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CHRISTIANS AND WAR

MUST WE HAVE WAR AGAIN?

Sad women waiting and weary,
Longing, yet dreading to hear
Words from the ghastly
trenches--
Ghastly with filth and with
fear.
Rats crawling over our loved
ones,
Gnawing the flesh from the
bones:
Bodies broken and bleeding,
Sobs and curses and growns.
Boys filled with love and
adventure--
Our sons--crashing high in the
sky--
Falling in flames from the
heavens,
Living torches--to suffer and
die.
Yes, bodies broken and bleeding
Bodies that once were men.
You remember the last war--
Must we have war again?
Heroes--the men of the last
war--
Are begging for work and for
bread,
While millions of dollars are
daily
Being spent for destruction
instead.
God! is this civilization--
To torture and kill and
destroy
While thousands make fortunes
inventing
The methods of death we employ?

L.B. Purnell.

L.M. Torkelson

The War Cloud is rising quickly on the Horizon of the world. If the storm breaks what should Christians do?

Rom. 13:1. "Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God". But in Acts 5:29 we read, "We must obey God rather than men".

Therefore it behooves us to study the Word of God and so discover the correct action for good citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom.

Our Lord and Saviour came to bring peace and good will among men on earth. He says to Pilate (John 18:36) "My kingdom is not of this world, if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight". And He tells Peter (Matt. 26:52), "Put up again thy sword into its place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword".

Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Old Law and establish the New. Every good principle of the Old Law is carried forward into the New—but each is made more lofty in ideal and strives to give a guide which will lead to a more perfect life. For example, the Old Law says, "Thou shalt not kill"; Christ says in the sermon on the mount, "Everyone who is angry with his brother shall

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be in danger of judgment". And again, "Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemies but I say unto you, Love your enemies."

In Gal. 5:19-21 we find "murder" among the sins listed and "they that practise such shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The law of our land says that the following persons are exempt from enrolment and actual War service at any time: members of the privy councils of provinces, deputy ministers, clergy, telegraph clerks in actual employment, revenue clerks, wardens of prisons etc; members of naval militia, members of police, and fire brigades, professors and teachers in religious orders, disabled persons, only sons of widows, pilots during the season of navigation, persons who are adverse to fighting on religious grounds. To obtain exemption, a solemn declaration must be filed with the commanding officer one month before claiming exemption.

If there is difficulty in gaining such exemption, Christians should remember the words of the inspired apostle Peter, "We must obey God rather than men".

Sympathy

No one can deal with the hearts of men as he ought, unless he has the sympathy which is given by love. Christians should become all things unto all men that by all means, they might save some.

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Robert Sinclair

Seek Ye First The Kingdom.

Paul in writing to the Corinthians said, "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new". (II Cor. 5:17).

When we accepted Christ we gave up the way of the world. Our chief aim now is to please Christ by doing his will. Most people who study the Bible at all will say that it is necessary to repent of past sins--to start a new life, before we can come to Christ, yet we see many who claim to be Christ's disciples, who still live as the people of the world--still put Christ second, or even last in their lives. Romans 12:2 shows that there should be a complete change when we accept Christ. "And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

In studying the New Testament, we get a lofty idea of the Christian life. We would expect to find a great difference between Christians, and the people of the world in the same district. Christ said in Matt. 5:16, "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your father who is in heaven". In many districts it would be impossible to pick out the Christians from the people of the world. We cannot be lights in the world unless we are better fathers and mothers, better children, better masters, better

servants, and better neighbours than those who do not claim to be Christians-- who have no special reason for living good lives.

Christ said to seek the kingdom first. Many people put HONOUR before Christ. Solomon said, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall". As sure as we put honour before Christ and his kingdom we will fall.

King Saul furnishes an example of what pride will do. When God called him to be king over Israel, he said, "Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou to me after this manner?" He reigned well for a time, but one disobedience was followed by another, until at the end of his life he had fallen to the depth of sin and degradation. His life is a sad vivid picture of declension and deterioration until suicide draws a dark curtain over the scene---Faussett.

Jesus' teaching was that we should be humble. The Pharisee who stood in the temple and prayed so that the people could hear him, did not receive a blessing, but the poor humble sinful publican who saw his sin went down to his house justified.

A little child is a perfect example of humility. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Except you turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Let us endeavor to be

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humble servants of Christ, and put service to Christ before honour.

Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matt. 6:33). We should seek the kingdom before WORLDLY GOODS. Christ's teaching is, "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, nor what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment? (Matt. 6:25).

If we were going for a trip around the world next week, we would spend most of this week preparing for it. Our time in this world is short, very short compared to the next life, therefore we should spend most of our time preparing for that eternal home. Not only is the next life so long compared to the few short years here, but our manner of life here has so much to do with our future, it behooves us the more to put worldly goods second.

God takes care of the birds which are worth so little; if we had faith in God we would not be anxious about whether he would take care of us or not, but would seek the kingdom and trust him for the necessities of life. The man who gave all his time to gaining wealth died, and was not prepared for eternity. (Luke 12:20). He did not enjoy the riches here, and would not be happy through eternity.

Seek ye first the kingdom.

Not the things of earth;

Priceless are the treasures

Of immortal worth.

Like a fluttering shadow

Time will pass away.

But the heav'nly riches

Change not nor decay. Sweney.

Many people put PLEASURES before heavenly riches. They seek pleasures first.

Seek ye not earthly pleasures, Fading joy and failing treasures,

But the love that knows no measure,

Seek ye first, -- Cairns.

When we accept Christ we have to give up the sinful pleasures we enjoyed when we walked in the way of the world. There are many pleasures that are not harmful in themselves, but it is sinful to put any pleasure before our service to God. Worldly pleasures can be come a god to us just as honour or worldly goods. Paul said, "She that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth". (I Tim. 5:6).

It doesn't take much to keep some people away from worship, but the same people would go for pleasure under the same circumstances.

If there is a party, picnic, or other amusement the same time as a Bible study, to which would you go? If you would go where you can find pleasure, you are not a faithful servant of God. How far do you go for pleasure? Would you go as far to church? Do you leave your work to go for pleasure? Would you leave your work to go to church? Do you ever get so tired from pleasure that you cannot go to the next meeting of the church? If you do, you are not letting your light shine. You would not be a good example for the world to follow. Pleasure is your god.

We're a mile and a half from church, you know,

And it rains today, so we can't go;

We'd go ten miles to a party though,

Though the rain
should fall and the
wind should blow. But
the church is differ-
ent, we'd have you
know--That's why when
it rains we just can-
't go. --Selected.

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SUNDAY SICKNESS

Sunday sickness is a
disease which is pec-
uliar to the church
members. Symptoms vary
but (1) it never inter-
feres with the app-
etite; (2) requires no
physician, (3) never
lasts any more than
one day; (4) always
proves fatal in the
end to the soul; (5)
fearfully prevalent,
destroying thousands
every year.

The attack comes
suddenly on every
Sunday morning; no
symptoms felt Satur-
day night. The patient
sleeps well, wakes
feeling fine, eats a
healthy breakfast; but
about church time the
attack comes and con-
tinues until service
is over for the morn-
ing. Then the patient
feels easy and eats a
hearty dinner. In the
afternoon he feels
much better; he is
able to take a walk,
drive, read the paper,
and eats a hearty
supper, but about chu-
rch time he has an-
other attack and
stays at home. He
wakes up Monday much
refreshed, and able to
work, and does not
have any trouble with
this disease, or even
any symptoms, until
the following Sunday.

--Selected.

A PRODIGAL SON

We were jazzing up in the "Golden Cup"
To the strains of a harmony four,
When out of the night and into the light
Lurched a stranger within the door.
In his visage old was a tale untold
Of a life the Devil had won,
And back in his eyes a look of surprise
When we dubbed him a "Prodigal Son".

We gave him a shot of coke on the spot
And his face gleamed with joy,
And chuckled in glee like a babe we see
That creeps for a Christmas Toy.
"Yes, I'm a Prodigal Son with a web that spun
O'er a course of twenty odd years,
And the tale I unfold is a tale of old
With nothing that's left but tears.

"Well, I drifted out West with youthful zest
In search of adventure and thrills,
And held up a train on a lonely plain
And hid away back in the hills.
In revels by night 'neath a colored light
In pursuit of emotions desire,
I sowed to the wind and idled and sinned
When the passions were all on fire.

"Then, came the days with the Yukon ablaze
Where souls were bartered for gold,
In a fanciful dream I followed the stream
Of the seekers of fortunes untold.
I rushed on the on the trail o'er mountain
and vale
With fever and chill in my bones,
And with angry flash I sneered at the trash
That fell from the trail with groans.

"Some are loath to tell of that trail of hell
That led through the White Pass,
Where I hungered and thirst, laughed and cursed
At the struggles of a surging mass.
I looted the dead I had pumped full of lead
And left them to rot in the slime,
And there they lay on the reeking clay
With the mark of my lust and crime.

"I staked out a claim with heart all aflame
From years of greed and lust,
And for many a week I panned on a creek
With hopes of a fortune in dust,
I toiled and sweat and shall never forget
My feelings of grief and despair,
And cursed and raved for the gold I craved
Was not found on that creek up there.

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CHURCH HISTORY

By Dryden W. Sinclair

Continued (Chapter II)

In the preceding article, a brief account of the prevailing conditions, at the time of the birth of Christ, was given. In this issue we wish to mention some of the important things in connection with the birth of Christ.

An account of the lineage of Christ is found in Matthew 1:1-17, and in Luke 3:23-28. Jesus is the person of whom God spoke when

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"In the stalls of the Gambling halls  
Where the Devil seeks his toll,  
On the husks I fed with the swine that led  
Me far from a righteous goal.  
The wine that thrills and coke that kills  
Are memories that serve me too well,  
And the price I paid for the slips I made  
Would purchas a pardon in hell.

"Yes that's the tale of a broken old sail  
That cruised on the billows of shame,  
And my life's a crime and I haven't a dime  
From the spoils of a reckless game.  
Oh, thoughts of my deeds in horror leads  
To remorse for a blighted past,  
And in repentance above to the God of love,  
He may forgive my soul at last".

With a tearful stare he rose from the chair  
While a hush stole over the room,  
And the jazz was stilled and the hearts were  
With feelings of disaster and doom. (filled  
Then a move so quick that made us feel sick  
When he reached for a hidden gun,  
And a blinding flash and a sudden crash  
Was the last of a "prodigal Son".

Ah, what a tragic flame with scarlet shame  
Of death as the wage of sin,  
And the mark of Cain was a mark too plain.  
On that life that passed within.  
We burried him right in the morning light  
As the sun shone over a knoll,  
And a prayer we said and a tear we shed  
For that blighted and nameless soul.  
--Sidney Stewart.

Talking to Abraham, when he said, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice". Gen. 22: 18. From time to time this promise was renewed, but it is evident that it was not understood, just how Christ was to be a blessing to the nations. The idea that Christ was to be a king of an earthly kingdom prevailed among the Jews to the extent that Herod the Great put forth a decree to have all male children two years old and under, killed, to prevent Christ taking his throne from him. Jews today are still looking for their king to come and establish an earthly kingdom.

In Micah 5: 2, We read, "But thou, Bethlihem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from of old, from everlasting". How encouraging it is then to note that this is just where the Christ child was born. "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And

this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria). And all went to be taxed, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn". Luke 2:1-7.

Regarding the exact day of the birth of Christ, the following might be said: "There is no divine teaching that Christ was born on what is known as Christmas day - December 25. No one can settle definitely the day of his birth from the New Testament. Nor is there any human testimony known to us that settles it. These facts indicate plainly to us that it was not important that we should know the day, or it would have been put to record in the New Testament. The fact that he was born, the place where he was born, and the circumstances surrounding that wonderful birth are fully and prominently given; and if the day of his birth had been important for us to know, it would certainly have been fixed." E. G. Sewell, in Questions Answered, by Lipscomb and Sewell, page 95.

That Jesus Christ came into this world to be other than an earthly king is evident from the following passages of scripture. "This is a faithful

saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief". I Tim. 1:15. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us". Rom. 5:8. "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Matt. 9:13. "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence". John 18:36.

From the very first, the life of our Lord was chequered. When he was but an infant his life was endangered by Herod's efforts to have him murdered that he would not be his rival as king. It was, at this time that God warned Joseph in a dream, so they went to Egypt. In the flight to Egypt, more than one thing was accomplished. The prophecy which says, "Out of Egypt have I called my Son". Matt. 2:15, cited from Hosea 11:1, was fulfilled, and the life of Christ was preserved to be a shining light to men in darkness, and a guiding power to the weak. May the many things that Jesus did serve as an inspiration for us to endeavor to be perfect, "Even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:28, and to "Lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith". Hebrews 12:1-2.

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## CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE

By J.C. Bailey

(Chapter II.)

Is the first chapter of Genesis Scientific?

We have in the world two schools of thought. One believe that all life whether animal or vegetable came by direct miraculous power exercised by God. The other school teaches that life developed by a power of evolution through thousands and tens of thousands of years. That man is but an out growth of lower forms of life.

It is true that these evolutionists are dividing into many schools of thought. They do not agree as to length of time, process of evolution, nor do they agree as to what part the God of heaven played in the scheme. Some say man is the cousin of the monkey. Others say man is a direct descendant of the monkey. There is only one thing they thoroughly agree on: that the Bible account is not correct.

To the law and to the testimony. Let us see if we can find an answer that will satisfy every honest soul. We turn to Gen. 1:11. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth: and it was so. Six thousand years have rolled away since God spoke this command, but we find that this statement is scientifically correct in every detail. Nature everywhere teaches us that this is exactly what happens. Why shouldn't we believe it? Why should we give up our faith in such an app-

arent truth for an unproved theory? (evolution).

Yet God says he gave man dominion. Gen. 1:28, 29. So within God's law man makes many new varieties, but they can not cross the line that God drew in Gen. 1:11. The new varieties within a species that man may create will revert to common stock if left to go their own way. Does this prove evolution?

The fish were to produce after their kind. The fish do produce after their kind. Why should we give up such a plain fact for a theory? The same may be said of birds and beasts. Fine herds of dairy cattle or beef cattle have been pointed to as proof of the process of evolution from common stock. Does this prove evolution? Suppose the farmer who for years has bred to perfect a certain type should turn his cattle loose with his neighbors: the result would be disastrous. Does evolution go backward? What is the apparent truth? God says he gave man dominion, and this case that I have cited is an actual demonstration of this statement.

They claim they have found a four toed horse and that it proves evolution. How does it? Can they prove that that animal was related to our present horse? You have scoffed at our faith, but let us see the proof of yours, ye Evolutionists. Ye who exchange the truth of God for a lie.

In grave solemnity they announce they have found the missing link. These spurious claims have been exposed so often that we only mention them to the shame of those who thus try to deceive the world. It is not a missing link you are looking for, but thousands of



them. How is your gap between the vegetable and animal kingdom going to be abridged? Bring on your proof. You know it does not exist.

The next point in our line of reasoning is this. "Man was made in the image and likeness of God". Gen. 1:26. Man is capable of comprehending God. How could he get this by a process of evolution? Can something evolve from nothing? Why do you evolutionists mock our faith when you have to believe absurdity or renounce your system? Why should we not accept the above fact instead of your theory?

However, we are told that evolution is science and this is an educated world. We are just betraying our ignorance to oppose it. We are told much more along the same line but we shall not take up valuable space repeating it, for we wish to show that such a statement or statements is blatant foolishness.

Webster says, science is, knowledge as a fact or principal. Evolution is a theory. Here are three demonstrated facts or principals:

"Let everything produce after its kind".

"Man was given dominion".

"Man was made in the likeness of God."

These are set forth in the first chapter of Genesis. We are for science, for science is truth and Jesus said the truth will make you free. Yes, it will even free you from the superstitious meshes of evolution.  
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#### TRACTS

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#### SASKATCHEWAN MISSIONARY WORK

By D.A. Sinclair

The apostle Paul said in writing in I Cor. 15:58, "Wherefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For as much as ye know your labour is not in vain in the Lord. The apostle Peter said II Pet. 1:13. I think it right as long as I am in this tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance. Today we as Christians need to be stirred up quite often. There is a danger of being too satisfied with ourselves, and with our achievements. Then we need to be stirred up to realize the great work that has been placed in our hands. The work of spreading the Gospel. Every Christian has a part in this great responsibility. Each have our work to do. If we do not do it, so much of the Lord's work is left undone. I can not do your work, and you can not do mine. We can all do something.

In the last issue of the Gospel Herald Bro. Orr had a timely article on giving to the Lord's work. This is a subject most preachers do not like to preach on. I must confess it has always been a hard subject for me to deal with. It should not be so. We should like the apostle Peter, stir up the brethren by the way of remembrance of their duty and privilege. In the last mail the writer received a letter that stirred him up by way of remembrance of the great amount of work to be done for the Lord in the great mission field. It was a request for a meeting in the extreme north of the province. Very often similar requests come to

stir me up by way of remembrance, and to sadden me because I can not answer all those appeals. Just now I have enough of these appeals to keep me steady for at least a year. They are practically all mission meetings, and in most places there are less than half a dozen members or none at all. The Lord willing I am planning to arrange the farm work so that after the first of June I can spend twelve months a year in Evangelistic work. I am sure many other brethren have the same experience of having many requests for meetings that they can not attend to because it takes money to travel. Sometimes board must be paid, clothes must be purchased and many other expenses connected with the work. Yet Christ said one soul is of more value than the whole world.

Are we all doing all we can to take the Gospel, or to send the Gospel to those who are asking for it? If we are not, we need to be stirred up by way of remembrance.

In Saskatchewan we have brethren that are doing a great work that very few know anything about. If the brethren knew the work they are doing, it would stir them up to an endeavor to help them along in the great work.

At Horse Creek and Summer-cove Brother Manley Jacobs, Clifford Elford, Herb Foreman, are young preachers who are doing a splendid work, supporting themselves intirely. How much more they could do if they could get some support, so that they could give more time to the Lord's work.

Bro. W. Orr should be kept in evangelistic work all the time but as he has his family to provide for, he can not spend the time he should at that work.

## EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

By C.W. Petch

### Lesson II Chapter 1:5-14.

The Son superior to angels. Proven by several quotations from the Jewish scriptures.

V.5. Christ's inherited name is "Son". Psa. 2:7. is here quoted, which was always explained by the ancient Jewish doctors as a reference to the Messiah: Whom God set as King upon his Holy Hill of Zion, and says of him. "Thou art my son, this day have I Begotten thee". Jesus "was declared to be the son of God by the resurrection from the dead" Rom. 1:4. And in Acts 13:32, 33. Paul quotes this as proof that God had fulfilled the promise made unto the fathers in raising Christ from the dead. But the begetting cannot refer to the resurrection of Christ, as he is called "Son", and "Begotten", before his death. Jno. 1:18, 49; 5:19; Matt. 3:17. And does not Jno. 3:16-18,

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Bro. J.C. Bailey is doing a splendid work spending practically all his time in evangelistic work.

Space will not allow to name the splendid young preachers we have who should be out in the evangelistic field.

We can keep many of them busy if we just believe what the Lord said, "One soul is of more value than the whole world". Mark 8:36. May God grant that this article may stir us up to a better understanding of our great responsibility and privilege of being co-laborers together with God. The apostle Paul assures us that our labours will not be in vain. (I Cor. 15:58.)

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Gal. 4:4 carry the idea that he was "Son", before the begetting by the Holy Spirit of the "body prepared for him"? Heb. 10:5. His relation to God the Father in "the glory he had with God before the world was", is expressed to us by the term "Son of God". This sonship was manifested by his resurrection and declared by his incarnation.

"And again, 'I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a son'". This is quoted from 2Psa. 7:14, in God's promise to David concerning his seed. Here it is by the writer applied to Christ in Psa. 89:26, 27. Such terms were never used when speaking of angels.

Ver. 6- "And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world" (the inhabited earth). Referring to either his resurrection or his second coming. "He saith, and let all the angels of God worship him". The septuagint version of Deut. 32:43, has these words as given. A like expression is found in Psa. 2:5-11 and Rev. 5:11, 12 where angels bow and worship the Son. This all shows how much greater than the angels is the Son. V. 7- "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire, Psa. 104:4 is here quoted showing something of the angels' service. They are exalted servants of God, but- Vs. 8, 9- Jesus the Son is called God. - "Thy throne, O God is forever and ever and the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee above thy fellows", This is another quotation from the sacred writings of the Hebrews, Psa. 45:6, 7. Christ's throne and kingdom are eternal. Isa. 9:6, 7 has the same idea. Gabriel said to Mary, "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of

his father David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there shall be no end". Luke 1:32, 33. Because of his uprightness, and for his hatred of iniquity his God anointed him above his fellows; hence above angels, prophets and all previous messengers from God. Besides the Son, there is no being in the universe to whom this language could apply. A study of Psa. 95 and 102 reveals to us the word "Jehovah" used six and eight times respectively, showing this divine title attributes all spoken to the "Son". For "as to the Son, he saith".

Verses 10-12- The next three verses are plain, but very sublime and beautiful. Taken from the messianic Psalm 102:25-27. They show Christ to be the maker of all things--the Alpha and the Omega--the unchangeable One--the same yesterday, today, and forever". "All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that hath been made" Jno. 1:3. As the creator of all things he is greater, superior to angels, who themselves are created beings. Ver. 13 - God did not say to any of the angels, "sit on my right hand till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet". This was said to the Son, the Messiah, Jesus declared to the Pharisees, Matt. 22:13, 14, that the 110th Psalm from which this is quoted was written by David, and applied to the Messiah. Our author here and in chapter 5, makes the same application of the Psalm.

Jesus is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him". 1Pet. 3:22, also Acts 2:33-35.

Ver. 14. This is also a question as to the ministry of angels, to be answered in the affirmative. They are minister-

## THE CHURCH

By G.S. Sinclair

## Chapter III Its Establishment (2)

The church could not be in existence previous to the time when the New Testament became effective. In Heb. 9:16, 17 Paul clearly states that where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of the man who made it, for a testament is of force after men are dead. Therefore that organization, that new covenant, could not have been in the world before the death of Christ, by whose authority the church was established. Before the day of Pentecost, A.D. 33, the church or kingdom is always spoken of as being in the future.

When Christ gathered the disciples about him in the city of Cesarea Philippi, he asked them what the people thought regarding his identity. They answered that some said he was "John the Baptist, some Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets". He asked them what they thought about it. Peter said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus replied, saying, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath

ing spirits; but only servants, much inferior to the Son, the author of our Salvation; they minister for the sake of the heirs of salvation.

Of their ministry we have many examples both in the Old and in the New Testament.

What exalted rank and dignity belongs to this One through whom God hath now spoken unto us. How great must be the message he has delivered! May we give him the honor due his name.

not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven. And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it". Upon what rock? Not upon Peter, for he is to serve in the capacity of a gatekeeper, and not the foundation; but upon the great confession of Peter--namely, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God".

When Christ said, "I will build my church he meant for us to get the idea that the church was yet to be established. Every school teacher or student on earth, regardless of his theology or his denominational prejudice, knows that "will build" is future tense.

Furthermore, Jesus calls attention to the fact that he will build the church right from the foundation--the great truth confessed by Peter.

In Mark 9:1, the Saviour said, "There be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God come with power". Three things are implied here: that the kingdom would be established soon; that it would come in the lifetime of some of the disciples then living; and that it would come "with power".

With that thought in mind, notice Christ's statement in giving the world-wide commission: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high". At this time the kingdom or church was not in existence as the disciples did not possess the power that was to accompany its establishment. At his ascension they asked: "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel"? He answered: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in

# RIGHTLY DIVIDING The Word of Truth 2 Tim. 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly DIVIDING the Word of Truth. (2 Tim. 2:15)

A new Covenant to be made, not like the old one. (Jer. 31:31-34).

Christ came to fulfill and disannul the old Testament. (Matt. 5:17 and Luke 16:16).

The Old Testament was not disannulled while Christ lived. (Rom. 15:8; Heb. 9:15-17).

Difference of the two Covenants discussed. (Heb., Chapters 7, 8, 9, and 10).

The Old Testament is a Schoolmaster to lead us to Christ. (Gal. 3:10-25).

The necessity of making a New Covenant or Testament. (Heb. 7:11-12; Gal. 3:21; Heb. 7:19).

We cannot be righteous to-day by keeping the Old Testament. (Law of Moses.) (Rom. 10:4)

The Old Testament, has, as regards being law to people to-day, been abolished. (Eph. 2:11-17).

The Old had to be rescinded before the New could be made. (Heb. 10:9 and 10).

The Sabbath and sacrifices of Moses' law (Old Testament) were in vogue until Jesus died (Matt. 5:18 and 19). All Old Testament commands were abrogated (ceased as law) when Jesus died (Col. 2:14).

The New Testament (Gospel or Will) of Christ was not preached till after the Cross, or till after the Old Testament, or Will was revoked (cancelled). (Heb. 9:15-17; Heb. 10:9, 10).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is Glad Tidings of Christ crucified, buried, and resurrected. (1 Cor. 15:1-40.) Jesus did not preach the Gospel of Christ. His apostles did, after He left the world. (1 Cor. 2:2).

The New Will (Testament) was to begin in "Jerusalem", after the Savior left the world. (Isa. 3:2; Mic. 4:2).

Repentance and remission of sins were never preached "In Jesus' Name" untill Pentecost. (Acts 2). Thousands of conversions are recorded in the book of Acts--The New Will came into effect on Pentecost.

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his own power. But ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth".

In speaking of the coming institution, Isaiah, the prophet said: "And it shall come to pass in the later days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountain, and shall be exalted above the hills....for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem". The kingdom of God was to come in the lifetime of the disciples. It was to come with power. The disciples were to tarry in Jerusalem until that power came. Peter was to be the gatekeeper and hold the keys. The word of God was to go forth from Jerusalem or Zion; and the church was to be established in the time of the Romans, as Nebuchadnezzar's vision revealed.

The events of the day of Pentecost are clearly a fulfillment of the predictions made concerning the coming kingdom. Acts 2 begins: "Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Therefore on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came with the Holy Spirit there came also the power, and with the power, the kingdom, according to the promise. In that day Peter stood in the midst of a

great concourse of people and preached the first gospel sermon; he used the keys of the kingdom and served in the capacity of a gatekeeper. These events transpired in the time of the Romans, in Jerusalem, and it was from here the word of the Lord went forth, according to Isaiah's prediction. At the conclusion of Peter's sermon, he says: "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ". Many were converted and cried out: "What shall we do?" In response to their query, Peter said: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". That day about 3000 gladly accepted the Gospel invitation and responded to the terms of the new institution. The chapter closes with the announcement that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved".

Up until Pentecost the kingdom or church is always spoken of as something yet to come, but after that day it was always spoken of as being in existence.

From this time on we read of the church in Jerusalem, in Colosse, the church in Galatia, the church at Philippi, the church at Rome. Always it is spoken of as something that existed.

While making his defence for preaching the Gospel to the gentiles, Peter refers to this great day of Pentecost when he says. "And as I began to speak the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15). The beginning of what? Without a doubt, the church of God, or his

## H-O-W T-O-L-I-V-E

By M.L. Jacobs

We all have life before us, and we must dispose of it in some way.

I may be eventful, useful, uplifting, beneficial, and a blessing to humanity as some others have been.

Or it may be just the opposite. I can be useless, miserable, dishonest, a burden and a disgrace to the human race.

We may live a healthy, happy, pure life or a sickly, weak, or a sorrowful life; we have seen both.

And all these depend upon knowing how to live, or submitting to the natural or divine (spiritual laws) of God.

I am sure that we are all interested in life. It has been a mystery to some, and some have failed to reap the benefit life has for them because they did not know how to live, or would not submit to the laws of living.

Our hospitals and sanatoriums are filled because men and women have transgressed the laws of nature. They have eaten things that have not been good for their systems, and possibly have not had the proper exercise.

People seem to take sickness for granted, but it is far from being true. God did not so make man. We read that we were made in His very image, and for his glory.

Kingdom".

Thus the Scriptures clearly reveal that, without doubt, the church of Christ was established on the first Pentecost after the ascension of Christ, A.D. 33.

Somebody will say, "Didn't God make all these things to eat or to use? I only refer you to the fruit back in the garden of Eden. God commanded that they should not eat of it."

We have a command today. That is in I Cor. 3:16, 17. Paul said if any man destroy the temple of God, him will God destroy. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. If we eat and drink things that tear down our bodies, or the temple of God, what think ye? But somebody will say it tastes good; so did the fruit back in the garden of Eden.

Dentists and doctors have proven what is good for the bodies. We would be greatly blessed if we would heed their pleadings.

Again Paul said to Timothy, "Exercise thyself unto godliness, for bodily exercise is good for a little but godliness is profitable for all things."

Christianity should give us a different outlook in life. We do not live to eat or to satisfy lusts.

Christ said his meat was to do the will of him that sent him. Jno. 4:34. When he was tempted he said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".

When we have animals we feed them so that they can serve us best, but people will eat anything regardless of the consequence, as long as it tastes good; then we get sick and run to the doctor. He will give us a remedy, then put us on a diet. If we stay with the diet we may keep ourselves free from the effect of the ailment, but when we go back to our old food—the cause of the sickness, we may well expect to

be sick again.

Paul also tells us about a spiritual body. I Cor. 15:44, "If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body". Our spiritual body is treated much in the same way.

We read that God made man upright and without sin, but he transgressed God's law and became very ill, Paul said that we were dead through trespasses and sins.

We see a picture of man--free from sin and walking in precepts and promise of God as Solomon said, "The righteous are as bold as a lion". Then we see a picture of Adam hiding because he was ashamed of himself, or afraid; because he had disobeyed God's word.

Our jails are filled with law breakers, to say nothing about the almost innumerable host that are hiding in various places; all because they either didn't know or didn't submit to God's moral or spiritual law. They have become very ill, and have need of a physician, and there is no exception because Paul said, "All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God".

Christ said those that are sick need a physician. That means all that have broken God's law, and we all have.

Christ has given us the prescription. He told his apostles to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved".

When we are cured from our past disease (our sins) how must we keep healthy, or free from sin, by what diet? Here is part of it. Christ, when he was tempted said man was to live "by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of the Father. He also said that his meat was to do the will of him that sent him. Peter said, "As new born

## U N I T Y

"Unity is the only thing for this day and age" said a public speaker. With such thoughts as these he closed his meeting. "Is there anyone who has any question, any word to say"?

babes long for the spiritual milk of the word that ye may grow thereby unto salvation.

The word of God is the diet that brought us out of our sins, cured us of this disease. If we stick by it, we will grow, live and walk as God intended.

We should not read literature that has the tendency to draw our spiritual minds and corrupt our spiritual body.

It is to be remembered that there are contagious diseases, both physical and spiritual. Paul said in I Cor. 15:33, "Be not deceived, evil companionship corrupts good morals". We should shun associates who are not Christians. David said he was a companion to those that kept God's precepts. If we are, it will not be hard to keep free from sin--to keep our spiritual bodies well.

These scriptures before us portray a perfect example of life in Christ Jesus. The apostle Paul said in II Tim. 3:16, "All scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable for teaching, for instruction... that the man of God may be perfect, completely furnished unto every good work. To be completely furnished, to me is both physical and spiritually.

Let us wake up and show to the world what Christianity means by taking care of our physical and spiritual bodies; as Paul said to Timothy, "Godliness is profitable for all things".

"Yes" a good brother said.  
"Yes", I have a few things I would like to say.

"Unity is the greatest thing this world has ever known. Unity, but under a different system.

"What system"? This question comes from one and all.

"The system Christ set up. The unity He prayed for in the 17th chapter of John. Yes, let us be brethren. Let us unite under one flag, under one society.

"If Jesus the Saviour of the world prayed for Unity, it is the thing for us. After His resurrection He told his disciples (apostles) that all authority was given to Him in heaven and on earth. Matt. 28:18. He then told them to preach the good tidings and have the people unite in one body. We find the body that those people were to unite in was the church. Eph. 4:4. There is one body. Col. 1:18. He is the head of the body. Eph. 1:22-23. And gave Him to be head of all things to the church, which is his body.

"Paul has also said (speaking by inspiration) that all glory was to be given in the church, and in Christ Jesus. Eph. 3:21.

"Then we are to unite in one body, the church. We get into Christ by baptism. Gal. 3:27.

"Christ adds us to the church. Acts 2: 47. Thus we must unite in the one body, the church, and in it give Christ the Glory".

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--Clifford Elford.

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## THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

By D.A. Sinclair

Text-Matt. 28:18. All authority has been given unto me in Heaven and on earth.

These are the last words that Jesus uttered before he gave the last command to his disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, baptizing them into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo: I am with you always, even unto the end of the

## OUR INDIAN ROAD

By W. Eatough

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world.

Christ came to this world, lived a perfect life, and was able to die on the cross for the sins of the world. As he provided the salvation, he had the right to make the conditions of salvation.

After Christ arose from the dead, a victor over death and the grave, he was given absolute authority in Heaven and on earth. If he has all authority, it does not leave any for man; yet how much of man's authority has been substituted for the authority of Christ!

In Heb. 1:1,2 the apostle Paul tells us that God having of old times spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions, and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his son.

Just as God appointed Aaron to speak for Moses; so the apostles were appointed to speak for Christ. Before Christ went to Heaven he gave the plan of salvation.

John 8:24- Except ye believe that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.

Luke 13:3- Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 16:16- He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

John 3:5- Verily verily I say unto you, Except a man be born of the water and the spirit, he can not see the kingdom of God.

In order to be saved we must be born into the family of God. We can not grow into it, we must be born into it.

After Christ went to Heaven he spoke through the apostles. Before his crucifixion, he promised that he would send the Holy Spirit who would guide them into all the truth. (John 16:16). This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when the apostles were

baptized with the Holy Spirit.

After the apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and started out in their new work of teaching under the Christian dispensation, they realized that Christ had all authority in Heaven and on earth. They taught the plan of salvation just as Christ had given it to them, and the conditions of salvation were the same as Christ had taught. This is shown in Acts 2:38.

All the conversions recorded on this side of the cross were the same: faith, repentance, baptism, salvation.

Not only did the apostles realize that all authority belonged to Christ, but the early disciples did too. They taught the same as the apostles, and in the short space of thirty years the gospel was taken to the whole world. (Col. 1:23).

Soon man failed to realize that all authority belonged to Christ, and began to substitute his own authority for that of Christ; until in about the sixth century they had developed the Roman Catholic Church with the pope of Rome as the head in place of Christ.

After the reformation movement brought about by Martin Luther and others, people began to recognize the authority of Christ in some things, but not altogether.

The Christian (so called) world today does not recognize the authority of Christ in all things. Christ said, "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men". Mark 7:7.

In Matt. 28:19 the apostles were commanded to make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This could not be anything but water baptism, for in John 1:33 we read, "Upon whomsoever thou

shalt see the Spirit descending and abide upon him: the same is he that baptizes in the Holy Spirit. Ya Matt.13:16. we see this refers to Christ at his baptism, so only he can baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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In Christening children, the preacher says, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit". Where does he get the authority for that?

When God told Noah to build the ark, he told him exactly how he wanted it built. When he told Moses to build the tabernacle, he told him to build it according to the pattern.

Christ gave the plan of salvation, and every conversion recorded in the Christian dispensation harmonizes with it.

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From Matt.7:22, We see that in the last days, many honest, sincere people will find they have made a mistake by listening to, and believing what some preacher has told them, or what they have believed for years: in place of studying the Bible for themselves, and obeying it. On that day the judge will say to many, "Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

Sometimes Christians fail to realize that Christ has all authority. I have heard Christians say they thought each Lord's day was too often to gather around His table. If Christ thought it was too often, he would not have made it so. Acts 20:7.

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## PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

## THE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE

## Lesson II-Genesis 3.

Golden Text: Revelations 2:7. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life that is in the midst of the paradise of God.

When God had made Adam and Eve, he made a beautiful garden for them. It was the garden of Eden. The world was not the same then as it is now. There were no insects to destroy the garden, and no weeds to make the work hard. Adam was told to look after the garden, but it wouldn't be very hard to look after a garden where there were no insects or weeds, would it? God didn't want Adam to work very hard, but to live in the beautiful garden and be happy. In the garden there were many fruit trees. All Adam had to do to get food was to pick it off the trees. There was a tree in the garden called the Tree of Life. If Adam and Eve ate of that tree, they would live forever. There was another tree called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. In all the garden that was the only tree that they were not to eat from. God said that if they ate from that tree, they would die. There were many trees in the garden with fruit good to eat, and there was the Tree of life that they could eat of and live forever. God wasn't asking very much when he gave them so much and kept so little from them, was he?

One day a serpent came to Eve, and asked her if God had said she could eat of every tree of the garden.

"No", said Eve, "We may eat of every tree but the Tree of the

Knowledge of Good and Evil, for God said that if we eat of that tree, we would die". It wasn't really a serpent or snake that was speaking to Eve, it was the devil speaking through the serpent trying to get her to do what was wrong. He said, "Ye shall not die, but if ye eat of the tree, ye shall be like God. Eve knew that God had told her not to eat of the tree, but it was good looking fruit, she thought it would be good for food, and if she ate of it she would be wise like God; so she ate it, and offered it to Adam. He did not believe what the serpent told Eve, but he ate it any way.

Not long after they had eaten of what God had told them not to eat, God came to the Garden and they hid themselves. When we do wrong we usually want to hide, don't we? But we can't hide from God. He found Adam and Eve and asked them if they had eaten from the tree of which he had commanded them not to eat. Adam did not take the blame, but like many of us, he tried to put the blame on Eve. He said, "The woman you gave to me gave me the fruit, and I ate it". Eve said, "The serpent fooled me, and I ate it". Then God went to the serpent, or really to Satan; and said that Eve would have a son, and that Satan would try to hurt the son, but that the son would kill Satan. God was not speaking of one of Eve's children, but of Christ. He came many years after as the seed, or son of Eve. While he was on earth Satan tempted him and tempted the people to do as much harm to him as possible, and at last they killed him; but he arose from the dead, and ascended to heaven, and some day he will put Satan in eternal punishment, which is the second death.

Then God said to Eve, "Be-



cause you have done what I told you not to do, and have led your husband into sin, you shall suffer and have trouble all your life; and your husband shall rule over you".

And God said to Adam, "Because you have listened to Eve, and have disobeyed me, the earth shall be cursed for your sake. On it will grow weeds and thistles, and you will have to work hard all your life".

God had told Adam and Eve that if they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil they would die, so he drove them out of the garden, and from the Tree of life, so they could not eat of it. Then he sent an angel to cut it down.

We all have to suffer because of the sins of Adam and Eve, but if we serve God here, we will some day go to heaven, and will be able to eat of the tree of life there, where we will live forever in that place even better than the Garden of Eden. Robert Sinclair.

#### The Authority of Christ (Continued from page 3)

times that all authority is given unto Christ, in heaven and on earth; and let us do what he has taught, and worship in the way he has laid down for us, knowing that he said anything else is vain worship, and will not be accepted by him.

#### RADVILLE BIBLE SCHOOL

The prospects are for the largest attendance at Radville Bible School this summer since 1932. Will you be there? Special feature this year never used at any previous school.

#### STEPS UNTO CHRIST

By J.C. Bailey

The following little illustration has been used to show people the way to Christ. Others have used it with good effect too.

We believe unto righteousness, Rom. 10:10.

We repent unto life, Acts 11:18.

We confess unto salvation, Rom. 10:10.

We are baptized into Christ, Gal. 3:27.

Rightly divide the word is God's order. II Tim. 2:15. God never changed the order here given. In Christ we have all promises. Eph. 1:3. We cannot be in Christ and then be baptized into him. So the doctrine that the moment we believe we are saved is out of harmony with God's word. We dare not pervert this teaching. Paul said even if one of the apostles or an angel should pervert the gospel he was accursed. Thank God we still have the true gospel.

When we believe with the heart our text (Rom. 10:10) says we believe unto righteousness. What is righteousness? David said all God's commands are righteousness. Ps. 119:172. Then Paul says when a man believes with his heart he will do God's commandments. Do you believe as the devil and tremble (Jas 2) or do you believe with your heart? Bible Faith then produces works. Nothing hard to understand about this, is there? The next step is "Repentance unto life". Can we be baptized into Christ if we haven't repented? No, why? Could we enter a house if we were not at the door of the house? Repent and be baptized said Peter. Acts 2:38. The conjunction "and" joins words, phrases and clauses of relative value. This is a

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning. Rom. 15:4.

By Claude B. Perry

As the editor has requested that I act as an associate editor, I shall endeavour to comply with his wishes and for a time will write short articles under the above heading, realizing that in the Old testament scriptures we have a vast store of information on God's dealing with

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common rule of English. Why Peter's command: "unto remission of sins". We are "dead in sin. A new life is made possible by the Word of God. I Pet. 1:23. Repentance is part of that begetting for it is unto life. Acts 11:18. Should you be baptized without having repented you could not be baptized into Christ, for you had not come to God. You have not come into life and you could not have remission of sins for you have left part of God's plan.

Confession is a step God has laid out. It precedes baptism, for it too is unto. Are you ashamed to confess your Saviour? Not if you believe with your heart? This is the fact that overcomes all obstacles. Tho 5:4.

Why quibble? Why delay? Come to Jesus in his own appointed way. If you do he will add you to his church. Acts 2:41-47. He bought the church with his blood. Acts 20:28. He paid more than we were worth, didn't he? He alone can save. Come to Jesus now.

O, do not let the word depart,  
Nor close thine eyes against  
the light.

Poor sinner harden not your  
heart

Be saved O tonight.

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mankind, which will prove a blessing and sources of strength, only if we learn and put into practise the lessons contained in these sacred pages.

The author of our title, who next the Lord Jesus Christ might perhaps be classed as our greatest teacher in New Testament times, makes use of the things that were written aforetime in his first epistle to the church at Corinth, and cites five ways in which they, and we also, might do well to take heed to warnings these examples set before us. I Cor. 10.

To the Galatians the same writer says the law is become our tutor or schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Gal. 3:24. While to Timothy this inspired writer speaks of the sacred writings which, he says were able to make him wise unto salvation. As little, if any of the New Testament books were written at the time of Timothy's youth, and as Paul says that he, Timothy, had known them, the sacred writings, from a babe, II Tim. 3:16, it is evident that the sacred writings referred to must have been the Old Testament scriptures. If then a knowledge of these inspired verses was able to make Timothy wise unto salvation, have they not the same power with us if we know them as did Timothy? Will not the warnings contained therein for the Corinthian brethren help us to sidestep pitfalls we will encounter before crossing the valley of death and if the law was to instruct those to whom the Galatian letter was penned are we going to forego this source of information concerning the master? Truly they were written for our learning.

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

By J.C.Bailey

**THE POSSIBILITY OF APOSTASY**  
Can a Christian fall so as to be lost? If so, please explain I John 3:9.

This is really two questions, and I shall deal with it as such.

There is so much proof that a Christian can be lost that a whole issue of the Gospel Herald could be given to this one question, but at the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established. First, Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net". The kingdom is the church. Certain ones in this kingdom were lost (Were cast away). Read Matt. 13:47-50. Second, the writer to the Hebrews says there are certain people who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the age to come and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them to repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame". Could language show more clearly the danger of apostasy and eternal ruin? Read Heb. 6:4-6. See also Heb. 10:26.

James, in the last two verses of his epistle says, one may err from the truth, be converted, and thus be saved from death. Yes, a Christian can be lost or language can have no meaning.

Many and varied have been the explanations to I John 3:9, but if you read carefully the two preceding chapters, it should prevent any serious trouble. Perhaps a glance at the dictionary would be helpful also in getting the meaning of cannot. Can, says Webster,

indicates moral, spiritual mental or physical power or ability. Cannot sin here indicates not lack of physical power, but moral or spiritual desire. A Christian dare not live in any sin and if we walk in the light, the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. I John 1:7. The power is in God, and not in man to keep pure in his sight. John already told us: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves". I John 1:8. Rom. 8:1 says: "There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus". Rom. 8:33: "It is God that justifieth". Justify means to pronounce free from guilt or blame. When we obey God's law God counts us as pure or righteous for Jesus sake. II Cor. 5:21.

In the light of these Scriptures we come to this conclusion. We dare not continue in any sin, nor try to hide it, but confess it. It is forgotten in the blood of the lamb; and God says we are free, or justified. May God help us to be careful to walk in the light of his word, turning away from sin; for should we abide in it we abide in the devil.

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April 1936.

## REPORTS FROM THE MASTER'S VINEYARD

Thessalon, Ont.-Dear brethren:- We have just concluded our Thessalon Bible School. Although it was sparsely attended a splendid interest and kindly spirit was shown and all are in favor of its continuance next year. Our term lasted from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28.

Next Lord's day, March 22, We are beginning an evangelistic meeting at Iron Bridge, Ont. The Church at Thessalon supporting us in the work. It is a new field but there are several members living near that may help carry on the work if a congregation by God's grace is established.

Soliciting your prayers for the extension of God's kingdom in this part of His Vineyard.

In His Service. Cecil T. Bailey.

Horse Creek, Sask. We appreciate the entrance of the Gospel Herald in our home. We have just received the first issue and find it very helpful, also interesting, and free from prejudice.

I would like to say I have known the editor, Brother Robert Sinclair since he was a small boy and believe that he is worthy of all the help we can give him.

I believe prejudice is one thing that hinders the work in the Master's Vineyard. There is much for us to do.

Why not all that can, send the Gospel Herald into one more home besides our own, and help in this way to spread the gospel? We hope the Gospel Herald will come to our home for many years.

Let us do as the apostle Paul said in Phil. 3:14. I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

--Russell Elford

Bro. Elford subscribed for the Gospel Herald for another.

Why not do the same?

Ogema, Sask., March 20, 1936. We were pleased to welcome the Gospel Herald and hope to see the subscription list grow that the utmost good may be accomplished.

Since last report have visited and preached at the following places. Ogema, Bures, Lampton, Harptree. One baptized at Ogema and one at Harptree. I expect to return to Harptree for a meeting soon.

--J.C. Bailey.

610 Sherbrook St. Winnipeg.

We are recovering from a depression through terrible weather conditions, and sickness amongst the brethren.

We are corresponding with brethren, to be able to hold two meetings soon.

To friends, Bro. Eatough would like to say that Mrs. Eatough is making a fine recovery from the slight stroke she suffered on New Year's Day. Many thanks for kindly messages received. W.E.

GOSPEL HERALD, Wishart, Sask. I did not have much to report in the way of finance, so will give it all this time.

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