know

*W. B. Mackie*

IT is quite a common thing these days to hear someone say to a friend, "What do you know?" Of course, the question is asked more or less in a "matter of fact" way and no special attempt is made to answer it. But suppose someone came to you and, asking the same question, demanded some scriptural answers. What would your answers be? Well, this thought came to me some time ago and I sought out some answers which I believe every child of God should be able to give.

Romans 7:18: "I know that in me—there dwelleth no good thing."

This tells me of MY RUIN. I am sure this verse is one that kills the pride in the heart of any man and leaves him without a word to say in his own defense. Man tries

to make himself believe that there is some good hidden away in his heart and all that is required is a little religious fanning, and the flame of goodness will manifest itself. I prefer to believe the Word of God on this score, because there is no one who knows better than the Creator Himself. "the heart is deceitful above all things and incurably wicked." But, notice who was writing the words of this text in Romans 7:18. Yes, it was Paul, and he was writing this AFTER his conversion. You may disagree with what is written but it will never alter the fact that, "In our flesh there dwelleth no good thing." When a person is "saved" it means that a "new nature" is given to him and now he finds he has a war going on within.

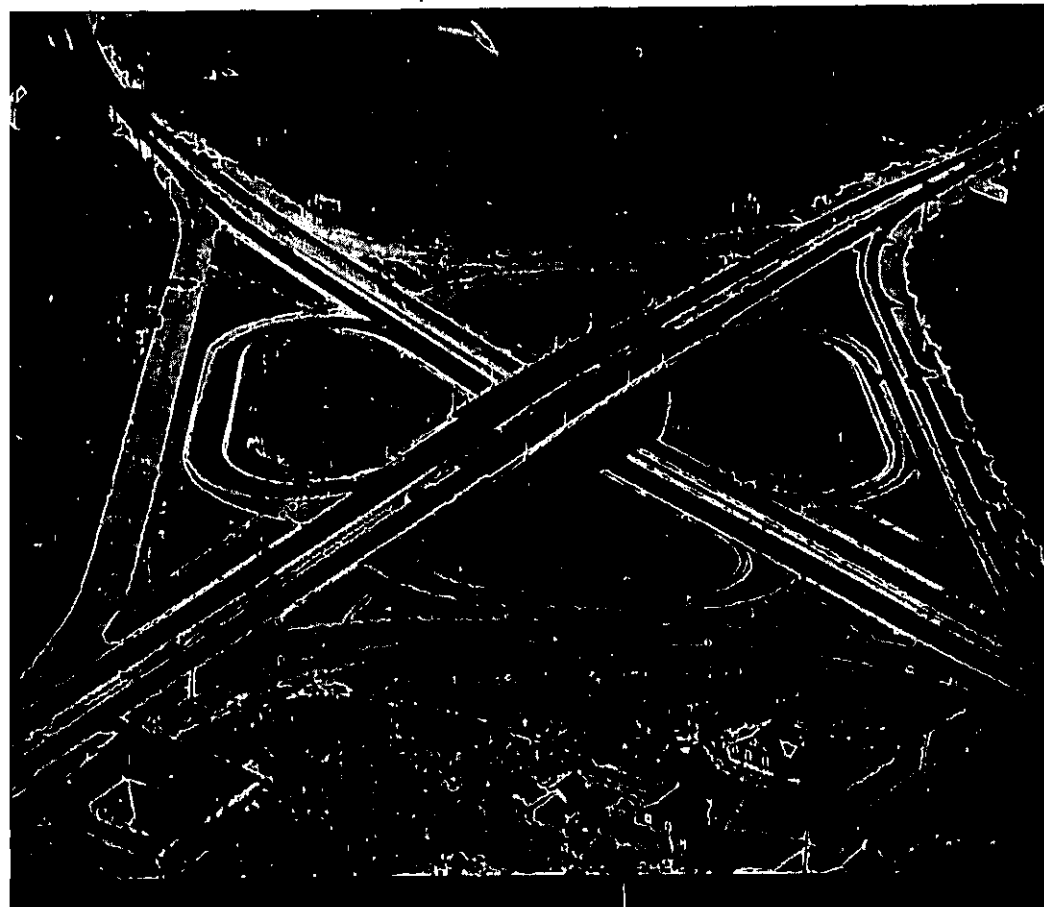


The "old self" desires the things of the old life and the "new" has desires after the things of God. This is the reason why some "converts" get so readily discouraged in the Christian experience, because they have learned that when they are saved the old heart is taken out and a new one put in its place. O, no, we must ever remember the word of our blessed Lord and Savior: "That which is born of the FLESH is flesh; and that which is born of the SPIRIT is spirit" (John 3:6). Does that mean that I must live a life of

sin, even as a Christian? NO! If you care to read in Galatians 5:16 you will get the secret to a successful Christian life.

II Timothy 1:12: "I know whom I have believed."

This speaks of MY REFUGE. If you were to ask a dozen people what they were depending on to get to Heaven you would receive a dozen different answers. Paul was very confident and he had good reason to be, because he was depending on the only One who could give him assurance. Notice, Paul did not say, "I know



*what* I have believed." No, he wasn't relying on some creed. Nor did he say, "I know *when* I have believed." That is nice to know but not necessary. Paul was not depending on a past experience; he was depending solely on a PERSON whom he had come to know. Can you say, "I know WHOM I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto HIM against that day?" Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

I Peter 1:18: "I know that I have not been redeemed — with silver nor gold."

This speaks of MY REDEMPTION. How blessed to know that you have been redeemed and that the price paid will never lose its value. Silver and gold speak of the most that man can give, but in the case of your redemption and mine it was essential for something of more value. "No man could redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him." Man couldn't produce nor provide the price required. "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." God made it very plain in the Old Testament that the way of forgiveness was by blood. All the sacrifices on the altars spoke of the one perfect sacrifice that would come and that was the reason God was so careful in His advising of the people of old in their choosing of the animal to be offered. So we read in Hebrews 10:1, "For the law having a *shadow* of good things to come could

never with those sacrifices take away sin." When Christ appeared on the banks of the Jordan, John could point to Him and say, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

Redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, nothing else could ever save my soul

Redeemed by the blood, the precious blood. 'Tis the blood of Christ that makes me whole.

Job 19:25: "I know that my redeemer liveth . . ."

This speaks of MY REPRESENTATIVE. Sometimes when a person dies there are family feuds caused by the greed of some in trying to get the estate. Let us suppose that it was possible for that person to come back from the dead. What do you think would happen? Why he would see that justice was done and that all would get their share. My Savior died, and in dying He obtained eternal redemption for me. But my Savior rose from among the dead and ascended to the right hand of God and now He lives in the power of an endless life. Death no more can touch Him, and because He lives I can be assured that all that He purchased for me at Calvary will be given to me. No other religion can make this claim because their founders died and death terminated what little power they had. Christ on the tree procured PARDON; Christ on the throne provides POWER. How happy we Christians should be when we KNOW that the One who died to redeem now lives to represent us before the face of God. "He

being tempted, knows how to succor us who are tempted."

Romans 8:28: "For we know that all things work together for good . . ."

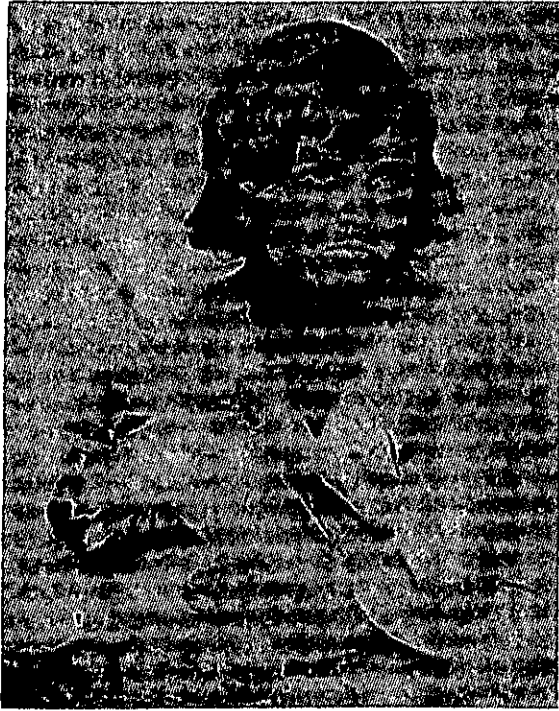
This speaks of my RELIEF. Here is one of the most blessed things to know, because it is the surest antidote for worry under the sun. How often this verse is written to encourage someone passing through severe trials and how easy it is to write it; but do we really believe it? I sometimes think that more attention should be paid to the latter part of this verse. "To them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." We often apply this verse (first part) to circumstances and conditions which are the result of our own willfulness and sin. Now we can't say they are for our good. No, it has been

proved time and again that sin in the Christian's experience brings its troubles and is a dishonor to the name of Christ. Let us so live that we are always in His divine will and purpose. Then we can truthfully claim Romans 8:28.

II Corinthians 5:1: "For we know that if our earthly house were dissolved, we have a building of God . . . eternal in the heavens.

This speaks of MY RELEASE. Paul was a tent maker and probably lived in a tent quite a lot. I believe this is what he refers to here; our bodies are just like tents, but some day we shall leave this tent to receive a better dwelling place—we shall have a glorified body like our Lord's. What a blessed thing it is to be saved, to know all your sins are gone, the past is settled, the present safe, and the future secure.





## The Fight Begins

*C. D. Carter*

**T**HE most modern thing about Modernism is the name. Actually, the first man born into the world was a Modernist in the accepted sense of the word. He started the fight between Modernism and Fundamentalism, and it has been raging back and forth ever since.

"In the process of time," we read, "it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord" (Gen. 4:3).

Cain was evidently the religi-

ous leader of his day, for he is the first one we read about who brings an offering to the Lord. And many of the religious leaders today are Modernists. Cain brought to the Lord the fruits of his own labors for an offering.

No doubt, inspired by the zeal of his brother, Abel also brought an offering to the Lord "of the firstlings of his flock." There can be no doubt that Abel learned from his father Adam that the only way of approach to God was by a bloody sacrifice. And we read

that, "The Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not 'respect'" (Gen 4:4-5).

The Lord undoubtedly showed His acceptance of the offering by consuming it with fire from Heaven, as was the case at other times. (See Judges 6:21; I Kings 18:38). But "Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell" (Gen. 4:5).

### *Why Was He Angry?*

"Why art thou wroth?" the Lord asked him, "And why is thy countenance fallen? Is there not, if thou doest well, acceptance? And if thou doest not well, at the opening a sin-offering is crouching, and unto thee its desire, and thou rulest over it" (vs. 7, Young).

Cain must have know better than to bring the fruits of the ground as an offering to the Lord. Possibly he did not like the idea of a bloody sacrifice, and he thought the fruit was much more attractive to everybody. But God reminds him again that a sacrifice is required for his sin; and He tells him that a sin-offering, possibly a little lamb or goat, is that very moment crouching at his door; and that he can take it even now and offer it as a sin-offering as Abel had done.

But even after God spoke to him, he gave no heed. Like our present-day Modernists, they despise a bloody sacrifice, and they will not have it, although God tells them from Genesis to Revelation that without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. So "Cain talked with Abel his brother" (vs. 8). And what did they

say? It would be difficult to think of them discussing anything else but their respective sacrifices and their acceptance with God. So this was undoubtedly the first debate between the Modernists and the Fundamentalists. We can imagine Abel saying:

"Now brother, you know that when our parents had sinned, God had to sacrifice two animals for them, and He made coats of their skins with which to cover them. And our father has told us more than once that now we have sinned, the only way we can find acceptance with God is by a blood sacrifice."

"The whole idea is repulsive to me," returns Cain, "and frankly, I cannot see how the lamb's blood can be of any more value after it is shed, than it was while flowing through the lamb's veins. I think it is a slaughter-house religion, that's what, and it is most shocking to one's finer sensibilities."

"But it is God's way," pleaded his brother Abel, "and that is what matters most. For after we have sinned against God, we undoubtedly deserve to die for our sins, and when we offer a little lamb, the lamb dies in our place."

### *Blind Modernist*

"I just can't see it. But look over there at my offering. Now isn't that the finest lot of fruit you have ever seen? Why wouldn't God like them just as well, or even better than your own bloody lamb, I ask you?"

"It is not God's way, that's all," said Abel, with a troubled expression. "It seems to me that when

God says a sacrifice is required for our sins, the only wise thing to do is to believe it and offer a sacrifice if we want to be forgiven. So brother, why not take that little lamb lying there at your door, and offer it, as I did, on the altar; and God will accept it for your sins, and you will be forgiven."

A look of unspeakable hatred came over Cain's face.

"Now don't you go preaching to me and telling me what I ought to do," he said, as he tried to control himself. "I still can't see it, and I don't want to hear any more about it! I do not intend to offer up any bloody sacrifice, and I want you to know it. If God is not pleased with all those fine fruits, I am not going to offer anything else. I don't care for

your old bloody religion! It is a religion of the shambles. And I am sick of the whole thing, so don't you dare mention it to me again."

Then Cain "saith unto Abel his brother, 'Let us go into the field,' and it cometh to pass in their being in the field, that Cain riseth up against Abel his brother, and slayeth him" (Gen. 4:8, Young). And so ended the argument between this Modernist and this Fundamentalist.

God describes the Modernists in the book of Jude, and He says, "Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain . . . These are raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 8-16).

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## *Saved at the Cemetery*

*C. D. Carter*

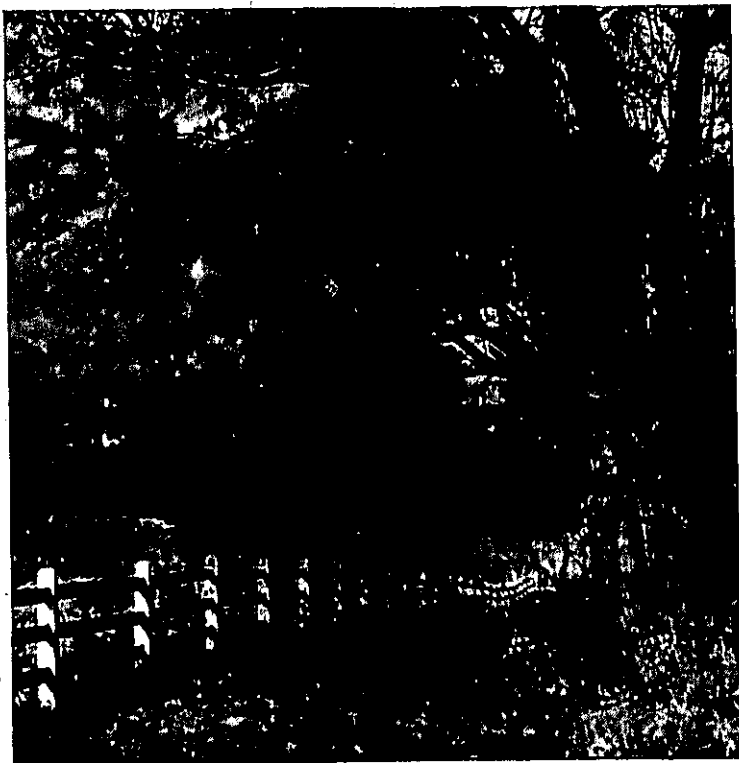
IT is really amazing to learn how well some one can understand the gospel without being saved themselves.

Thousands have been saved through John 3:16; and yet multitudes of others have read this wonderful verse and memorized it, and they can even quote it to you: but they are not saved, because they have never applied it to their own personal need.

Undoubtedly the majority of people in this land believe the facts of the gospel—how that Christ

died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. But these facts mean little or nothing to them personally. For they are not saved, they don't know how to be saved, and they manifest very little concern about the matter. You may have a wonderful knowledge of God's Word without applying its truths to your own heart. But the gospel of Christ can do you no good until it is personally applied.

Not long ago, a certain man was deeply concerned about his soul, and each night found him at the



mourner's bench of a Salvation Army Hall, seeking to be saved. He kept on seeking and praying, night after night, but he had no peace or assurance that his sins were forgiven. Rather, he became more troubled as time went on, until he felt that he was the most miserable creature on earth.

#### *Two Booklets*

After this, two other evangelists came along and began preaching the gospel at this place. They gave him the two best known gospel booklets in the world, "God's Way of Salvation" by Alex

Marshall, and "Safety, Certainty, and Enjoyment" by George Cutting.

Thousands of souls have been saved through these booklets; but although he read them carefully, he did not get saved. He said that they were as plain as daylight to him, yet he couldn't realize faith. Now his appetite for food was gone, and he could not sleep at night. So he lay awake most of the time, reading his Bible and seeking to be saved. During the day, he would go wherever there were crowds of people, hoping to shake off his conviction.

## A New Grave

One day he left home and was making his way down to the beach. As he passed the edge of a cemetery, he noticed a fresh grave there. This new grave seemed to speak volumes to him as he stood there, almost rooted to the spot. He pictured himself lying there in that grave, with his soul already in hell. He became so greatly troubled about his lost condition that he looked up to heaven and cried out to God:

"Oh my God, show me how to be saved!" Immediately a voice spoke to him and said, "Only believe what Christ has done for you."

He did not take it in; so he cried out to God again in deep distress, "Show me how to be saved!" And again the voice spoke to him, and said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." He failed to grasp it this time, so looking up to heaven once more, he cried out brokenly, with tears streaming from his eyes, "Oh God, show me how to be saved!" And once more the voice spoke to him and said:

"You only have to believe what Christ has done for you on the cross." And that moment he saw it and believed, and he was gloriously saved.

### Are You Anxious?

Are you anxious to be saved, dear friend? Then you can be saved as this man was—by believing with your heart *what Christ has already done for you on the cross*. You do not have to

suffer for weeks and months under such deep conviction of sin that you can neither eat nor sleep. Neither do you need to go around crying aloud to God to show you how to be saved.

If God should answer you from heaven in an audible voice so loud that all the world could hear, He would not have anything to say except what He *has already said to you in His written Word*—the Bible. So what good would it do if God did speak aloud to you? If you will not listen to His written Word and accept that, neither would you listen and accept it if He spoke audibly to you from Heaven.

### The Work Is Finished

This man already understood the gospel, but he had not definitely trusted in the finished work of Christ for his salvation. And if you desire to be saved, you must do just that. *Trust what Christ has done for you on the cross*, and you will be saved. For it is the crosswork of Christ that puts your sins away, and they will be put away the moment you really trust in that great work.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18). There was no other way for us to be saved from hell, except that He Himself should take our place and suffer for us. So He willingly went to the cross and "bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:24); and there he completed the work for our salvation.



# BRIDGING THE GAP

H. K. Downie

The war in Europe has been brought to a victorious conclusion by the total defeat of Germany, and Japan. Now the peace will have to be won and that is not going to be an easy task. There will be an enormously difficult transition period. Service men from all branches of the armed services will be changing over from Army to civilian life and they are going to find it difficult to re-adjust themselves to their former way of living. Many of them will never be quite the same again. Factories that have been engaged in war work will be switching over to the production of goods of which there is a great scarcity and for which there will be a great demand. Many people who have been engaged in war work and have been making good wages will be laid off; and they are not going to take kindly to the stoppage of their pay checks. Strikes, of which there have been many during the war are bound to increase when war production ceases and war restrictions are lifted. The change-over period is bound to be a very trying one and it is to be hoped that there will not be very serious trouble.

This gap between war and peace which must be bridged reminds us of another great gap that can only be spanned in one way. It is that between *death and life*. It is found in Romans 6:23: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift

of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord." Here we have two scenes: one of death and desolation, and the other of life and beauty. How can we pass from the one to the other? Through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the *only* way from death to life. There is no other bridge. He Himself said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth MY word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Nothing could be more simple than that. The Word of God enters into the heart through the ear, and, received in faith, brings the recipient out of a state of death into one of life. Life is possessed and enjoyed, and the future is guaranteed. "Shall not come into judgment." Or, it may be that instead of the Word of God reaching the heart through the ear, it may reach the heart through the eye. Perhaps as you are reading this little Gospel magazine in which the way of salvation is clearly described, the Word of God may be going through eye-gate to heart-gate. You can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ here and now, and in doing so receive the gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The gap between death and life can be bridged *now* but there is a day coming when there will be

no possibility of doing so. We learn this from the story of the rich man and Lazarus in which Abraham says to the rich man, "And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:26).

Once the boundary line between time and eternity is crossed the destiny of everyone is irrevocably

fixed. Those who are saved can never be lost and those who are lost can never be saved. There is no way from the Lake of Fire to Heaven, or from Heaven to the Lake of Fire. Therefore the choice which fixes the eternal destiny should be well and wisely made. We should choose life and not death: blessing and not cursing: Christ and not the world: salvation and not sin. What will your choice be?

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## *A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever*

James Brown

THE above is not merely a poetic effusion, but while it is true poetry, it is also a statement of fact made many years ago. There are three words in that sentence which should arrest and command attention, viz., BEAUTY—JOY—FOREVER. Beauty may be articulate or inarticulate. It may fill the vision, or be given a passing glance. It may be observed when the fires of oratory burn, or it may be seen in the stream as it flows gently down the mountainside. Joy may be defined as exulting happiness begotten by the apprehension of that which is articulated by the "Golden Voice" of the orator, or the murmuring of the pellucid stream. Joy is not mere ebullition which appears like a bubble for a moment, then vanishes, but true joy is deep-seated, permanent, and is aptly described by that word FOREVER.

### *A Thing of Beauty was Envisioned*

One fine summer's day fourteen years ago, a man named Walter E. Olson was standing, gazing in wonderment and intensity at the beauty of the Ontonagon Waterfalls in northern Michigan, when the thought occurred to him that a similar scene could be reproduced in Chicago, Illinois. Thus a thing of beauty was envisioned, and as Mr. Walter E. Olson had the location in mind as well as the means at his disposal, action on the matter was taken. Plans were formulated, material secured, and work on the project commenced.

### *An Opportune Time had Arrived*

The great depression which came along in the years 1931, 1932, and 1933 suggested to Mr. Walter E. Olson that an opportune time had arrived for the realization of his "Day-Dream"—when he would

at one and the same time be providing work for the men employed by the Olson Rug Company, who would otherwise have to be content with shorter working hours. At the end of the first year the waterfalls had reached a height of three feet, and the attention of a large number of people was attracted to the scene. Doubtless their curiosity was aroused by the activity of the workers. Each succeeding year saw an increase in the height of the waterfalls until the present height of thirty-five feet (higher than a three-story building) had been attained.

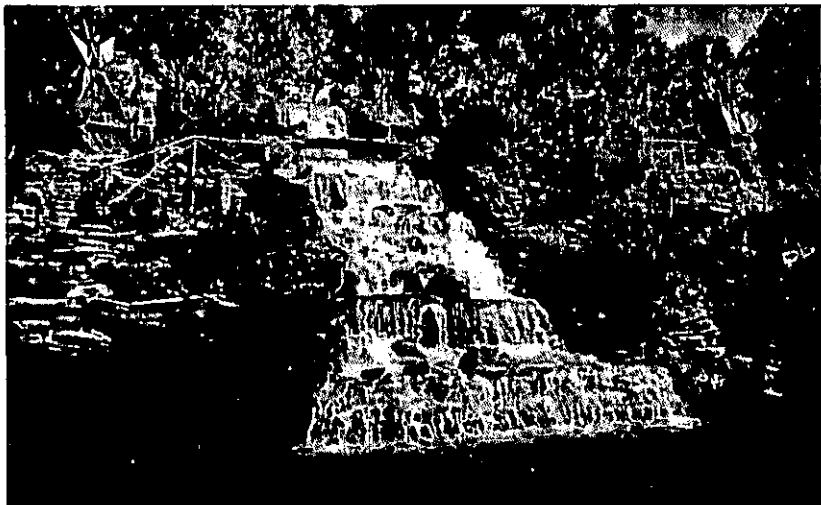
#### *Behold the Grandeur of the Waterfalls*

At Diversey Avenue and Pulaski Road where the waterfalls and rock-gardens are located, there is much activity occasioned by thousands of visitors who are attracted daily to behold the grandeur of

the waterfalls and the scenic beauty of the surroundings. Little wonder visitors who have heard of it travel great distances to view this sight, remark about its beauty, and then return to their homes with a deeper realization that a thing of beauty is a joy forever.

#### *The Lord God Planted a Garden*

Almost sixty centuries ago the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. In this garden the federal head of the human race was put, with instructions to dress it and keep it. Dimensions are not given, but it may be safely assumed that the garden was quite large, seeing a river went out from Eden to water the garden; and the fact that every species of tree good for food was to be seen in it. There was one command



given in the following words: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof"—dying thou shalt die.

#### *A Four-Fold Statement*

The sinister form of the evil one entered the fair scene, and gaining the ear of the woman, he sought to cast aspersions on the character of God; eventually leading her to distrust God. He approached her with a question—"Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" In reply the woman said that they were not to partake of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden: whereupon the devil implied that God was withholding something from them that would be to their advantage to have, and in doing so the devil made a four-fold statement as follows: Ye shall not surely die; your eyes shall be opened; ye shall be as the Triune God, knowing good and evil.

#### *Driven from the Garden*

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the forbidden fruit (not necessarily an apple), and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her: and he did eat. Thus they gained the knowledge of good—without obtaining the power to do good;

and they acquired the knowledge of evil—without possession of the power to resist evil. In order to preclude the possibility of their partaking of the "TREE OF LIFE," and thereby living forever in alienation from God, they were driven from the garden, and were shut out from what was a thing of beauty that might have been a joy forever. The Lord God provided the progenitors of the human race with ample clothing in the coats of skins He made for them; and in doing so illustrated the method by which Adam and Eve and all their posterity could approach God.

#### *The Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ*

From that time until the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ upon this earth, innumerable sacrifices for sin were offered to God, but when Jesus Christ through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without Women's Corner spot to God—that sacrifice, in *its solitary dignity*, was alone sufficient to meet the requirements of God, and also the need of every sinner who would confess his guilt before a THRICE HOLY GOD. If the reader acknowledges his true condition before God, and receives the Lord Jesus as his Saviour, then shall his sins be pardoned, peace shall be his, and he will be taken ultimately to HEAVEN — that place of beauty where joy remains forever.

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#### *Readers Write*

I think Faithful Words is the best Gospel Magazine as it is so attractive and yet so faithful to the Gospel! The Gospel weaves around current events.

## "That Crazy Preacher"

HE was a religious man, and he firmly believed that if he lived a good moral life, was faithful in his religious duties, and did all the good works that he could; that he would go to Heaven.

One night he decided to drop in and hear a new preacher that he had never heard before. This preacher took his text from John 19:30, "It is finished." He went on to show that Christ had finished the work for salvation when He died on the cross.

Salvation was not a matter of good works, he told them, because it is "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5). He pressed home the truth that neither morality, religion, or good works would save or even help to save your soul; for by dying for our sins, Christ finished the work for our salvation when he hung there on Calvary's cross. And now salvation is free—without money, good works, religion or anything else—to all who will accept it as a gift.

As the sermon continued, this man began to squirm and fidget in an alarming manner. Why had he come in to hear this crazy preacher anyway, he wondered. He ought to have stayed at home. He did not believe what the preacher was saying, as it was contrary to everything he believed. He felt like jumping up and contradicting this preacher to his face! He continued to squirm and fidget until

he became so angry he could contain himself no longer.

So he finally jumped to his feet and rushed out into the street, literally boiling with rage. How others could sit there and listen to this crazy preacher was more than he could understand. As he left the meeting, he observed a lone woman passing the church.

"That preacher is crazy!" he fairly exploded, addressing himself to the passing woman. He wanted to tell the preacher what he thought, but failing to do that, he must tell somebody.

"I tell you he is crazy to preach that stuff! It makes me mad! Why the crazy man is preaching that people cannot be saved by their good works at all. He says that Christ finished the work for us when He died on the cross, and that all you have to do to be saved now is to just believe it and trust in His finished work for us!"

The astonished woman stopped in her tracks at this outburst.

"Why that is the first time I have ever heard that in my life!" she exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!"

And as she stood there in front of the church, she grasped God's great salvation for the first time, definitely trusting in the finished work of Christ and receiving Him as her personal Saviour. And she went on her way rejoicing in her newly-found Saviour; while the man in his rage was still fuming about the preacher who had told him the truth. C. D. Carter.

# The Women's Corner

WREN THOMAS



**I**N closing last month we were looking at the eternal security of the believer. The fact that a child of God is kept is God's work. His promise is, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:28).

God looks at the sinner to see if the blood has been applied. The Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, . . . And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the house, wherein they shall eat it" (Exod. 12:1, 7). The Israelites were instructed to be inside the house, feeding upon the roast lamb (Christ), for the Lord was to pass through that night, executing judgment. Faith as to the efficacy of the blood of Christ makes of the partaker a purged worshiper. The sinner must see Christ sufficient to God for His need, "by the which (bringing in of a better hope) we

draw nigh unto God" (Heb. 7:19).

The Israelites were to be on the inside to be safe from judgment (we enter in through faith in Him, who said, "I am the door"); the blood on the outside was to be to them a token of safety, and a mark to God, indicating its redeeming power (through God and His Word always agree), for He said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." And it is so with the believer today. God sees the blood, when there is reference to judgment upon his sins. But the Christian should feed upon the Bread of Life to gain strength for a healthy, happy spiritual life here below.

The woman in Luke 8:43-48 only touched the hem of His garment to be made whole. But in that touch we behold one seeking a cure for her need and reaching in faith (though but a touch) to the Son of God, the potent One. The sinner must contact Christ,

for virtue is in Him. "Christ died for sinners." It is enough: I am a sinner, then Christ died for me. Faith appropriates the work of Christ in behalf of his own soul's need.

He in touch with God can reach  
to man,  
He that mighty gulf between can  
span;  
Come to God through Jesus, His  
dear Son,  
Come to Him the meek and lowly  
One!

Last month we were speaking of pressures from the war brought to bear upon the lives of God's children. Oftimes the child of God asks, "Why does not God remove this thing that is so nearly crushing me?" Why do we press a rose? The answer is to preserve it. And God permits pressures in the lives of His children to preserve us. God does not mean that His testings for us destroy us, but through their refining power, He means that they make us, and make us like Him. The trials of the way are used of God to perfect the keeping of His saints. He gives more grace in trial that we may lie still beneath the pressure that He has so knowingly and lovingly brought to bear upon us.

Once deliberating upon my life in the light of God's Word to find that it fell short of the higher life He is able to give, I began to excuse myself, supposing for a moment this supreme life was not for me. There were too many weights pressing against me that kept me from rising to the heights, the full enjoyment of all spiritual blessing. How could I be freed of impatience

in my surroundings? Yet, I remembered His Word said, "Tribulation worketh patience." There were other things, too, faults that I excused myself in their practice; but God's voice came to me, "Be ye perfect." At that moment a decided and forceful glimpse from the Spirit enabled me to gather these "little foxes" into one bundle and put them over against the power of God. Pressures that had been keeping me down, I saw objectively and from God's point of view; and a surge of joyful anticipation filled my soul, as I saw them all already crushed beneath His power. My enemies were God's care; my business was to keep in His presence. Again a dagger of fear struck at my heart, as the need of being kept always near to my Lord overwhelmed me. But, I remembered that He was to keep me; and by means of the pressures God had brought to bear upon my life, He was keeping me! It was His skilled hand alone that permitted aught that weighed to touch me; and that, in order to lift me up to Himself.

Pressed so near His own dear heart,  
Words bespeak the Saviour's love;  
Killing, they then life impart,  
Life eternal from above.

Pressed to know no help but God!  
Creature trust hath not availed;  
Idols crushed that we have had,  
All save God alone hath failed.

Pressed until some promise claimed,  
Brings the needed help that's  
sought,  
When His Word in faith is named,  
Enough to own the victory  
wrought.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

UNCLE ALBERT

## Dying of Thirst

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our question for this month is, Whose thirst was greatest in God's Word? Thirst is a terrible thing. Many have experienced it in world War II. Shipwrecked, floating helplessly on in rubber boats, water everywhere but not a drop to drink. Or perhaps cast upon some tiny lonely isle, a barren waste and no water. The body is seventy-six percent water, that is why it cries out for the same when such is denied. Men and women have gone mad through thirst. A traveller whose automobile stalled recently in one of the California deserts became a dehydrated being in a short while during his futile search for water under the blazing sun and the terrific temperature. When found near his automobile three days later he was just like an Egyptian mummy. The body cannot live without water. It will soon dry up and decay if such is withheld for too long a time.

Water is even more necessary for the *soul*. If the soul fails to quench its thirst at the Fountain of Living Waters, the Lord Jesus, it will have an eternal thirst that nothing can quench. Remember the awful thirst of the one time rich man in hell. Be sure dear boys and girls you never go to that awful place of torment. Science today has devised means whereby the water of the ocean can be distilled

and robbed of its salt content and made fit to drink. But science will never be able to change the environment of the lost in hell, to the extent of quenching the thirst of those who enter there. God loves you, Christ died for you, you need not go there, but your best and only protection is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Do it now, for who knows, tomorrow may be too late. A few years ago as I was about to preach the gospel in a certain California Assembly, a boy of eleven years of age sided up to me. His parents were both Christians. I could tell by the look in his eyes that he was desirous of being saved. The meeting was ready to start so I told him to sit by himself away at the front to listen carefully and I said God may save you tonight while the meeting is going on.

I was led to speak on the Words of Christ on the last great day of the Feast. Jesus stood and cried, saying "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." At the close of the meeting this young boy came to me and said that he had drunk and now lived. He has lived to prove that his soul thirst was quenched that night of many years ago. Sin caused his thirst and the Saviour quenched it. The Lord Jesus suffered thirst upon the cross and all He received



was vinegar to drink. His tongue cleaved to the roof of His mouth. His terrible sufferings at the hand of God on account of our sins and to save us from an eternal thirst are recorded in Psalm 22; Isaiah 53 and in the latter chapters of the four Gospels. Read them all very slowly and carefully and may God quench your thirst if such has never taken place.

A ship was sailing in South American waters many years ago with not a drop of drinkable water aboard. The crew was in dire straits. Seeing another ship drawing near to them they hailed it with a request for water. Let your buckets down came back the reply. Upon doing so they found the water was fresh and drinkable.

They had been sailing where the water flowed into the ocean and all around them the water was fresh and they knew it not. Salvation to quench your thirst is so close all you have to do is to drink and live. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Believe, drink and live. May God help you in Christ's Name. Send in three answers at a time, addressing them to Dr. A. E. Hunt, 4022 N. E. Stanton, Portland 13, Oregon. Three correct answers earn a zipper Bible.



# Young Christians' Page

UNCLE ERNEST

## The Young Christian's Attitude towards the World

IT is very noticeable that on the evening of that last memorable day before the *Lord* was crucified, He should mention "the world" no less than nineteen times while talking to His beloved disciples after the Passover supper; and even still more remarkable that in His prayer that followed, recorded in John 17, He should again do so the same number of times! This surely shows us how very important it is for the young Christian to have clear thoughts about, and a right attitude to, a subject to which the *Lord Jesus* gave such prominence the very last night before He suffered on the cross.

In the first place let us be clear as to exactly what the word means, for there is no doubt that it is used in Scripture in more than one sense. When we read in Acts 17:24, "*God* that made the world," it is evident that this planet, "*the earth*," as in Genesis 1:1, is meant; but when we read, "*God* so loved the world," and "that the *Father* sent the *Son* to be the *Saviour* of the world" (John 3:16; 1 John 4:14), it is clearly the *people* of the world—mankind, that is meant. Again, when in Matthew 13:39 and 28:20, we read of "the end of the world," it is the end of *this age* or dispensation that is referred to; but very often in Scripture the word refers to that corporate sys-

*tem or organization* into which fallen man is born, and in which *community* unconverted people sociably live, seeking to be happy without *God*. It is that sphere dominated by Satan, of whom the *Lord Jesus* spoke as "the prince of this world" (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11); and who is also called "the god of this world" in 2 Corinthians 4:4; and "he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Indeed we read that "the whole world lieth in the evil one" (1 John 5:19, R.V.). The true character of the world is revealed in 1 John 2:16 where we are told that "all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the *Father*, but is of the world." Sensuality, pride and folly mark this present evil world (Rom. 1:21, 22; Gal 1:4).

There are several different aspects of the world. There is the learned world, the commercial world, the political world, the pleasure-giving world; and even the religious world; but with all its boasted enlightenment and learning, one of its most outstanding features is its ignorance of *God*, for "the world through its wisdom knew not *God*" (1 Cor. 1:21, R.V.). The *Lord Jesus* said, "O righteous *Father*, the world hath not known Thee" (John 17:

25); and consequently, not knowing the true character of *God*, the *God* Who is both Light and Love, the world is at enmity with *God*, (James 4:4). It really hates *God* and *Christ*, as He Himself testified, "Now have they both seen and hated both Me and MY *Father*" (John 15:24). This enmity was unmistakably shown and proved by the way in which the different aspects of the world were represented in the rejection and crucifixion of *Christ*; for it was definitely the *princes of this world* that crucified the *Lord of Glory*, as 1 Corinthians 2:8 states.

The *commercial world* was represented by Judas with his question, "What will ye give me?" How much money could he make out of it. "And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matt. 26: 14-16). He gained the silver, which he dare not keep, so he lost the silver and . . . his soul (Matt. 27:3-5).

The *political world* was represented by Pilate and Herod, who, that same day, the day of the crucifixion, "were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves" (Acts 4:26,27; Luke 23:12). The one thing that will finally unite the political world is its mutual antagonism to *God* and His *Christ* (Ps. 2:2).

The *military world* was represented by Herod's "Men of war," who "set Him at nought, and mocked Him" (Luke 23:11); and by the Roman soldiers, who, having robed Him with the scarlet robe, and having crowned Him with the crown of thorns, cru-

cified Him at Golgotha, took His garments and pierced His side (Matt. 27:27-35; John 19:23, 24, 34).

The *learned world* was represented by those scribes, who "sought how they might take Him by craft, and put Him to death": who "bound *Jesus*, and carried Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate"; and who "stood and vehemently accused Him" before Herod; and who mocked Him when He was upon the cross (Mark 14: 1; 15:1; Luke 23:10).

In "all the multitudes that came together to *this sight*," attracted by the excitement of a public execution, we see the depravity of the *amusement world* (Luke 23: 48).

But above and behind all these we see, in the chief priests and Pharisees, the *religious world* that bribed the traitor to betray Him, that took counsel for to put Him to death, that sent the multitude with swords and with staves to arrest Him, that sought false witnesses against Him that charged Him with blasphemy and condemned Him to death, spitting upon and buffeting Him, that falsely accused Him before Pilate, that persuaded the people to ask for the release of Barabbas and demand the crucifixion of *Christ*; and that derided Him when impaled upon the shameful cross! Yes, indeed, it was the princes of this world that crucified the *Lord of Glory*. In the light of all this we see that world to be verily guilty before *God*, and consequently to be doomed to judgment; and "*God* hath appointed a day, in the

which He will judge the world in righteousness, by that Man Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). But our Lord *Jesus Christ* "gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world" (Gal. 1:4); and by this means, the believer has been rescued out of this evil world, and has been actually given by *God the Father* to *Christ* out of the world: to be one of *Christ's Own* that are in the world, yet are not of the world, even as *Christ* Himself was not of the world (John 17:6, 16; 13:1).

In view of our deliverance and separation from this present evil world, and our vital union with the living *Christ*, we are called upon not to love that world, nor to be conformed to it. The Christian is to be *different*; and not live as other people do who do not know His *Lord* and Saviour. He is not to live in the passion of lust, as those do who know not *God*, and who walk in the vanity of their mind (1 John 2:15; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:17; 1 Thess. 4:5). He now is to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4).

What is to be the Christian's attitude to this world, out of which he has been delivered and given to *Christ*? His *Lord and Saviour* tells him, "As My *Father* hath sent Me, even so send I you"; for when He was speaking to the *Father* about us, He said, "As Thou hast sent me into the world, *even so have I also sent them into the world*" (John 17:18; 20:21). Your

*Lord*, to Whom you now belong, sends you as His witness into that very world that crucified Him, "to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto *God*." for says He, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8; 26: 17, 18). And He, Who thus says, "*I send thee*," gives you His sure promise, "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28: 20).

Do not be at all surprised if, when the world sees that you are no longer of it, you find that it now hates you: for the *Lord* tells us, "because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you"; and we know that it hated Him before it hated us (John 15:18-25). In this you can indeed rejoice, for great is the reward in Heaven for those who thus suffer here for His Name's sake (Luke 6:22, 23). Let us learn to sing,

Master we would no longer be  
Loved by the world that hated

Thee;

But patient in Thy footsteps go,  
Thy sorrow, as Thy joy, to know.

We would—and O, confirm the  
power—

With meekness meet the darkest  
hour,

By shame, contempt, however tried,  
For Thou wast scorn'd and cruci-  
fied.

We can well afford to be hated  
by the world when we are enjoy-  
ing the love of *God* in *Christ*  
(John 15:9; 17:23; Rom. 8:39).

(J. G. Deck).

# "AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM"

Mark 4:39

THE troubled sea of life at times  
Is graced with heavenly peace;  
The strife subsides, the sword is sheathed,  
He maketh wars to cease. Psalm 46:9

The wounded hearts, the broken lives,  
The desolate and mourning;  
The God of comfort wants to bless  
With heavenly grace adorning. Luke 4:18

Grim desolations swept the land  
With horrors multiplied;  
It seemed as if all Hell was loose  
And God must be defied. I Samuel 17:10

And human hearts had sunk so low  
That demons were ashamed  
To be outdone by sinful men  
Whose minds had been inflamed. Jeremiah 17:9

By hatred similar to that,  
They vented on God's Son,  
When He, the Lord of Life and Light  
Into this world had come. Psalm 69:4

With fortitude without compare,  
His agonies He bore;  
The dreadful weight of sin was great,  
His wound exceeding sore. Isaiah 53

Your freedom was in Jesus' view,  
As for your sins He died.  
And have you thanked Him for His grace?  
Or is He still denied? Matthew 20:28

One more appeal in Jesus' Name—  
Thank God for vict'ry given,  
And trust the One who loved you so,  
To write your name in heaven. Psalm 107:8

His joy unbound possess your soul,  
And on your lips a psalm;  
And, oh, what peace shall fill your heart!  
A vertiable calm. Philippians 4:7

By T. K. Lennox

# PARENTS AWAKE

"I REALIZE I may never get back," said the young sailor. "I am going back into the war zone and I may not come through it this time."

We were deeply touched to hear what he had been through. Several narrow escapes had awakened him to see that he was a sinner, and not ready to meet God. He knew that his mother was a very religious woman and he had the idea that if he could get to see her, she could help him to know God.

So he obtained a short furlough and took a plane across the country to see his dear mother. He told her that he had come in the hope of finding peace with God. But he soon found out that she could not help him, for although she was very religious, she did not know God herself.

Poor fellow, when he made this discovery, his heart was so crushed with the disappointment that he could not bear to stay with her any longer, so he left the same day to make the long trip back to his boat; with a heart heavy as lead. His poor mother did not know God either, and she needed someone to help her. When the Scriptures were opened up to this dear boy, he quite evidently received Christ as his Saviour; but who can awaken his poor lost mother and lead her to Christ?

## *A Soldier Boy*

We read a letter recently from a soldier boy who had just been home on his furlough. He thought

his mother was the finest woman in the world and he thought sure that she would be praying for him and would be interested in seeing him saved.

But when he arrived home, his parents did not mention the Lord once to him. So finally he brought up the subject himself and several times he asked them something about how to be saved, hoping that they would talk to him about the Lord. But even then he did not get any response.

When the time came for him to return to camp, he broke down and cried like a baby—not because he had to leave home, for he did not mind that so much. What hurt him so much was to realize that his dear parents did not have the least interest in his salvation. Then he pleaded with the preacher to do or say something that would wake up the godless fathers and mothers of America to see that their boys and girls needed to be saved, and that their parents should be the ones to help them.

## *A Great Challenge*

What a tremendous challenge he has given to the parents of America! I wonder if they will pay any attention to it. We know parents who are deeply concerned about the salvation of their children, but this is something new—for children to be burdened about their lost parents! How shocking, that parents who are responsible for bringing children into the world cannot tell them how to be saved and how to be ready for

heaven. It is first degree soul-murder.

Of course they cannot tell their children how to be saved when they are not saved themselves. Parents owe it to their children, after bringing them into the world, to tell them how to get to heaven. If they do not, they are deliberately preparing their children for hell. Parents cannot expect their children to become Christians unless they are real Christians themselves.

But the stark tragedy of war is reversing the matter, and now we sometimes see boys turning to Christ and being saved while their parents are still lost and doomed for hell. We believe that many boys will be in heaven while their ungodly parents go down into a lost eternity, and eventually into "the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).  
*Time to Wake Up*

It is not that these parents do not have religion. All of those mentioned had plenty of religion, *but they did not have Christ*. For the Lord Jesus Himself is THE way of salvation (John 14:6), and all of the religion in the world without Him cannot save you. When parents are satisfied with an empty form of religion—without Christ, they need not be surprised when both they and their children land in hell together.

Is it not "high time to awake out of sleep" dear parents; and fulfill your responsibility toward those children you brought into the world? (Rom. 11-12). If you do not get saved yourself, I believe that hell will be a thousand-fold worse for you, if any of your children are there with you; for you will certainly get the blame. It is no wonder that the rich man in hell did not want his five brothers to come there. (See Luke 16:27-28.) And without doubt there are thousands of parents in hell now who would like to send word to their children not to come to that place of torment, simply because it would increase their own suffering too much.

We do not ask if you have religion, for religion has no saving power. But *do you have Christ?* Have you received Him as your Saviour and Lord, and has He transformed your heart and life? For "if any man be in Christ, he is a *new creature*: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Do you like to tell others about the Lord Jesus and His great sacrifice for our sins? You do if you are saved yourself. But if you do not enjoy speaking to others about Him, it would be wise for you to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith" or not (2 Cor. 13:5).

Heed the Warning



# Two Children

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I SAW a pretty little child  
With curls of shining gold,  
Her deep blue eyes and rosy cheeks  
Were lovely to behold.

She was so clean and sweet, I longed  
To have her for my own;  
Who could not love this child, I thought,  
Must have a heart of stone.

Another child came down the street,  
His hair unkept and wild;  
His clothes in rags, his words profane,  
A most repulsive child.

I could but think I looked just so  
When I was dead in sin;  
Unclean and filthy in God's sight,  
Yet Jesus took me in!

Had I been lovable and clean  
In God's most holy sight,  
Perhaps I'd see why He loved me,  
And made me His delight!

Oh Lord, I thank Thee for Thy love,  
So undeserved and free,  
Which reaches to earth's vilest wretch,  
Yea; Lord—To even me!

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