

Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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LOOK AWAY TO JESUS

*Look away to Jesus,
Soul by woe oppressed;
'Twas for thee He suffered,
Come to Him and rest,
All thy griefs He carried,
All thy sins He bore;
Look away to Jesus,
Trust Him evermore.*

*Look away to Jesus,
Soldier in the fight;
When the battle thickens,
Keep thine armor bright;
Though thy foes be many,
Tho' thy strength be small,
Look away to Jesus,
He shall conquer all.*

*Look away to Jesus
When the skies are fair;
Calm seas have their dangers,
Mariner beware!
Earthly joys are fleeting,
Going as they came;
Look away to Jesus,
Evermore the same.*

*Look away to Jesus,
'Mid the toil and heat;
Soon will come the resting,
At the Master's feet;
For the guests are bidden,
And the feast is spread;
Look away to Jesus,
In His footsteps tread.* —SEL.

FOUR GREAT IMPOSSIBILITIES

Part 1.

Hebrews 6 : 13, 20.

There are four great impossibilities in scripture, the first of which is contained in the chapter referred to at the head of this article.

I shall, at the outset, dwell upon it for a little, not exactly in its own connection in Heb. 6, that we shall have at the close-but simply the solemn fact stated. I allude to the expression in the 18th verse. "It is impossible for God to lie."

IMPOSSIBILITY, No.1.

It is a very common remark that "all things are possible with God"-that, "God can do anything" and the statement has the authority of the Lord Jesus Himself, but I need not say the Lord did not mean thereby to contradict the passage before us, and to imply that the holy God could either utter or act a lie. If that were possible, then He would not be God at all: He would be reduced to what you and I are: so, whilst one would earnestly press the love and grace of God in dealing with the sinner, still it is most important that we should maintain the holiness, righteousness and truth of His character, in all their strict integrity. God is one who "can by no means clear the guilty" (God is of "purer eyes to behold iniquity, and cannot look upon sin." "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." Remember, I beseech you, that God is light. How often one hears that precious passage quoted-God is love, and how seldom comparatively its counterpart: but the very epistle (1 John) that contains the glorious announcement-God is love-opens by the "message" from heaven that God is light. Now why is it that people like to think of God's love, and do not feel happy in the reflection that God is light? Because light detects darkness, because it is a most unpleasant thing for the guilty sinner to be revealed in all the searching brilliancy of His holy presence.

You hear people say, "I hope to go to heaven:" but let me ask. Do you hope to be in the light? "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." Whereas, man is sin, and in him is nothing but darkness. That is what you are my unsaved reader, the very opposite of what God is. Do you really hope to go to heaven? Could you find any happiness there? None whatever. Heaven would be perfectly intolerable to you, if you are not consciously fit for the dazzling light of God's own glory.

But to return. If it be impossible for God to utter a lie, how much more impossible to act a lie. Deeply, deeply as He yearns over the lost, mightily as He longs for the deliverance and blessing of those held captive by sin and Satan, yet God cannot depart in the smallest degree from what He is in Himself, nor act inconsistently with His nature as a holy God to accomplish these blessed ends. He may not exercise His grace to belie His justice: He will not be merciful at the expense of holiness: He cannot express His love in a way inconsistent with truth: He refuses to sacrifice the dignity and majesty of His throne to satisfy the deep desires of His heart.

Now, you may not like to have this truth pressed upon you, but if you were converted to God you would delight in it, because I do not know anything that gives a soul more real rest than the blessed fact that he has been saved not only by grace, but through righteousness.

A man once said to me, when I sought to put the Gospel before him, "I don't understand all this. Is not God able to do anything? and if He loves me, why cannot He save me at once, without all this incessant talk about Christ, and the cross, and the blood?"

"Ah," I replied, "you imagine that God can do anything: but you are wrong. He cannot. It is impossible for God to lie: and were he to save you without the cross, He would be acting a lie. It would be the very opposite of justice. Justice must punish sin."

Oh, if people were only to think of this a little more, they would not talk so lightly about their sins.. How universally we hear it said. "I know I am very bad, but I do the best I can, and I trust in the mercy of God and I hope to be saved in the end." It is all a delusion. If you want to know the certain road to everlasting hell, that is the road.

Let us analyse it, what is the best that you can do? "Man in his state is altogether vanity:" all his "righteousness are as filthy rags:" (Isa. 54 : 6,) and as to trusting in the mercy of God, man's idea of the mercy of God is the hope that God will think as little of his sins as he does himself, but no: God's holiness demands the punishment of sin. And His love as well as His holiness require that the sinner shall be made absolutely fit for the glory of God, as fit as the Lord Jesus is Himself-if he is ever to be there.

Impossibility. No, 2.

Now let us look at the second impossibility. The first concerned God, the second concerns the sinner. We shall find it in Hebrews, 11 : 6. "But without faith it is impossible to please God," connect that verse with another in Romans 8 : 7. "The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the will of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

We have been seeing that there is in God's nature that which prevents His coming down to man, except in righteousness. Now we turn to what a sinner is by nature, and we find it is impossible for him to please God. They that are in the flesh (in contrast to those who are "in Christ" verse 1, and "in the spirit, verse 9,) cannot please God," what a dreadful position to be in: but is it not true of my unconverted reader? Do you love God? No: you love pleasures, amusement, anything, everything but Him, why is this? "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God." That is what man's heart is made of morally-and "God is love," God and man then are opposite, for it is not subject to the law of God? Must not you plead guilty to that indictment also? Not subject neither indeed can be: what terrible material we are made of: No wonder the apostle finished up this terrible picture with the sweeping statement. "They that are in the flesh cannot please God."

You may do the best you can, attend your place

of worship regularly, read the Bible, say prayers, have charity, be honest and straight-forward in your business, and so forth, but remember that all the time unless you have been converted to God, and are saved through the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not pleasing God, you must be "born again" before it is possible to please God. Oh: how it takes the very ground from under us, and lays us low before Him.

You are perhaps putting your works, your prayers, your good conduct in the place of Christ, you have to put them in the dust and learn that they are nothing but filthy rags, you may be zealously seeking God in this way, but it is the wrong way, it is the very mistake the apostle, in the 10th Chap. of Romans accused Isarel of. "They have a zeal for God" he says but not according to knowledge, for they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God, for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Now I ask you, dear reader, have you ever honestly gone down before God and told Him that you are nothing but a thoroughly lost, vile sinner? If not, you have not submitted yourself to the righteousness of God, for that is what His testimony declares you to be, in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd chapters of Romans. I do not think there are many moments in the history of a soul more blessed than the moment when he so thoroughly submits himself to God's righteousness as to acknowledge that he is perfectly lost, because the more fully a person knows his utterly worthless position in this world, the more thoroughly he is able to appreciate the cleansing power of Christ's most precious blood.

Now we have looked at the two sides—God and man, we have seen how impossible it is for God to surrender one title of His righteousness and how impossible it is for man to leave his sinful state. God and man are fixed at the very antipodes from one another. How, then, is the mighty distance that separates them to be bridged over? How are two such opposite beings to be brought together in peace and blessedness? How was God to maintain His holiness, righteousness, and truth in the judgment of sin, and yet give expression to His love, that longed to have poor guilty ones with Him in glory? That was the mighty problem that had to be solved: The profoundest human intellect might well stand aghast at its immensity, and confess its helpless impotence. It remains for God Himself to devise means by which His banished be not expelled from Him, means which glorify all His attributes, and at the same time give a channel for His boundless love to flow. God can now be just and justifier of the poor ungodly sinner that believes in Jesus.

Let me illustrate a little what I mean. A man is tried for murder, the jury is sworn, the evidence is heard, and the verdict of "guilty" is recorded, the judge, instead of sentencing the prisoner to death, addresses him thus: "you have been clearly proved to be guilty of this murder, but I pity you, and herewith I pardon your offence-you are discharged." would

not that be a piece of gross injustice? would it not be an outrage upon even human ideas of righteousness? undoubtedly such a judge would be pronounced by public opinion to be a disgrace to the judicial bench.

But though man is shocked at the bare idea of a human judge acting in such a way, yet he expects God, "the judge of all the earth," to deal with him after that very manner: surely you are not going to saddle God with a character that you would not tolerate in a human being: how, then, is God to pardon, bless, and save in a righteous way the man who is thoroughly guilty and lost?

This question our third impossibility will answer.

(To be continued.)

THE SECRET OF PEACE

Peace is needed. The individual needs it, the Church needs it, the whole world needs it; and all may have it by meeting the conditions. Jesus said: "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.*" The great apostle, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote "*Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Jesus is the Peace-giver; and when we are on good terms with Him we have peace. Everything we need is at our command when we live in the will of God; and that will is made known unto us by the Word. Men and women in the past have proved this to be true.

The teacher of a large class of noisy and unruly children was one day losing heart, when suddenly he prayed, and claimed Christ's own gentle patience. All he said was, "Thy patience, Lord;" and at once a divine calm came over his soul, and he knew that he had made a great discovery. From that hour he constantly put it in practice. In moments of weakness, he said, "Thy strength, Lord;" in moments of conscious strength, "Thy humility, Lord;" in times of trouble, "Thy resignation, Lord." This is the secret of peace and power; this is proving the great apostle's experience: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.*" I venture the assertion that there was nothing between this man's soul and God. Beloved, when there is a lack of peace, when the waters are troubled; when you cannot pray through, institute a process of self-examination. Keep an ear open to the voice of God, and you will soon know the reason for your trouble. Never mind what others say, mind God.

Self-examination is a lost art. Too much time is spent in examining others, resulting in leanness of soul. I once heard a godly elder pray: "O God show us our own hearts!" And a precious saint alongside of me, on his knees, said in a low voice, in prayer, "O God, could we stand it?" Quite likely He will show you something you have left undone. A young man was wondrously saved, and as he was quite fluent in testimony, and God apparently blessed him, friends concluded that he ought to be out in the field at once preaching the Gospel. But he said,

"No." He had heard from Heaven; he knew all his sins were forgiven; that his heart was right with God; but there were debts amounting to several hundreds of dollars; and before he could go out and preach, he wanted every dollar paid. So he went to work with his hands, and paid off all the indebtedness; then went to preaching, and God blessed him.

John Nelson was one of Wesley's preachers; but before he began preaching, he paid all his debts. He had been a stone mason, and incurred debt through his carousals. When he had made enough money, as he thought, to pay off all bills, he started out, and came to almost the last creditor, when he found there was not enough on hand. He sold his horse, the saddle and bridle, and met every dollar; then went to preaching, and God blessed his labors. He had peace through meeting conditions. "Them that honor me, I will honor," saith the Lord. Some folks never get right with God until they get to where they acknowledge their wrong against the one who could go to God and complain because of what they had done, or perhaps what they left undone. I saw a preacher once who was on the way to the woods to pray. He had had a horse trade with another preacher; and while he was praying through, God asked him if that trade was straight. And somehow or other, it did not look straight just then, and he told the Lord he would make it all right.

I heard a sister pray once, "O Lord, bless everybody who is blessable;" and thought there was much in the request. There is peace and power and rest for all who have met the conditions. Rest, oh, the rest there is for the soul that says the last "Yes" to God! There is rest where HE is. —SEL.

"*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God*" (Rom. 8: 28).

"When adverse circumstances arise, we are tempted to read this verse in this manner: 'We know that some things work together for good to them that love God,' or 'We know that all things work together for good, except this particular, unpleasant thing.' We praise Him because He says, 'all things,' and we know that 'all things' include everything—the pleasant and the unpleasant, the human and the diabolical.

To love Him, is the only condition that has to be fulfilled to enjoy the blessed 'good' result of God's working.

Let us particularly notice that He does not say, 'And we believe that all things,' but 'And we know.' It is blessed to believe that all things work together for good, but God will so speak this truth to the yielded, trusting heart, that faith will pass into spiritual knowledge and we can say, 'We know.' "

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It appears that God is permitting us to pass through a whitening or bleaching out process. We feel sure that the Lord will know when the work is completed.

We are thankful to God that we are not under any sectish clan to have our mouth closed, nor our pen made idle on clear Bible truth.

One noticeable sign of declinson in ministers and writers is their silence on certain clear truth set forth in Scripture, or if they speak of it, they do so in an indefinite manner.

Many of the "watchmen" in these days have become "dumb dogs, lying down, loving to slumber." They are ceasing to bark and warn the people who are transgressing against God, who are being allured to the world and are rejecting Christ and His lowly, humble, self-denying walk, while in the body.

Those who are sending articles or testimonies to be printed in Faith and Victory need not be discouraged if you do not see them in print, as we do not have space to print them all, and often an article will be on hands for months before God moves on us to use it. The right thing to do is to write and send in whatsoever God inspires you to write and have the same so consecrated that it will not ruffle you in the least if they are never used.

When we were setting up the first Faith and Victory the Lord brought the work to a standstill and for nearly a month we waited upon God, and during that time the Lord whispered many things to our souls concerning the work and the editing of Faith and Victory.

Before beginning to print the first issue we had thought of putting a price on the paper, but in this time of waiting on the Lord, He spoke to our souls almost like words, "Send the paper out free." We answered, "Yes, Lord," and He also gave us the comforting Scripture found in Second Corinthians 9: 8 which reads as follows, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

So by the grace of God we launched forth, not knowing what obstacles we were to meet up with while

we stayed in these mortal bodies, but with the assurance that God would make grace abound for all good work, and thus He has brought us through many varying and strange experiences. Sometimes the sun would shine bright and clear and all was lovely; at other times the clouds and thick darkness would come.

We have always been able to praise God for the air that we breathe, and as we kept looking to Jesus He would clear the clouds away and make a way of our escape that we were able to bear it.

That the devil hates a Faith work is very evident, and if he cannot persuade you to charge for the gospel or rather get you to reason yourself astray, he will proceed to harass you in every conceivable way, throwing out poison gasses, causing saints if possible to look on you with coolness, breaking a united prayer and effort to send forth the pure and unadulterated gospel.

In the last few months we have been tried, what we think real good, and have not been able to print and send out an August number of Faith and Victory, but our decision is just as great to send out the paper and gospel tracts as ever, and we shall, as the Lord leads the way and opens doors or ways for us to get the truth to the many perishing souls.

While the furnace is still pretty warm, yet God is cooling the breeze and calming the waves and we feel strength and power coming into our limp forms and expect God to bare His mighty arm against veiled sins and cunning crafty spirits that work through false prophets in sheeps clothings. We have no fear of this ship as long as we feel the strong arm of Christ and His grip on the helm, remembering the great darkness and seemingly lost hope that He passed through on Calvary's Mount, the agony of death, and then witness the great victory over Satan when He arose from the tomb, it makes us thank God and take courage. Christ has said to the disciples, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good courage, for I have overcome the world."

When you get this paper we ask each of you to unite in prayer for this work and us, that God give us wisdom in sending out the gospel and fill our hearts with tender love for friend and foe, that we may have clear true discernment inasmuch that we will not needlessly offend any of God's little ones, and on the other hand that we will have the fear of God on us so that we will be bold to declare the truth against all opposing powers, also pray that God make us able to send out a sixteen page paper each month.

Issue, we had We were permitted by the Lord to attend the last few days of the Oklahoma State Camp Meeting held at Okla. City. Many of the saints from the states attended, and some from other states, including Bro. G. E. Harmon of Los Angeles, Calif. A Many good sermons were preached under the anointing of God and our hearts were made to rejoice as clear Bible truth went forth. A good portion of the preaching was against worldliness in dress, which was timely, as many believers in these days are pitching their tents toward Sodom and are being blinded in heart as they

drift. Much of the preaching was on the line of unity of believers and many good truths were brought out for the enlightenment of those present.

There were more than thirty ministers present and as far as we know all were agreed that God blessed and edified His gathered together ones. (Heavy rains fell on the last two evenings of the meeting and made things rather unpleasant and inconvenient for some. We left while meeting was in progress and did not get to bid many of the saints good bye, but our heart is tender toward you and our prayer is that when we meet again that the same love will be filling our hearts as at this time. May God bless you one and all and help you to keep sensitive to the voice of God who is above all.

Yours in Jesus.

—FRED PRUITT.

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CORRESPONDENCE

State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.—Dear Christian friends: I had a slip of paper handed me by one of my fellow prisoners, and I am sending it to you because it says something about Faith and Victory. I have read one of them and received a blessing from it because it contained the Truth of God. I am a child of God and appreciate reading the gospel. I would like to get the paper regularly. Pray for me that I may be permitted to work in God's great harvest field before long, on the outside world. May God bless you, I pray. A Brother in Christ Jesus.

—SANFORD L. JONES—1222.

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State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.—Dear Christian friends: I have read the sample copy of the paper, Faith and Victory, you sent me and am well pleased with it. I would appreciate it very much if you will kindly send me one as often as possible, thanking you. I would like to tell you that my home is in B——, Okla., but the devil led me out here to California and I am now serving time here in the San Quentin Penitentiary. But thank God I am now living a good and true Christian life. I just want you to pray for me that I may have more faith and be drawn closer unto our dear Lord. I remain your Brother in Christ.

—RAY ROBERTS—39156.

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Llano, Texas.—Dear Christian friends: We came across an issue of Faith and Victory of March, 1923, and we thank the Lord for it. It was rich in expounding the Word and we could witness and feel the Spirit of God breathing through it. We would love to have your last issue and a few of the back numbers if you have them. I feel that I should write of a vision the good Lord gave me at the eleven o'clock service in meeting at Cameron, Texas. Sunday morning three months ago. I have as my only object that it may be of help to someone, and that the Lord may be glorified. I want to say before going into the details of the vision, how true the Scriptures are, and how the Lord verified His Word in the vision: that Jesus Christ our Savior bore all our sins and our

short comings on the tree 1900 year ago (Eph. 1: 7; Col. 1: 20 and 2: 14), and by believing on Him and fully trusting in His blood for atonement, He will put our sins as far from us as the east is from the west, praise His holy name!

I was sitting in the church during the service and pondering on my past life. I have been saved by the grace of God for over two years and have the witness of His Spirit (Rom. 8: 16; Gal. 4: 6) and received the baptism of the dear Holy Spirit three months later. As I sat there I was feeling bad to think that I had not found the Lord sooner, and used my life for His glory. I am now 39 year old and I do love the Lord with all my heart and soul and strength. I felt pretty much grieved about my past life. Just then it seemed that something like a large gray curtain parted before me, about ten feet away. It parted from the center upward, one half to the right and one half to the left. Just as the curtain parted our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (to Him be praise forever) rose up from below, nailed to the cross, till He was in full view before me, and just back of the parted curtain. Then both disappeared at once. All was as real and true to me as anything that ever happened, and it was in the day time. My wife sitting next to me saw nothing of it. Afterward the Lord illuminated it to my heart and explained to me that I should not worry over my past life, for all was now on the cross, that He died for it, and all was forgiven and under the blood. How true and wonderful and good is our precious Redeemer, showing and comforting us in His great love and staying by us in our sadness. I cannot express in words my gratitude to Him. Pray for us for health, wisdom and strength, and that the Lord may reveal His will to us for His service. Yours in Christ.

—BRO. AND SISTER KARL FRANK.

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Trenton, Ga.—Greetings to all our dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. As we are some of the least of God's children, old and almost forgotten in this cold world, we once more humbly ask you to allow us to say a few words to the dear family of God scattered abroad. While my dear faithful wife and I are still in much pain and misery from day to day, and with but few earthly friends to cheer us, we are still praying and praising the dear Lord for His goodness and mercy which have followed us through so many trials and troubles. We are yet unable to work or go to church, but we praise His blessed name for sparing our lives, and for the good little paper that comes to feed and encourage our souls and hearts. The Lord has given us much help and comfort through Faith and Victory. We thank and praise God that there are yet so many dear saints who are filled with the Holy Ghost. While there are but few in this part of the country that we can see, we can read of them in other places. We are isolated here and almost like poor prisoners in jail. We are dependent upon the dear Lord and His blessed children for all we have and are, and we humbly ask all the dear readers to pray for us and write to us, for

we will soon leave this world of trials and troubles. By the grace of God some sweet day we hope to meet every one of you loving souls where we can shout and sing our Redeemer's praises forever more. God bless you all.

—A McCLINTON AND WIFE.

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Bonham, Texas.—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' name, and to the dear ones at Faith Pub. House: Today finds me rejoicing in a Savior's love with victory in my soul. Your letter was so much encouragement to me. May God bless you and help you to continue sending the little paper forth to spread the gospel, for it is such a blessing to anyone to read. The little tracts you sent me were fine, and I try to put them where they will do good. I am doing all I can to help spread holiness. My husband is a young minister of the gospel, just starting out to help make the light brighter for God. We have four children to raise up for the dear Lord if we can, so we need your prayers in our behalf. You may remember about the 10th of May I wrote you for prayer for my rheumatism, and about the time I received your letter I received help from God. Bless His dear name. I have been doing my work with ease. I have been afflicted so much in the past and a burden in that respect to my husband, but I am praying for more faith, and I ask the agreement of God's children. I have been bothered with a hurting in my lungs and right side, also with bilious spells that make me very sick. My desire is to be well to help in the work of the Lord that is needed so badly. It is a pleasure to me to write to those who are holding up the true banner and truth of the gospel of God. I am saved and sanctified, and willing to do His will. Pray for me that I may stand true at any cost.

Yours in Christ. —SISTER MAY COONROD.

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THE WAY TO LIVE

Much is being said today about the high cost of living, and how to live more economical. Many poor people are trying hard to keep soul and body together on the meager income they earn. Job (28: 7-8) declared, "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it." Isaiah through prophetic vision foresaw it, and declared it to be "an highway" "a way" "and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it: but the redeemed shall walk there" (Isa. 35: 8-9). This is the only way we can live in safety, and not be classed with the unfaithful stewards, when our Lord shall come to reckon with us concerning the use of our talents which He has given us. The curse of death was pronounced upon all men after the fall of Adam, but a promise was given of a Redeemer, a Savior, a Life-Giver, a Restorer. That promise was fulfilled and the way made complete, by the death and suffering of Jesus upon the cross. Since then all men are invited to the great supper of the Lamb, and by eating of His flesh and drinking of His blood they can have eternal life abiding within.

The first thing we must have to start us on this new and living way is the new birth, as spoken by Jesus to Nicodemus (John 3: 3). When once we are born again and this new life from God infused into our being, we are then able to grasp the promises of God's Word and live by them and receive from them the life giving propensities that are so vital and necessary to keep us alive in this new and living way (Heb. 10: 20). While we were living in the dead state (spiritually) we were all the time seeking those temporal things for our temporal body and life, for the purpose of living as long as possible here on this earth, as we had no hopes of any life beyond this veil of flesh. But now we have all the things necessary, freely given to us of God, for this life and the life which is to come. Let us study for a while just what all we have access to and see if there is anything lacking, or anything that we may yet desire or need to give us life, home, clothing, food, friends, etc. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1: 17). Gal. 2: 20 says, "And the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." The way to live this new life and partake of these eternal life giving necessities is by faith in the Son of God. The following are some of the eternal life giving things we need daily to live this clean, pure holy and new way. First of all let us study the food problem, and see if there is sufficient for us to live on. Jesus said, "I am that bread of life. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6: 48-51). Being therefore well supplied with bread, let us look for a drink: verse 53, "Except ye drink His blood, ye have no life in you." Verse 54, "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life." Jesus told the woman at the well that He would give *living water* to her if she had asked. "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall *never thirst*; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4: 14; 7: 38). Now for some meat to go with our bread and drink: "For my flesh is *meat indeed*, and my blood is drink indeed." Read John 6: 55, 56, 57, 58 and 63 verses, and study them prayerfully and receive the life contained therein.

Matt. 4: 4 says, "Thou shalt not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God." While some may complain (like the children of Israel in the desert) about having nothing but bread, meat and drink alone, and would want something sweet for desert, let them turn to Isaiah 55: 1 and read the invitation to come buy wine and milk without money—Free Gift. Seeing we have plenty to eat and drink to give us life, we turn to look for clothing, home, friends etc. Jesus spoke the promises for our clothing in the sermon on the mount, Matt. 6: 24-30, and ended by saying, "Shall He not much more clothe you. O ye of little faith?" "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you. And every one that hath

forsaken houses * * * for my name's sake shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Seeing God has prepared all things necessary for our eternal life and temporal welfare, let us stand fast in the Lord, and wait for His Son from heaven, who shall reward us for our service here in this life.

Paul exhorts us to put on the whole armour of God, and having done all to stand therefore. "For the promise shall be to all the seed." As Paul wrote to Timothy, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (2 Tim. 4: 6-8). Jesus, speaking to John on the isle, said in a message to His people, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer * * * Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Seeing we have such exceeding great promises of all things we need to live here, and live eternally with our Lord and Savior, let us fear lest any of us should come short of entering in through the gates into the city.

—IRVIN H. WHITEHOUSE.

A PURE HEART FOR ALL WHO MEET BIBLE CONDITIONS OF REPENTANCE

"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" (Prov. 23: 26). The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ can see the secrets of every person's heart throughout the world at all times. "Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the night are both alike to Thee" (Psa. 139: 12). Wicked men and women often chose the dark hours of night to do their evil deeds, thinking that no one can see them. But this is a grave mistake. The God of heaven not only sees every deed committed, whether good or bad, but He also discerns the motive that prompts all deeds. Otherwise, how could Christ righteously judge the quick and dead at His second coming?

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear I judge: and my judgment is just, because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5: 28-30). "And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the pres-

ence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power: when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day" (2 Thess. 1: 7-10). "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22: 12).

It is plain from the foregoing Scriptures that God does see and take note of every deed committed, whether good or bad. It is also evident from the Holy Bible that God is not willing that any should perish in the flames of eternal perdition, but that all should be saved with an uttermost salvation. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing" (Jer. 17: 9-10). "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7: 21-23).

The above verses show the true condition of the unregenerate heart. Yet, God in all His tender love and compassion, calls to the sinner: "My son, give me thine heart." But what can God do with such wicked hearts? When the guilty soul feels the real need of salvation and come to God imploring mercy and pardon, for Jesus' sake, the abundant pardon is granted, the blood of Jesus is applied, the once sin-stained soul becomes well and truly converted. Yes, changed in all his ways. Before, he was on the downward road to eternal torment and woe, but now a new creature with his face set heavenward. But, oh! it took the shedding of Jesus' blood on Calvary. "And without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9: 22). "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1: 17-19). "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" Heb. 10: 19-22).

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9: 14).

The various religions of men of the present day are utterly futile and powerless to save one soul from his wickedness. But the precious name of Jesus is all sufficient to save from the vilest of sin. Perfect obedience to the New Testament will bring sweeping victory to every soul. According to the New Testament, there is no command where a convert is to join anything by way of organization, but when a soul becomes converted, God places him in the Body of Christ, the Church of the Firstborn, the Church of the Living God. There is absolutely nothing to join, but the Lord. Unregenerate men in these last days seem to think that God is not able to govern His own Church, so they set themselves to organizing, electing officers, appointing committees, formulating creeds. "Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2: 12-13).

—W. M. POTTER.

"AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS"

We meet many saints who are luke warm (very low in spirituality) and while they regret being in this state, yet they seem not to know how to better their condition. In Rev., third chapter beginning at the fourteenth verse, we read of some that were luke warm, neither hot nor cold, and Jesus said because of this "I will spue them out of my mouth." At the same time He gives them a remedy and says, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich." It may be a puzzel to some how we can buy of the Lord gold tried in the fire and be rich in the eyes of God. The only way that we know is to look into the perfect law of liberty, the Word of God, and begin to obey that portion that we are not obeying. For instance, Jesus says in Luke the twelvth chapter, "Sell that ye have and give alms: provide yourselves bags that wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth, For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." When one does this under the direct leadings of the Holy Spirit there will begin in your soul a bleaching-out process that will bring you in fellowship with the sufferings of the "peculiar people zealous of good works" (Titus 2: 14), and will cause the love of God to spring up in your soul like the willows by the water course, and your affections will be on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

Those who are awakened to the fact that they are lean in their souls need to read carefully and

slowly the twelvth chapter of Luke, and as the Spirit directs begin to obey the voice of God through this Scripture and then you will begin to truly buy gold of the Lord tried in the fire, and self will be lowered and crucified until God will reign supreme in your heart and your passport to heaven will be sure, while praises to God will continually flow out of your heart. The most of the deadness of souls is caused by the love of ease and comfort and the gratifying of fleshly desires, together with selfish, indifferent care for the well-fare of others: or if care is shown, it is shown with respect of persons with selfish motives in view, well covered and almost hid from the doer. Jesus says to "anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see." If saved folks would fast more for their own souls' good it would act as an ointment to your spiritual eyes, and you could see better how to please God and be a help to your fellow-creatures.

When we speak of fasting, we do not mean to fast for strife and debate. Satan has many doing that in these perilous times when so many doctrines and isms, together with signs and evidences, are being taught and imposed upon darkened souls, but we have reference to fasting for individual need, that your soul may become as a well of water springing up into everlasting life, that you may be intrusted with the true riches which are from heaven and last eternally. Jesus says again, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3: 19). Oh, how few are willing to stand the chastening and rebuking of the Lord, but when He (for their souls' good) begins to chasten, they become offended, cease to follow, and walk no more with Him. Others follow on but when it comes to the bleaching, purifying process (Daniel 12: 10), they turn away with a sorrowful heart and grow cold toward God or become luke warm, taking their place with the "spued-out ones." Our heart's desire is that souls awake and consider what Jesus says in Matt. 16: 26, which reads as follows, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" May God bless you.

—FRED PRUITT.

The Gospel of Christ changes the disorderly sinner into an orderly saint.

A preacher of the Gospel will be rejected by the money grabbers.

The higher the Christian life, the less the attractions of earth.

Sinful thoughts in the head makes evil deeds with the hands.

The wealth from deception is the gain of false advertising.

Many prayers fail because they are not founded on faith.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

SEEDS OF KINDNESS

*Let us all be good and true,
Honor father, mother;
Paths of peace and right pursue,
Kind unto each other.*

*Humble, pray'rful let us be,
Patient, nor complaining,
Singing here in tuneful glee,
From all sin refraining.*

*Loving, faithful, tender, mild,
Ever daily growing,
True and right—a faithful child,
Seeds of kindness sowing. ---Sel.*

LITTLE THINGS

Sometimes we think there is no harm in little things, but it all depends what the little things are.

There are such things as little deeds of kindness which are of very great value, but then there are little things that may be said to belong to the catalogue of evil things.

We can run down step after step and scarcely notice it. The first lie, the first theft, the first angry words and so on until the evil things do not seem so bad to us as they did at first, and who can tell what may be the end of such a course.

When a boy or girl quits their first known sin, it is well indeed if it makes them so unhappy that they feel obligated to confess it and get forgiveness.

If we sin against our parents we should confess it to them and if we sin against God we should confess it to Him.

The Lord Jesus is the true Refuge set before you in the gospel. He wants you first to come to Him and own Him as your Savior, then He will guide and safely lead you from day to day.

A dear girl dying told her Sunday school friend that she did not fear death, for underneath were the "everlasting arms." Ah, she was crossing the river of death to be with Christ, which is far better. ---SEL.

Utica, Pa.—Dear children: I feel that I want to spend a part of this, my 75th birthday, in talking to you, for the Lord has put a real love in my heart for all of His little ones. It may be some of you that read these lines have not yet fully yielded your hearts and lives to the dear Savior. God sent every one of you into this world for a purpose, and that is that you may live to honor, love and serve His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And dear ones it is the only life that is worth living, the only happy and profitable life, and I am so thankful that most of you, like myself, in childhood have Christian parents to teach and lead you in the way of righteousness. I have always felt so thankful that I had Christian

parents, and how well I remember my dear mother's counsel and prayers, although she left us for her heavenly home when I was but nine years of age. I well remember when we were small and would have our little disagreements in our play, as most children do at times, how she would talk to us and tell how it grieved the loving heart of Jesus. She would tell us to go and ask Him to forgive us, and how well I remember of kneeling on the stairs, not wanting to wait until we got clear up, and how many times along life's journey have I seen with my mind's eye the form of two little sisters there kneeling on the stairs asking forgiveness for their naughtiness, and I want to tell you dear children the Lord is still sparing that much loved sister to me yet, and oh, what precious times we have together talking to our Father in heaven who has so kindly cared for us all along through life's journey. I want to tell you why we are so much to each other: it is because we are sisters, yes double sisters, sisters in the flesh and sisters in the Lord. We are daily and anxiously looking for the Savior to come for us, and not only for us, but all that are His, all that love and serve Him, and oh, how many little ones will be in that happy company, all sizes and ages, and of all nations will be there, caught up to meet the dear Savior in the air to be forever with the Lord. So dear children, I am asking the dear Lord to help each saved child to be true to Him and tell others of the dear Savior's love, winning them for Him. Yes, this is the prayer of your loving

AUNT LOEY MCKAY.

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Guthrie, Okla.—This evening I will send greetings in the precious name of Jesus to all the dear little children that read the Children's Page. May the Lord bless each little child and help them to serve Jesus and be good, obedient children. Jesus loves the little children and when He was here on earth He called them unto Him and laid His hands on them and blessed them. Little children that are not saved should give their young lives to Jesus so He can protect you from the snares that Satan has set for you. Satan does not want anyone to serve God, and he has many things to occupy your minds so you will not be thinking about what the Lord would want you to do, but we must resist Satan and do just what Jesus tells us to do. Jesus is our Savior: He died on the cruel cross for us, and He is calling unto us to come and follow Him.

Little children that are saved must ever continue to pray to Jesus and ask Him to give you grace to help you to please Him in every thing that you do and say. Jesus wants the little children to talk to Him. When we pray to Jesus we are talking to Him, and then He will talk to you with His Holy Spirit and teach you what He wants you to know. I will close, asking God's blessings upon each one. From one that loves you.

—MRS. FRED PRUITT.

THE SINNER'S FRIEND

The Scripture tells us that 'Christ died for the ungodly.' Blessed fact! It will fill eternity with praise. It is the foundation of all blessing and godliness. The love of Christ is unfathomable. When none else could save, and nothing less than His death (even the death of the cross) was needed, He willingly died in our stead,—“He poured out His soul unto death.” Unparalleled kindness! The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world, and the beloved Son infinitely glorified the Father in redeeming us from all iniquity. He said, “Therefore doth My Father love Me, because *I lay down My life, that I might take it again*” (John 10: 17). What love! How perfect in every aspect! God's love manifested in not sparing His own Son, but delivering Him up for us all; and Christ's, the Good Shepherd, in giving His life for the sheep. How blessed! While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. The Prince of Life tasted death. His soul was made an offering for sin. He bare our sins in His own body on the tree. He loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. Wondrous grace! The Holy One made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Is it any marvel, then, that the adorable Sufferer cried out, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” Precious mysteries of redeeming love! Who can grasp the unsearchable riches of Christ?

Nothing is more plainly taught in Scripture than the necessity of Christ's death, even the death of the cross for our redemption. Every saved person knows this. Our Lord told Nicodemus that the Son of Man *must* be lifted up. He also said, “The bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world,” and, “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” How blessed, then, is the divine fact that “Christ died for the ungodly!” He is the sinner's Friend, because He was the sinner's Savior. Praise God.

“The atoning work is done.—
The Victim's blood is shed!”

But though Christ, the Bearer of our sins, died, it was not possible that He should be holden of death. His flesh saw no corruption. Having purged our sins, God raised Him from the dead, and crowned Him with glory at His own right hand in the heavens.

Reader, is the death of Christ nothing to *you*? Have *you* taken refuge in Him, now risen and ascended, as the only hope set before you? How can you possibly escape the coming wrath if you neglect this great salvation?

—SEL.

SOME TRUTH ON CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Our God is a God of love and also a God of justice, One who is dealing right with all men, meeting out goodness to all those who, by well doing, continue in His goodness, and wrath and indignation upon every soul that rejects and disobeys. While God is love, yet He is a sincere God and will not alter His Word to please the whims of men. He will be grieved and His anger will be kindled against those who break the commandments. In the third chapter of Amos we read that He was angry with His people, Israel, because they had failed to obey Him and to harken unto His voice and said, “I will punish you for all your iniquities,” and in the third verse that follows He says, “Can two walk together except they be agreed?” So we can plainly see by these Scriptures that if we want to walk with God we must cast aside our ways, our pre-conceived ideas, and the traditions and commandments of men, and as a child be a doer of the word, and the Lord says in James, “This man shall be blessed in his deed, (or in the doing).”

We read of one man that was found picking up sticks on the Jewish Sabbath, which was breaking the commandment of God to men under the Mosaic law. They put him in ward. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “The man shall surely be put to death,” and commanded them to stone him. They stoned him to death (Num. 15: 32). So we see by this that God is so sincere and jealous over His people that a seemingly small thing does not escape His notice. To be baptized is a commandment given in the commission to the disciples by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It was given after He arose from the dead and before He ascended to the throne at the right hand of God. This truth is found in the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew, beginning at the eighteenth verse which reads as follows: “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Jesus is our pattern, our example. We are to follow Him, to hear His voice and obey as little children; some of the disciples learned this in a very forcible manner on the mount when Jesus was transfigured before them and they heard the voice of God saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” In the beginning of His ministry, Jesus set the example of being baptized that

He might fulfill all righteousness, and God, the Father, blessed Him in the act, set His seal of approval upon it, and sent the Holy Spirit like a dove, lighting upon Him: "And lo, a voice from heaven, saying this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3: 17).

We want to clear you of the false idea that baptism is a saving ordinance, for it is not. We do not look at Christ as He went down in the water and was baptized to get our souls healed of the leprosy of sin; we do not look upon the act as atoning for our sins, for there was no shedding of blood there. In Hebrews 9: 22 we find these words, "And without the shedding of blood is no remission." So to get saved from sin, to have condemnation lifted and peace with God given, we look to Christ who was lifted up on the cross, even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so was Christ the Son of God lifted up and all who look at Him hanging on the cross, see the blood coming out of His hands and pierced feet, and behold the blood gushing out of the spear wound in His side, and realize that this blood was innocent, blameless and spotless, and that it was all for you; that Christ did no wrong, but suffered these things, this abuse and cruel death that you might be freed from condemnation (which you justly deserved), it ought to break the hardest sinner's heart and cause him to repent and surrender all to God, accept the offered mercy, the gift of God, the saving grace, the Christ, the Crucified One. It is at the cross where the fountain was opened in the house of David, that men and women weep and look and live and are saved from sin, and not when He was baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist.

Water baptism leaves a picture of a death that has already taken place in the soul, being dead to the world, its vanities, its follies, its revelry, its honor; crucified unto the world and the world crucified unto you; separated unto God as one of His peculiar people, zealous of good works, being buried with Him in the watery grave, risen again to walk in newness of life from God, symbolizing the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ our Lord. Jesus says, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15: 10). Jesus commissioned His disciples to baptize, and told them to teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever He had commanded, with a promise of being with them always. We learn from the Scriptures that the disciples baptized for Jesus, and after the Lord had ascended to heaven and the disciples were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and were greatly il-

luminated, they did not forget the commission that Jesus had given them, and when Peter had preached Christ to the people as the Son of God, they were pricked to the heart, and cried out, "What must we do?" and Peter's answer was, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ." We find that Paul was baptized after he was converted, symbolically washing away his sins. And he also baptized the jailor the same night that he was converted, and we have record of him baptizing others.

When men in this day are so illuminated that they can set aside the commandment of Jesus and the practice of such Holy Ghost filled men as Peter and Paul, we do well to be afraid of them lest we be found following blind leaders. Peter was so illuminated and filled with the Holy Ghost that the people laid their sick in the street for the shadow of Peter to pass over them. Paul received such revelations from the Lord that he was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of satan to buffet him, lest he should be exalted above measure (2 Cor. 12: 7). So we are safe to show our love to God by keeping His commandments, that His blessings may continue upon us. When Phillip sat in the chariot with the eunuch, it is recorded that he "preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8: 35), and as they went on their way they came to water and the eunuch said unto Phillip, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" And Phillip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." The eunuch said that he believed that "Jesus Christ is the Son of God." The chariot stood still and Phillip and the eunuch went down into the water and Phillip baptized him, and God put His approval on the act insomuch that Phillip was caught away by the Spirit and the eunuch went on his way rejoicing. God was blessing his soul because of obedience. And dear souls if we want the blessings of God to continue upon us, let us obey the commandments of God as little children, for Jesus says, "If a man love me he will keep my words" (John 14: 23).

Contending for the faith. —FRED PRUITT.

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"I AM THE MAN"
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While visiting from door to door to speak of Christ to the people, a Christian woman told me of a man who was in deep distress about his soul, and requested me to go and see him. She showed me, as near as she was able, the house and then left me.

I knocked at the door, which was soon opened. Before me stood a care-worn, haggard-looking, hoary-headed man. He seemed somewhat bewildered; won-

dering, no doubt, what could be the object of my call.

Could you, I asked, tell me of any person living about here who is anxious to have the forgiveness of sins?

He seemed startled by my question; then, collecting himself answered, *I am the man*; and added, Come in, sir. Then, burying his head in his hands, he wept in silence.

I said, *I have a message from God for you.*

I shall never forget his face, as looking up, he said, *Have you?*

I then took out my Bible, and turned to Acts 13: 38, "*Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.*"

His eye was fixed on me, and his whole body trembled, while he listened with breathless attention.

Does this message suit you? I asked.

But stop, said he, you don't know what sort of a man I have been. Then, as well as he could, between sobs and tears, he tried to give me an account of himself, of which the following is the gist:—

At this moment I am suffering from a constitution ruined by drink. I have been a blasphemer. My home, my house, which should have been a comfort to my wife and children, has been broken up, and she has been driven to seek her own livelihood. She would not say so, but it is all through me. More—my father and mother were Christians, and I was brought up to read my Bible and go to meeting. Can there, do you think, be any hope for one like me?

Yes, I said, you are, as you first said, *the man*. Nothing but *mercy* will do for you. It's true you can't look up; but what a mercy God can look down. The blood of Christ has enabled Him to come to you with this glorious message of pardon; and mark, He *preaches it*.

Then we turned to Rom. 5: 6, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

Is that your character, *without strength and ungodly*? Yes, he said.

Then this is the news—*Christ died for you*. In this lies all the wonder. Oh, unfathomable mystery, that the eternal Son of God should have veiled Himself in flesh, and died for the ungodly!—those who deserved the lake of fire.

Since that time I have often been refreshed by his simplicity in speaking of divine things, which he found quite new, though having a knowledge of them from earliest childhood. Others who visited him believe with me, that he was a brand plucked from the burning. All praise we give to God. . . . SEL.

THE WORTH OF A SOUL

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matt. 16 : 26).

The worth of a soul: Who can count its value? Who can appraise its worth? An immortal soul is beyond all price.

In money, one soul is of more value than the wealth of the whole world.

In suffering, it is better that all the people of the world should suffer all their lives on earth, if by their suffering one soul could be saved.

In journeying, no foreign land is too distant or any portion of it too inaccessible, for all the people of the world to take a journey there, if by so doing one soul could be saved.

There is no trouble too great, no humiliation too deep, no suffering too severe, no love too strong, no labor too hard, no expence too large, but that it is worth it, if it is spent in the effort to win a soul.

Of all creation in this world and in the world to come, the greatest, the most wonderful, the most priceless, the most enduring is a soul.

God loves the soul more than all creation. He fashioned it after His own image, and made it like unto Himself. Every soul has departed from God and gone astray, and God has bought every soul back again with a price. That price was the blood of His only begotten Son, who took upon Himself the sin of the soul, suffered the death penalty, that the soul might be saved, cleansed and made holy again. God loves every soul with an everlasting, eternal love greater and deeper than any human love can be.

Satan hates the soul. In Satan's enmity towards God he is using all his energy, using every snare, his utmost cunning, employing every means with the one single purpose of ruining the soul of man, because Satan knows the soul is God's most cherished creation, the very apple of His eye.

A soul will never die.

When this earth of ours has crumbled to dust and has passed away into the forgotten past, a soul will still be in its freshness of youth.

When in the fathomless future eternity has become hoary with age, the soul will still be young.

When a million million eternities have each lived out their endless ages and have rolled by into the unthinkable past and time is no more, the soul will still be living, a conscious personal reality, endowed with perpetual youth and perpetual life.

God has said: "He that winneth souls is wise."

If Christians would only realize the value and the immortality of a soul, and the shortness of this earthly life, they would work feverishly, unceasingly, with all their greatest energy, day after day, year after year, that they might save one soul.

O, Christians: Are there souls passing your way? Are you bestirring yourself in their behalf that they may have eternal life and joy, or are you allowing them to cross your path and pass on unwarned, to an eternal death? . . . William C. Close.