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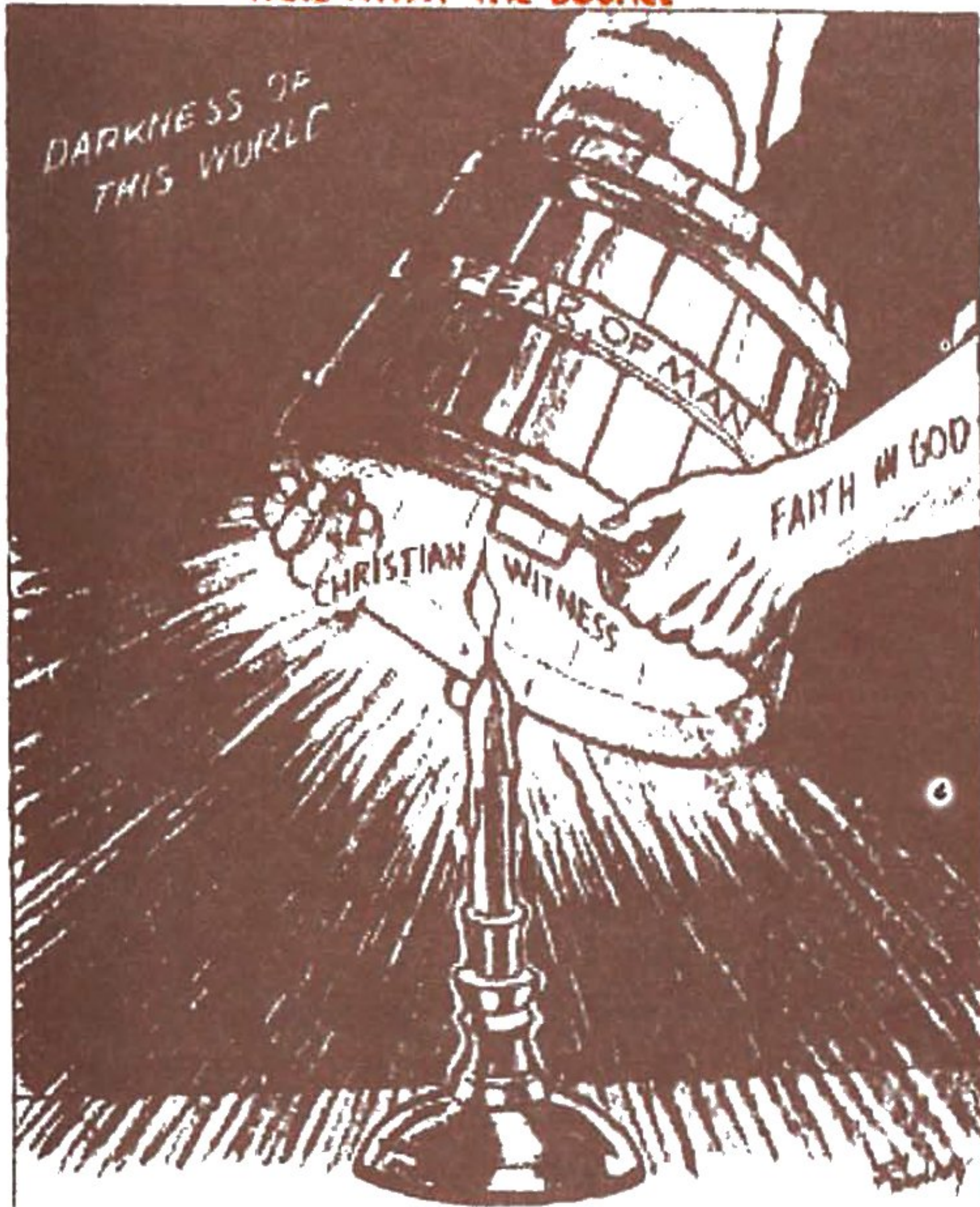
Num. 11



Only fear the
Lord, and serve
him in truth
with all your
heart: for con-
sider how great
things he hath
done for you.

1 SAMUEL 12:24.

TAKE AWAY THE BUSHEL



NEITHER DO MEN LIGHT A CANDLE, AND PUT IT UNDER A BUSHEL, BUT ON A CANDLESTICK.

MATTHEW 5:15

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“Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, (stone of help) saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.” I Sam. 7:12

“...Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.” Samuel uttered these tremendous words AFTER Israel had greatly transgressed against Him by bowing down to Baalim and Ashtaroth. This phrase simply infers that “Since the LORD has helped us up to this point, He will continue to do so.” God did continue in that endeavor and the Philistines at the time then present were indeed smitten before them.

Present day Israel and the entire world are also greatly in need of this same help at this very hour. Hamas, a terrorist group sponsored by Iran, invaded Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 murdering countless men, women, and children. They also took great numbers of Israelis and other nations hostage incarcerating many of them in Gaza and subjecting them to ungodly torture. The Palestinian objective is to possess the land of Israel, drive this tiny nation into the sea and annihilate them. The good news is that such an end will never come to God’s Chosen People because God will not allow it. 3

Jesus prophesied all these things in Matt. 24 clearly stating that “Then (at that time) shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.” Matt. 24:9 It is quite disheartening to hear that several nations including France and Canada are taking a stand against Israel. There are also many college campuses wherein young people, rather ignorant of God’s purposes are not only supporting Hamas and the Palestinians, they are actually accusing Israel of genocide and blaming them for the current conflict in the Middle East, all because this minute nation has dared to “rise up like lions” and defend themselves.

However, God is already demonstrating that He has come

to their rescue, even though the nation as a whole is awash in unbelief. American President Donald J. Trump is most assuredly God's man of the hour at this present time. It is he who engineered the "Abraham Accords," which have drawn a number of Middle East Nations into agreement with Israel. He has, in addition, gained the support of many national leaders around the entire world to join his current peace agreements for Israel and her neighbors. Such influence is unprecedented but note this report which is confirmed by a number of news sources: "October 7 Tested Israel and the U.S. and We Came Out Stronger. Officials from more than twenty countries gathered in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on Monday to discuss a path toward peace and the reconstruction of Gaza. World leaders signed a declaration to inaugurate a twenty-point peace plan drafted by the White House, though neither Israel nor Hamas had a representative at the table." Another meeting was held on Oct. 9, and is recorded as follows.

4 "The meeting came as Israel and Hamas have both pushed against the confines of a days-old truce. The next steps for negotiation involving the warring parties are unclear. On October 9, Israel's cabinet had formally approved plans for a ceasefire with Hamas, setting a Gaza peace process in motion. U.S. President Donald Trump said that the ceasefire constituted the "first phase" of the peace plan that the White House had unveiled the week before and that world leaders affirmed on Monday in Egypt."

President Trump has touted this agreement as one which will bring "eternal peace" to this region. It will not, the reason being that only Jesus will be able to achieve that eternal status. The important point for all those saints who believe that Jesus' soon coming is even at the door is found in Paul's declaration to the saints at Thessalonica. "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." I Thess. 5:3 The real fulfillment of "peace and safety" ushered in by the antichrist, will not come to pass until shortly before the middle of the tribulation week prophesied by Daniel 9:27. However, since Paul wrote these same words to the Thessalonian overcomers, it is extremely probable that there will be a time of "peace and safety" BEFORE Jesus comes for his bride. Thus, Paul's instruction to these choice believers in Thessalonica surely indicate that a time of "peace and

safety” may well take place before the beginning destruction of the Great Tribulation even ensues.

Iran’s role must also be taken into account in this matter. They are most assuredly the world’s greatest supporter of terrorist groups such as Hamas, AL Queda, Hezbollah, The Taliban, and Isis. They are also the most likely candidate to bring about the nuclear holocaust described in Revelation Ch. 8. “And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;” Rev. 8:8 Israel and the U.S. did inflict substantial damage when they bombed Iran’s nuclear facilities recently and Pres Trump seemed to announce that they no longer remain a nuclear threat. However, they are driven primarily by hatred for Israel and that means that they would not hesitate to engage in nuclear warfare even though they themselves would be affected by it. They are undoubtedly the “mountain” in the above text which itself is “burning with fire...” It is cast into the “sea” of nations, thus inflicting tremendous bloodshed on all nations of the world at that time. Iran did not hesitate to fly their planes into U.S. buildings on 9/11 even though it meant death to their own pilots, and there can be no doubt that the same careless attitude will also prevail as presented in the scenario above.

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It bears repeating that Pres. Trump is God’s “man of the hour” at this time. Scripture is absolutely emphatic that “...he (God) changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:...” Dan. 2:21 It is therefore incumbent on every believer to be in lock step with God and His purposes, no matter whom He chooses to further His agenda. He does not make mistakes and His plans for Israel and this world will be realized. God has, as noted, helped Israel in her present conflict and we continue to pray that the victory over Hamas will be even more decisive. But it must be ever remembered that Israel’s trouble will not be over until they accept their Messiah, which will happen about 250 days before the middle of the tribulation week. They must bow before the feet of Jesus and they will, due to the great difficulty they will face from enemies such as these terror groups.

It is rather intriguing that Paul’s life is such a pattern for

that of the entire nation. He refers to himself as "...one born out of due time..." meaning that he was born from above before the rest of the nation. He was then told that he would indeed "suffer for Jesus sake." Acts 6:19 The apostle then began his ministry to the Gentiles. Israel will likewise minister as an entire nation to the Gentiles during the 1000 year reign of Christ. There are many in the Church who love to claim the "great commission" as Jesus' instruction for the Church, but such cannot be the case for the following reason. Jesus emphatically said to His disciples "...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:" Matt. 28:18-19

The fact is that, even at this present hour, Jesus has not been endowed with "All power...in heaven and in earth." That will not occur until very near the end of the tribulation week. The command for Israel "...Go ye therefore (because Jesus has assumed all power at that time) into all nations..." will not come forth until Jesus takes His throne in heaven.

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Paul also drew this conclusion which brings forth the promise "...Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." "Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?" Rom. 11:12 The Gentiles were greatly enriched when Israel was cast aside but Paul insists an even greater good will emerge when they are restored and become the head and not the tail of the nations, as prophesied by Zechariah. "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." Zec 8:23

That latter statement will have been proven due to the fact that God will preserve Israel during the 42 month, or 1260-day, reign of antichrist as described in Rev. 12. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time,

and times, and half a time, (1260 days) from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.” Rev. 12:13-16

After that ordeal, Israel will come forth and complete their ministry of imparting the gospel to ALL nations around the world and they will have great success directly because, “...Hitherto the LORD hath helped us.”

Higher Ground

Born in this world by the old Adam line,
Living for myself for that I could shine.
No care for others I did not see,
Only what really mattered to me.
Trudging along with no future bright,
Hopelessly struggling to do what was right.
Depending upon myself to get the job done,
At the expense of others just to have fun.
But God in His mercy reached out to me,
I was blind but now I see.
Only by His grace can I go on,
That old Adam line is finally gone.
For Jesus as called me to that higher ground,
Putting my faith in Jesus alone is certainly sound.
Looking for my redemption that drawth nigh,
To see my beautiful bridegroom in the sky.
In the midst of the throne room I want to be,
Not a palm waver others can see.
Ruling and reigning for a thousand years,
But now living by grace before the Lord's day appears.
Others say that the whole church will go,
But I know in my heart, that isn't so.
To every man in his own order is the way it will be,
If they were filled with the Spirit how could they not see.
I now have a calling to be married to Jesus above,
To worship at His feet and to fall in love.
No more living for myself or worldly renown,
But ever looking for that higher ground

Alvin Goodall

A HIDING PLACE

E. R. Copeland.

“And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert, from the tempest, as rivers of living Water in a dry place, as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land.” Isa. 32:2

From the fall of Adam, when sin came into the world man has been buffeted about by the winds of adversity and the tempest of sin. God's indignation and anger against sin in a great measure must affect man. One of the natural outcomes of sin is fear. The realization of his condition causes him to seek a hiding place, when God goes in search of him. Gen. 3:10 This world, through the working of sin, became a wilderness and a dry land; but now the above promise is given.

8 How well we realize the need of all these things, a hiding place, a covert, water and shade. Like fierce winds, the wrath of the enemy is being directed against this world. Satan, in his anger, realizes the shortness of his time and calls forth all his hatred against God and God's Children. The “deceitfulness of sin” has made of this world a wilderness. Violence and treachery fill the land, and he that takes notice realizes the need of a hiding place. When we, as sinners, were brought to realize, that there is a time coming when God's anger will be poured-out on this world to destroy sin; our hearts cried out from fear as we saw, that we were doomed by sin and that God in justice must bring us face to face with the deeds done in the body. How we longed to get away from it all. How we desired to find a place where we could hide from His anger. We are told in the Word, that there is a time coming when men shall cry for the rocks to cover them from the face of God as He comes to judge. Rev. 6:6 Then it will be too late to seek a hiding place.

Now, praise His Name, we have a hiding place. And the above says that this hiding place shall be a Man. How can a Man be a hiding place? As we trace the promises of God in the Word, we are clearly led to see the wonder of it all. First, we must realize that man in himself has no legal right of appeal to God. Sin had placed him in that position. He must have a mediator, someone that could approach God and bring man and God together. God, seeing that sin had placed man in that position where he could not do this for himself, undertook his case and provided a mediator.

In I Tim. 2:57 we see how this was accomplished. "There is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man CHRIST, JESUS." Here We have the fact for which we were searching. Christ Jesus is the Man that should be "an hiding place," a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Prov. 30:5 We must see that the One of whom Paul speaks here is the same One of whom Isaiah speaks. Note the next verse, "Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Now a ransom means to be set free from captivity, or punishment for sin, to pay a price, to liberate. Sin had placed man where he needed this done for him. Christ did it for him. He paid the price. He gets all men free, all in accord with God's plan. The fact that the ransom has set all men free, is a truth that is hidden to a great many. For Some cause, they have failed to grasp the light. They need the word to illuminate their understanding. This truth has been set forth with no uncertain sound in the Word. The Holy Ghost, speaking through Zacharias, as recorded in Luke 1:68-74, says, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, as He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began, that We should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; the oath which He sware to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear." 9

Notice that the Holy Ghost speaks in the past tense, "hath," something that has been done, Something accomplished. We see here that we are set free; we are delivered. Yes, even delivered from fear, that very element which sin brought into this world. More; herein is the promise that We shall serve Him in Holiness and Righteousness. What a wonderful promise! What assurance it should bring to us all. When the enemy comes in like a roaring flood and tries to make us fear that we will fail, that we will be found unrighteous; we can rest on this sure Word of promise. For He is our hiding place. All we need to do is as did David. Cry unto the, Lord, "Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies. I flee unto thee to hide me" Psa. 143:9 Here is whence we must flee, and as Paul says in Phil. 3:9 "Be found in Him, not having mine

own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the FAITH OF CHRIST, the righteousness which is of God by faith." O, Hallelujah! what a wonderful thing this is. We desire to serve God in righteousness; but the enemy says we cannot. Then we flee to Christ, and there hide away. In Him we are found, clothed with God's righteousness.

If clad in His righteousness, who dares say we fail? Who dare attack that RIGHTEOUSNESS? Praise God, there is none. He who at one time might have dared to attack, cannot come near. We are safe. All hell cannot touch us. In Proverbs, we are given another wonderful promise, "The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe (or set aloft.)" Prov. 18:10 Here we see that the NAME is a high tower. That name, that is above all names is our hiding place.

10 In type, we have this same truth, of our security in Christ, pictured in the cities of refuge. Num. 35:6 Reader, do you see, that His Name is a high tower? I like the thought that is given in the margin of this same verse, "set aloft." Now set aloft means, being elevated above, to be lifted up. Truly the child of God who trusts in His Name will be lifted above all sin and sorrow, as well as the petty things of this, age.

Not only do we need to run into this high tower; but we need to learn, as did David, to abide in that place of safety. Hear what he says in Psalm 61:4 "I will abide in thy tabernacle; forever I will trust in the covert of thy wings." Notice the preceding verse, "Thou hast been a shelter for, me and a strong -tower from -the enemy."

If we can grasp the fact, that we may trust the covert of His: wings, because He is a strong tower; if we abide in Christ as, our refuge, then positively nothing can hurt us. We read that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." Then Christ must have been the tabernacle of God. The truth of this is proven more fully in that wonderful 91st Psalm, which is just another, word picture of Christ. As we read the first four verses, we see again our wonderful security in Christ. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God: in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou

trust. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Here we have two conditions to meet, while God promises to do four things for us. First, we are to dwell in the secret place. (See Col. 2:10.) Second, we are to trust in Him, not in self, or the works of the law. If we do this, God says that He will see that we abide under the shadow of His wings. As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. He will be our fortress, or place of refuge. He Shall deliver and cover us and His truth shall be a shield and buckler. We will be covered then with His righteousness. "But, of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and: sanctification and redemption." I Cor.1:30 Being found then in this place, we are where nothing can hurt us; for nothing can mar, or penetrate the righteousness of God. With Christ enthroned upon our hearts, nothing can come from within and harm us. Being hid in Christ, nothing can come from without and harm us. With Christ in us and we in Christ and Christ in God; before the devil can harm us, he must first destroy God, then Christ, to get to us. Then, as he attacks us, he will find Christ in us and as he attacks Christ, he will find God. It makes an unbroken circle, a triple cord that is unbreakable.

This being so, shall we not place our faith in Him and rest in Him? Shall we not surrender our fears and doubts, knowing that He has delivered us and set us in a place of safety?

If we have not as yet been brought into that place where we know that we are abiding in Him, let us learn from the foregoing, that He who "notes the sparrows fall" cares for us, and has done all for us. He asks us to take our place in Him, to take our possession --- rest and peace. He is indeed a hiding place from all that would harm. And as we dwell in Him, we will find that the rivers of living waters will flow from us and "...the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

* Grace never commands our obedience but constrains our love and loyalty and enables us to obey.

* There must be always a seeking **after** God, a continuous conscious seeking, or there is an unconscious, inevitable drifting **from** God.

Christ Whom We Preach

S. O. Sheldon

“We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.” “It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” “For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” “For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” “For though He was crucified in weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God.”

Christ crucified in weakness; Christ, the King of the Jews! Brought as a lamb to the slaughter. “In His humiliation, His judgment was taken away; and who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.” Weakness? Yes, this is a picture of weakness—a King nailed to a cross, numbered with the transgressors, dying as a criminal, despised and rejected, made a curse and forsaken of God. That was God’s appointed way
12 to redeem mankind; and He surely had to go that way. That is the way to the throne. “Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth.” Such a stumbling block as this, to come to a throne by the way of a cross. How people have stumbled here; how foolish this has been considered; yes, to the uninstructed and worldly wise, it is the worst kind of foolishness; but “the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Where is the wise? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” This King who was crucified in weakness is some day to be crowned KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

This way of weakness, how the people try to dodge it, and try to save themselves from going by the way of the cross; how hard it seems to throw up both hands and admit that “I am weak,” even a failure in myself. I am not a king, for I am unable to rule my own spirit. It pleases God for us to take this attitude, and confess that we are helpless; just as helpless as the man who faces death at the hand of the highwayman when he orders “Hands Up;” how easy then to confess that he is weak and helpless.

When facing death, he can do nothing but put up both hands and surrender. So, God asks us to willingly surrender, take the place of weakness, and face death by crucifixion voluntarily, that we too may LIVE BY THE POWER OF GOD.

We preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED; we preach not a Christ in the flesh, not a baby Christ, nor a child Christ, nor Christ the unsaddled Man of Galilee, neither a Christ in Egypt, but only CHRIST CRUCIFIED. Thus, Paul determined to know nothing but Christ and Him Crucified. Hence, in all of Paul's preaching and writing he never mentions even once the birth of Jesus, the early childhood or young manhood, nor the earthly ministry of Jesus. He says nothing of the miracles, nor the healings wrought by Jesus; he seldom mentions any of the teachings of Jesus. He quotes the "blessed to give then to receive," because this expresses the basis of Paul's gospel. If there is one thing that Christendom needs today, surely it is to get a vision of the CRUCIFIED, RESURRECTED, GLORIFIED CHRIST, the living head of the Church, as Paul sets Him forth, no longer in weakness but mighty to save, and strong to deliver, able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him; for all power in heaven and in earth is given unto Him.

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Surely the dying thief took the place of weakness and while he could do nothing to help himself, yet he throws himself on the mercy of God, and acknowledges Jesus as LORD, and looks ahead to the time when Jesus shall become a king in reality, and asks to be remembered at that time. Jesus did not say "Alright, I will remember you in that day, when I get to be King;" but He said: "TODAY thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Christ was crucified; died that day, and yet there was a sense in which Christ was alive, and so was the thief. Died, and yet he liveth, and liveth by the power of God. Oh, what a life to live. The mighty heavenly dynamite that raised up Christ from the dead, is the same power that quickens the dead, and causes them to live in Christ Jesus. He was crucified in weakness; but He liveth by the power of God and because He lives, every believer lives also, "as

“as He is, so are we in this world.” It pays to take our place in death with Christ that we may be one with Him in life.

Adam the first was never a baby; but he came from the hand of the Creator a full grown, intelligent, perfect human being, “A MAN,” pure innocent, and the ost perfect man that ever lived, *humanly speaking*; ye he was only FLESH, nothing Divine in him; he needed to be BORN into the fanmily of God, for “he was of the earth, earthy.”

Now while Adam was only “flesh,” and the “head of the old creation,” yet he was not a savage, he did evolve, neither did he need to attend school to get an education; hence we read that “Adam gave names to all the cattle, and the fowl of the air, and every beast of the field, for God created them and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Adam call every living creature, that was the name thereof.” Thus, we see that Adam was intelligent enough to name all living creatures that God created. With all man’s boast of learning, evolving (downward), development and wisdom, is there a man living today that could name every fowl, and every living creature on earth, in the air, and in the seas, without having been taught those names? By no means. Then man has not fallen upwards into a higher condition; but sad to say, man has fallen downward, for the nature of the human is to get worse instead of better. Hence, for nearly six thousand years man has continually grown worse and worse.

Long, long ago God saw that there was no hope for man improving his own condition, for while God at first had pronounced all His creation “good,” yea “VERY GOOD,” yet the Devil, that OLD SERPENT, spoiled the best, and highest of God’s creation, viz: Adam, the head of the human family. Man, and all of his posterity are by nature “RUINED.” God knew they would be, and He had no confidence in “the FLESH” from the beginning; so He planned to make a new man.

Such a wonderous plan, to make a new man, a man whom the Devil could not spoil; though even this Devil tried to spoil, and instead of spoiling, he himself was spoiled. Thus, God is

bringing in a NEW CREATION, and the head of the new man is Christ, and this new man lives in the realm of the Spirit. Christ, the last Adam, the Lord from heaven, was crucified and raised from the dead, and is become the Head of the New Creation. God put away the entire old creation in the death of Christ on the cross. Hence, He refuses to recognize man any longer as descended from Adam; but rather counts the whole race as put to death in the death of His Son at Calvary. Henceforth, God knows no man after the flesh, neither good nor bad; for He has made ONE NEW MAN. And this is the Christ whom we preach.

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A SON OF GOD

My Father I had never spoken to you
Becuse youy were God, what could I do?
Hopeless and helpless, guilty of sin,.
Kept ifrom you presence, fear within.

But now I have seen a vision of Christ
Who died on the cross as my sacrifice.
I know that the Gospel which oft I have heard
Is the way of salvation declared in your word.

Thru Jesus I've come unto favor divine
Sins all forgiven a new life is Mine.
Humbly I bowed at the foot of the cross,
Acknowledged my need, my sin and my loss.

Forever my tongue shall speak forth His Praise,
Happy and free to the end of my days;
Fear has all vanished, love in it place
Fills me wit5h longing to look on Hls face.

God is my Father! I'm shouting with glee
Never wieave or forsake even me.
Her in a soxhole under God's wing,
Grve has no terror, death has not sting.

Out of this body thru yon open door
Glorious prospect --- live evermore.

Alice S Mooneyhan

Not Growing Old

They say that I am growing old,
I've heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold.
But I am not growing old.

Oh, this frail old shell
in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

What should I care if time's old plow
Has left its furrows on my brow?
What tho' I falter in my walk?
I still can watch and pray and talk.

My hearing may not be as keen
As in the past it may have been,
Still I can hear my Savior say,
In whispers soft, "This is the Way."
—Selected.

Resting In Him

"And he said, My presence shall go with thee,
and I will give thee rest." Ex 33:14

I do not understand, dear Lord,
Why this has come , nor see
Why days are dark and nights so long
And clouds o'ershadow me.

Dost thou not understand My child
Why clouds o'ercast the sky?
That without rain no rainbows bright
Could be, and flow'rs would die?

So in thy life, My precious one,
Shall I send only sun
To wither, scorch what dormant lies,
And little raindrops shun?

Come lay thy weary hand and rest
Upon My breast --- nor pine.
This from Me; I know what's best,
Thy beauty to refine.

Just trust Me when through paths unknown
I lead --- perchance with pain.
Lean hard, My child, take thou My Hand;
Some day I'll make it plain.

There may be mountains rough and steep,
There may be valleys lone;
There may be jagged rocks or thorns,
But thou are ne'er alone.

For I'll go with thee every step,
Thy pain and grief I'll share.
So lean the harder, child of Mine.
I've placed the burden there.

Dear Lord, I may not understand
The way Thou leadest me.
Suffice to know that Thou, O God,
The path ahead doth see.

Cornell K. Wilmoth

THE MEAT FOR SAINTS

"Then the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.... Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh. {be...: Heb. be strong Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water." Deut. 12:20-24

Israel were taught to, make all taking of life a sacrifice unto the Lord. Every time an animal as killed for food, it was a symbol of redeemer, a constant reminder that they lived by the life of another. The blood pour out upon; the ground symbolized Calvary where the Lamb of God poured out His precious blood, the basis of redemption; "...for without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." Each common meal of an Israelite, had the character of a "peace offering."----- it was appropriated and enjoyed in communion with God. Therefore, the daily life was lifted up into a spiritual meaning and "the sacredness of taking life was constantly maintained and its typical application emphasized.

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But the above scripture has also wonderful beauty when see in the light of the gospel of grace. When a soul any time anywhere said, -"I will eat flesh" because he longed to eat flesh, he could eat flesh. That is, there were no restriction regarding the sacrificing of a clean animal of the flock or of the herd. If any, soul desired flesh he was at liberty to kill and eat. The animals were at the service of man. This speaks of the "whosoever," "whosoever let him come." He who is hungry; he whose soul desires meat; he who is helpless; he who has no strength of own, he who feels his need_of another life — let him eat. Christ is at the of man. "The Lord is hand." His life-has once been freely-given. His blood was poured for our redemption. "He tasted death for every man." It was necessary. The penalty for sin had to be met. Jesus received the wages of sin ---- "death," which was our due; and now we are offered another life, a new life, Christ's Own life. Whosoever will may come and take and eat of Him. The only condition is that there be a desire eat, a hunger for the Christ life; then it is written "Thou mayest flesh" "for the Bread of God is He that cometh, down: from heaven and giveth his life unto the world, He that eateth my "flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him." John 6: 33,59.

REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

...From the Editor

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col 3:15

“...Be ye thankful...” is in fact a state of being implying constancy. Paul issued another decree like unto it when he wrote “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” I Thess. 5:18 Here it is plainly affirmed that giving thanks is the will of God for our lives.

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One major reason for such thanksgiving would be the depths of truth which God has graciously chosen to reveal to mere mortals. Paul vehemently urged the Hebrews to claim such depths with the following entreaty: “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.” Heb 6:1-2 The chief apostle to the Church specifically lists 6 basic principles which must be laid aside. These must not be totally forgotten but men cannot be occupied with them if they are going to “...go on unto perfection.” Basic appropriation of these principles will not bring one to the desired perfection.

Those principles are listed as follows: (1) “...repentance of dead works,...” that is works of the law. (2) “...faith toward God,...” “...by grace are ye saved through faith....” (3) “... the doctrine of baptisms...” The Church was baptized into one body on the Day Of Pentecost and believers are baptized individually a sign of going down into death with Christ and being raised up with Him to newness of life. (4) “... Laying on of hands...” There are a number of reasons for which this is done. (5) “...resurrection of the dead...” It begins with Christ’s bodily resurrection as the firstfruits and includes that of every believer. (6) “...eternal

judgment...” This is a reference to all Christ rejectors.

It bears repeating that these 6 principles must be “laid aside” in order for one to reach out and claim the deeper truths of God’s Word which will render perfection in the life of the believer. So would argue that such perfection is not possible but scripture asserts otherwise. Jude put forth this conclusion: “Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” Jude 1:24-25

Those who would attain to such perfection must, at all costs, believe what Scripture declares in assuring what only God can accomplish.

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

All services at Gspel Fellowship and two of
the Bible College Classes continue to be streamed
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Thursday: Exposition 7 P.M.

Friday: Prophecy 7 P.M.

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Worship 11 A.M & 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study 7 P.M.

We surely prefer that the saint attend these services
in person, but greatly rejoice in those out of town
who have been faithful to “tune in.”

Riding Asses

E. C. Steinberg

“And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, He sendeth forth two of His disciples.” Mk.11:1

I would like to stop here a moment and speak about the Lord sending His disciples out. The Lord frequently sent His disciples two by two. It seems that He understood human needs very well; hence He sent them so that they could comfort each other. There is a good reason why the Lord sends them two by two. When I was in the seminary, a brother roomed with me. Every time that I was down, he was up; and when he was down I was up. Thus, we comforted and encouraged each other and came through very victorious. The Lord has His way in sending His people. The Father first sent Jesus to Jordan where John baptized Him, and the Spirit of God came down upon Him. I know that this does not correspond with present day rules which send men to college, then to the seminary and then out to preach the Gospel. God first sent His Spirit down upon His Son. We know that Jesus was then ready for service because of the results which followed.

I believe the Lord would have us to know the Word before we go forth to give it to someone else. Jesus taught His disciples for three years before He sent them out. When first leaving the seminary, I felt like I could “...stand and withstand...” and could preach the Word better than anybody; but when on the battle front, I saw my weakness and that I would rather be back at school and get some more teaching.

“And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.” V. 2

Here is something that is very important. The Lord did not send the disciples very far away at first, but into a village over against them. The Lord sends us right over against some place close at home. If we go, we will find an opportunity to preach the gospel. When I was a boy and missionaries came back from foreign countries, I thought how wonderful they were. After all it is just as wonderful, right over against us, to be faithful and

preach the Gospel right over against us. We will find it so if our eyes are opened and our hearts are willing.

But now we are in trouble here because we read that they found a colt tied. In Job 11:12 we read, **“For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.”** In Mark, it does not say a wild colt, but in Job it says we are “...born as a wild ass's colt.” When we are born again that wild ass's colt becomes a man, a new man. That is the way a natural man is born anyway. Some people believe in evolution, you know; but they are mistaken. They use a monkey instead of a mule. Does the wild ass have any hope? Yes, he does. There is a Word in Ex. 13:13 which reads like this, **“And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.”** No wonder so many people are getting their necks broken today. They are not yielding to redemption.

The colt was tied. That is the condition of man today. He is tied. He is bound down and it is impossible for him to untie the rope. No man has that power. When I was in Milwaukee, I had an opportunity to tell a lady in the Baptist church what the Lord had done. I told her how a man was delivered from opium. A man said to me the next day, “That man must have had an awful will power to stop that habit.” No, the disease was taken out of his body. Men that are bound by sin and iniquity cannot loose themselves. Only God can do it. So let us give God the glory.

“Never man sat on Him.” I was one of those kind of mules. That is the condition of people today. They will not let any man sit on them or rule over them. They do not want a king or a Kaiser. They want to throw off all authority. That means that the ass had never been controlled. That is the condition of a man in sin. That was my condition exactly. My Father and mother had to use me quite roughly. I never yielded to my parents. I had such an uncontrollable spirit. My brother was four years older than I. My father sent us out to the field to drag down some corn stalks, with a long barbed wire with a horse hitched on each end. I would not do what my brother told me to do. That was the stubborn mule disposition in me that never had been controlled. You know that a man like that is useless. What can one do with a mule that is uncontrollable? I tell you that, we as children of God ought to

learn subjection. Not only should we be subject to God, but to one another. To not bow down to man, is the same old mule spirit. The Word of God says to be in subjection to those that are over you. Just listen to your pastors when they correct you,

“...Loose Him and bring him.” The Lord gave His disciples a little authority. He said, **“Whatsoever you loose on earth, Shall be loosed in heaven, and whatsoever you bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven.”** _Notice that the Lord did not say, Ride on him; but just loose him and bring him to Me. I tried to ride on them in China before I understood the truth; but we only have to bring them to Jesus.

22 Referring again to the young fellow that was an opium user, His father would Jock him up for days, and his younger brother would come and beat him; but he would keep on using the opium. Finally, when his younger brother got saved, he went to the one that was locked up, but did not beat him, but told him about salvation. That surely did loose him. He thought, Well, my brother has not come to beat me; but he has talked about the Lord to me. I will go to that meeting too. The Word of God looses people; for it gets into the heart. The man came to our meetings and was completely delivered of the opium habit. The love of Jesus is moving upon our hearts because of the wonderful work that was wrought out on Calvary for all men even though some do not accept it.

That colt was near the door; but he was tied outside. That too is the condition of the sinner, He is near the door, even though he is a sinner; he is tied. By the way, he had no business inside of the door. He was an ass. He had to be born into a man first. Many people try to get in with that mule spirit. What is the use of trying to be contrary to the Word of God? Jesus said, **“Except a man be born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”** Let them build churches as fine as they will and have nice organizations; yet if they are not born again, they are still tied outside the door.

They found the ass **“where two ways met.”** You know what the cross road is. I have often come to cross roads, and did not know which way to go. I was not sure which way was right. That is the very condition of man today. Outside of Christ Jesus, he does not know what to do. Well, that colt was at the crossroads. When they brought him to Jesus, He sat upon him; then he knew where

he was going. We get away from the crossroads and start for Jerusalem and the temple of God. I have no trouble of knowing now where I am going. I am off the crossroads now. It was not that way when I was a boy. When Jesus took hold of my life, He put me on the right road and I have been on it ever since. I know that I am on the road to Jerusalem and to the temple of God.

“And certain of them that stood there said unto them, **“What do ye loosing the colt?”** V. 5 That is what people say now a days too. Over in China, they talk about going to the theatre, and when we tell them that we do not go to those places they exclaim, “Why, the idea; everybody goes to shows. How can you live without them?” But oh, thank God; the Lord has loosed some people. The Lord has need of them. Yes, we must tell them, The Lord has need of us. The Lord can use an ass's colt too when he has been born into, a man. Do you remember that God used a jaw bone of an ass to overthrow several thousand people? Well now, that was only the jaw bone. What Would He have done with the whole mule? Oh yes, the Lord uses us and He does the work. All He wants is consecration.

There are too many believers today who do not know what consecration means. They think just believe on the Lord and get to heaven. Consecration was something absolutely new to my way of believing; but we are not practical Christians until we are consecrated, given over to the Lord for His use. That is a real Christian. Many people are in trouble as to what sanctification means. I remember reading in the Old Testament that the vessels in the house of the Lord were sanctified. Did those vessels have any experience? Finally I came to the conclusion that those vessels were to be in the house of God only. If that sanctified man works down town he works for God. His one aim is to glorify God in that place. He puts God first. That is a real Christian. That is a sanctified man. 23

Then we read, **“And they brought the colt to Jesus and cast their garments on him, and He sat on him.”** V. 7. Yes, Jesus can do it. He can ride on a colt when no one else can. Just loose him and bring him to Jesus and He will ride upon him. He has ridden on the balkiest mule that ever lived. He rode on Peter and Paul. You remember What a terrible man Saul was. He was fighting God; but Jesus got on top of him one day and just rode him into Damascus, and rode him throughout his life.

I wish to draw a picture of the Chinese character for righteousness. It is pronounced like our letter E; but it answers to our pronoun I. It is made up of three different characters altogether. At the bottom, are two marks, one on the right hand and one on the left. That letter, or character, means "a hand with a dagger in it."

24 What is human nature after all? A hand with a dagger in it. That is "I." What caused the world war? The hand with the dagger in it. The "I: is men of authority. They seek to clear themselves of all blame. After all, the war was caused by the I, the hand with a dagger in it. One Chinaman will not let the other get the best of him. If he does there will be a fight on; that old I will rise up. But how do the Chinese make a righteous man of that I? Well, they write the character of a sheep or the top of it for righteousness. Jesus is the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. Let Him sit on the I; then there will be righteousness. Many people do not believe that. They say "Oh we do not need Jesus. We have studied books on etiquette, or some such foolishness. That is righteousness to many people; but the China do not believe it that way. They cannot be righteous until the Lamb rides on that I. The mule nature is then subdued in them.

What did Jesus' friends do when He rode the ass? They began to get noisy then, It is something to be noisy about when Jesus rides on one of the mules. They get real happy over in China. It is something that no man ever did or can do; but thank God, Jesus did it. I do not blame those people for getting noisy and spreading down the palm branches on the ground, as we read in this 8th verse. "And many spread their garments in the way." Let us allow Jesus to get some glory out of our life.

Yes, and the donkey too got some glory out of it. I venture to say that not any other mule got that kind of an experience. When Jesus rode on him, he also got some glory out of it. When Jesus rides on us, He gets the glory first; but we get some glory also. We want Jesus to be glorified. Some people get disturbed about the noise going on, and no doubt they do not understand it. Once the disciples were praising God for the mighty works that Jesus performed, and some Pharisees said unto Jesus, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And Jesus answered and said, **"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace the stones would immediately**

cry out.” So you will just have to be content; for when the Lord rides on the mules, others are going to rejoice. I wonder sometimes when there is no noise. I guess there is not very much mule riding going on; but where it is going on, people cannot keep still. We read that even the angels rejoice when something like that happens. What takes place when a sinner repents? Why a sinner lets Jesus ride on him. We do not hear the noise of the angels, but I am inclined to believe that they make a noise, and if they do, why should we not? We read that the angels desire to look upon the things of the gospel. I Pet. 1:12 They have never had an experience of salvation. They only see it from the outside. We that have had the experience ought surely to make a noise about it. It is something to make a noise about. We read in Luke where they shouted, **“Hosannah! Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.”** They were so rejoiced in their Master's works, Well, what was taking place during those three and a half years? Jesus was riding mules during that time. He rode them all. Sometimes it was a mule of fits or a mule of fever or of death; but He conquered them all.

Israel had cried from the days of Moses for their Messiah to come. They always felt it was impossible to get the victory, but many of them began to wait for the Messiah. When they saw the wonders that Jesus wrought, they seemed to realize that the time had come. We too are living in the days when man is just at the end of himself. Human governments have gotten to the end of themselves. If they could have done so, men would have paid many dollars to have kept the war from starting; but man has lost control of things. It is time for the Man of Israel to arise again. When people look to the Word of prophecy, the morning star rises in their hearts, and tells them that the dawn is coming soon.

One of these days, when we shout, there will be a shout from heaven also. The two shouts will meet. The power of God will take hold of us and we will be caught up in clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Many people object to noise; but we read that when the Lord, comes, **“...every eye shall see him,...and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him....”** Rev. 1:7 There will be some noise there too. Nobody will make a stir about them; but they will all wail because they have not repented. (Ed. Note. This appearing is not to be confused with Jesus' “secret” appearance in coming as a thief for His Bride. She will in fact

be a part of the “clouds” in this text at which time every eye shall indeed behold Him.)

Modernists, are trying with all their power to get this place of salvation out of their way. Some day all these people who are so disturbed about noise now, will see the Lord coming and what they have said will all come before them, and then they will wail with a loud noise. They will cry to the mountains and hills to fall on them but it will be too late then. I am so glad that we can yield to the Lord now. Then we will never have any regrets. If you are a mule, just let Jesus ride on you and bring your unruly nature under control and give you a new heart. Then Jesus will reign in your heart and you will never regret that you fully yielded your life to Him, that He might get some glory from your life.

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“FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK”

***“Fear not, little flock.”
Christ journeyed alone,
From heaven to earth—
And cross to the throne.***

***“Fear not, little flock.”
He went up above
To represent there
All the sons of His love.***

***“Fear not, little flock.”
Be strong and true.
He’s coming again,
His reward with Him too.***

Anon

Not Bondage
BUT LIBERTY
Bert Adams

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” Gal. 5:1

It is a fact beyond question that there are two kinds of Christian experience; one of bondage and one of liberty. In the first kind, the soul is controlled by a stern sense of duty and obedience to the law of God, either from fear of punishment or from expectation wages. Under the other kind, the controlling power is an inward life-principle that works out by the force of its own motions or instincts without fear of punishment or hope of reward. The first kind of a Christian is a servant, and works for hire; the second is a son and works for love. There ought not to be this contrast between our experiences; for to **“walk at liberty”** is plainly our only right and normal condition. We have to deal with what is, rather than with what ought to be; therefore we cannot shut our eyes to the sad condition of bondage in which many of God's children are found.

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The Cause And Remedy

The reason of the bondage of believers and its cure are not difficult to find. Legality is the cause, and Christ is the remedy. Nowhere do we find these two forms of Christian experience more fully contrasted than in the Epistle to the Galatians. The writing of the letter was occasioned: by some legalistic brethren. They taught that certain forms and ceremonies, were necessary to salvation. They tried to draw the Galatian saints away from the liberty of the gospel. With those teachers, Peter once agreed; therefore Paul reproved him well as those Judaizing teachers. That teaching brought them into a wrong attitude of soul toward God, even a legal attitude. Those Galatians began in the right attitude as believers generally do; that is, trusting God alone. They had entered into the spiritual life by faith. When it came to a question as to how they should live, their attitude changed from sought to be made perfect by the flesh. In short, they descended in their

Christian living from the plain of grace to the plain of law. Peter had before denied his Lord because he was overcome by sin in the flesh, whose weakness he had not yet learned. Afterward in Galatia he: virtually denied the cross, repudiating God's grace, thus putting himself beyond the reach of grace, under law. That also was due to sin in the flesh, the sin of compromise, over which he did not hold the victory. Hence; he knowingly dissembled; for the Christ-life in him was yet only of child size. You cannot get a full grown man in Christ under bondage to law. Peter had not really taken Christ to live in him as his all-sufficient life.

Why The Law?

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"The law was not given for a righteous man." It was added to show up sin. The law cannot justify nor purify, nor make fruitful. It cannot give life, nor sustain, nor feed life. The law ended its own mission and silenced its own voice in slaying the Son of God when He was made sin for us. Grace alone can save and keep. Grace stands with loving arms and cries, Come; rest; be happy and peaceful. Law cries, Thou shalt; thou shalt. An illustration will help us to understand this. Here are two men, neither of whom steal. Outwardly their actions are equally honest; but inwardly there is a vital difference. One of them has a nature that wants to steal, but is deterred by the fear of a penalty; while the other possesses an honest nature. Therefore he hates thieving. He could not be induced to steal even by the hope of a reward. The latter is honest in the Spirit. No words are needed to prove which is the true Christian life.

People continually forget that the vital matter is not what men do, but what they are. In Christ Jesus, neither legal observances avail anything, nor the omission of legal observances, but a new creature. God is a great deal more concerned about our really being "**new creatures in Christ**" than about anything else. Paul was grieved with the Galatian Christians because they seemed to have lost sight of the vital truth, that the inward life, the new creature, was the only thing that availed. They had begun in grace; but they fell from grace, to a plain lower than grace, where the "**oldness of the letter**" had sway instead of "**the newness of the Spirit**." The Apostle said, "**Christ is become of no effect**

unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law: ye are fallen from grace."

This is the only passage in which the phrase "**fallen from grace**" is used in the New Testament. It means that the Galatians had made the mistake of thinking that something else besides Christ was necessary for their perfection. Thus they denied the finished work of Calvary. The Jewish legalists taught them that Christ alone was not enough, but that obedience to the ceremonial law must be added. Modern Christians are greatly surprised at them; but is there not the same tendency to legality under a different form in our midst today? The Jews added the ceremonial law. Today men add resolutions, agonizings, church works, sabbath keeping, modern ceremonies; therefore they are on the same plain with them. It makes no difference what you add. The wrong is, that anyone should **add anything to Christ's work**. We condemn the Jews' religion because it frustrates grace and makes Christ to have died in vain, and Christians today do the same thing.

Law says; "Do and thou shalt live." But who can really **29**
do by keeping the law? Grace says, "Live (by faith in Jesus) and thou shalt do." Law says, "Pay that which thou owest." Grace exclaims "**He frankly forgave them all.**" Law says, "Make you a new heart and a new spirit;" Grace goes one better and shouts, "**A new heart I will give thee, a new spirit will I put within thee.**" Law commands, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." Grace declares, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, **but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**" Law exclaims, "Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them." Grace comforts by saying, "**Blessed is the man whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered.**" Law says, "The wages of sin is death." Grace says, "**The Gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**" Law demands holiness. Grace gives holiness. Law says, "DO." Grace says, "**DONE.**" Law demands the unwilling service of bondmen. Grace wins the willing service

of sons and freemen. Law makes blessings the result of obedience. Grace makes obedience the result of blessings. Law places the day of rest at the end of the week's work. Grace puts rest at the beginning of the week and continues it throughout. It gives seven days of rest. Law cries, "If." Grace shouts, "Therefore." Law was given to restrain the old man. Grace has come to bring liberty to the new man. Law offers salvation as wages. Grace offers salvation as a free gift.

Illustrated

30 These two forms of religious life begin at exactly opposite ends. The religion of legality is as though a man should decide to have an apple orchard by first getting some apples of the kind of apples desired, then some branches, then a tree and finally a field in which to plant the tree. Then having planted the tree, he fastens the apples on the branches. Thus, the tree would have nothing to do with producing the fruit. The religion of grace follows a different order. It begins with a root, which grows up into a trunk, that branches out and bears blossoms which develop into living fruit. The life in the fruit is the same as that in the root from which it sprang. The root brings forth a tree and the tree brings forth fruit because they cannot do otherwise. Legality is like a woman serving for weekly wages, and always under the law or orders of her master, towards whom her service is that of duty only. But grace offers to her his love and lifts her up from the plain of bondage to make her a bride. She has the privilege of sharing equally the Master's fortune. At once the whole spirit of her service is changed. She may continue to do the same things she did before; but she does them now from a different motive. The old sense of duty is lost in a new sense of love. The cold word "master" is transformed into the loving title "husband." **"And It Shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi (my Husband), and shalt call me no more Baali (my Lord)."**

Now imagine that bride looking back upon her former low estate and so overwhelmed by the retrospect that she expresses herself unworthy of union with her husband, and loses the inward

joy of that union. Who can doubt that very soon the old sense of working for wages would drive out the new sense of laboring for love? And in spirit, the distant, stern name of master would again supplant the kind, comforting name of husband. People marvel at the folly of such a course; but does it not so happen to many Christians? The service of duty takes the place of the service of love. God is looked upon as a stern task-master who demands obedience, instead of a loving Father who works obedience in us. We know that nothing destroys the true relationship between God and His people like this legal spirit.

The moment a husband and wife cease to serve each other from mutual love, that moment the sweetness of their union begins to leak out. Soon the marriage tie becomes bondage, and what once was a joy, now becomes a trial. Suppose he says on going to his business, "Wife, I am going to work for you today; but I wish you to know that it is a heavy cross which I can hardly bear." Or what husband would like such language from his Wife? Yet such is the feeling many believers have toward the Lord Jesus. No **marvel at Paul's alarm when he found** a legal spirit creeping 31 into the Church of Christ. Legal Christians do not deny Christ; but they add something to Him. Instead of simply believing that He finished the work on Calvary, they attempt to add, with their own little hammer and hack-saw, what God calls **"...wood and hay and stubble."** A religion of bondage always exalts self; hence, men prefer to endure many painful self-sacrifices to taking the place of utter helplessness and worthlessness. It is what I do, my efforts, my wrestlings, my faithfulness: but a religion of liberty through divine grace leaves no self in which to glory. It is all Christ, and always Christ, and what He did and What He is. A true child does not boast of itself, but of its parents. **"My soul doth make her boast in the Lord."** We are the children of God, therefore His heirs. Oh, dear brother and sister, how little some people act like the heirs of God. How poverty-stricken they seem to be, and how hard they work for the little they possess. If a child of loving parents thinks that he will not receive any food or clothing except he earns it in some way, the sweetness it is that **the crimson stream of the blood of Jesus has paid our sin debt**

of the family relationship is destroyed. One little girl went to her neighbors asking for work that she might earn some money to buy clothes. It nearly broke the heart of her parents when they heard of it. Legal believers deeply grieve the heart of our heavenly Father. They step out of the place of sons into that of servants. They fall from grace.

“This life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.”

John 17:3. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity enriches the mind with sublime truths which far surpass all knowledge of men, revealing God in us by the Holy Spirit and making us conscious of our own weakness. This begets in us deep humility. The more extensive our knowledge of God, the greater is the longing in the soul to possess His fulness; and the deeper insight we have into Him, the more His Spirit works His image in us. Our Lord Himself said that the intimate union of the three divine Persons is the pattern of our union with one another **“... they all may be one as thou Father art in me and I in thee that they also may be one in us.”** John 17:21. —L. T. Schwede.
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Jesus is Coming

Jesus is coming,
He's coming, I know--
Coming for those
Who are longing to go
Way up to heaven
To live with Him there.
He's coming with glory
That is debonair

We don't know the hour,
We don't know the day
But we know He is coming
To to take us away.
Come, dear Lord Jesus,
Come quickly I pray!

There Is Power In The Blood

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There is power in the blood, both physically and spiritually, to give life, as declared unto Moses by God in Lev. 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." We see from this verse that without blood there can be no life.

In the human body there are three types of cells in the blood stream, and they are all necessary for life. This trinity of cells has a spiritual meaning for us. If we are lacking even one of these, or if we have an inadequate supply of any of these three types of cells, we would soon die. Likewise, spiritually we need the fulness of the Trinity (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) to have eternal life. I would like to discuss each of these three blood cell types and their functions to illustrate the power which the blood of Jesus provides for us spiritually.

A complete blood count (CBC) is a test which is routinely done by your physician if you are ill or planning to have surgery. This test checks the quantity of each of the three cell types to see if they are in the proper range for health.

The red blood cells (RBC's) are important because they carry oxygen. They pick up oxygen in the lungs and then transport it to all the other cells in the body. Oxygen is necessary for cellular metabolism, so when oxygen is used up by the cell, it develops an oxygen debt. That debt must be paid or the cell will die.

Spiritually, this means that the blood of Jesus paid the debt of sin that we owed and purchased our salvation. This demonstrates the purchasing power of the blood. This purchasing power is declared in I Peter 1:18-19: "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Another important function of the red blood cell is that after it releases oxygen to a cell, it picks up the carbon dioxide, which is the waste product of metabolism. The carbon dioxide must be removed from the body in order for life to continue. The red blood cell then carries the carbon dioxide back to the lungs where it is exhaled from the body. This is the cleansing power of the blood in the physical body.

The cleansing power of the blood of Jesus is declared to us in I John 1:7: "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." We see another example of the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus in Isa. 1:18: "Come now, and let us reason together, sayeth the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

A third example of the cleansing power of the blood is found in Heb. 9:14: "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge [cleanse] your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." There is nothing in our lives that we have done that cannot be cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Isn't it miraculous to know that the blood that is flowing in our bodies right now cleanses us and gives us life? But, oh how much greater a

miracle it is that the crimson blood of Jesus has paid our sin debt and cleansed our soul!

This brings us to the white blood cells (WBC's). These cells are necessary for healing. Without them, we would die of infection. They quickly surround and fight off any foreign substances, such as bacteria or splinters, and try to wall them off. They actually attack the invaders. They are an important and necessary part of our immune system to fight off viruses and cancer. The WBC's demonstrate the healing power of the blood.

What about spiritually? Can the blood of Jesus bring healing? We find the answer in Isa. 53:5 where we learn that through Christ's wounds and the shedding of His blood we have both forgiveness and healing: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." His precious blood has the power to heal us both physically and spiritually.

David also speaks of this healing power in Ps. 103:2: "Who [God] forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." The same blood that cleanses our sin has the power to heal all our diseases.

Peter, in I Pet. 2:24, confirms the power of the blood to heal: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree...by whose stripes we are healed." So, we see from these verses that the blood of Jesus has power to heal us completely: body, soul and spirit.

34 The third important cell type in the blood is the platelets, also called thrombocytes. The main function of the platelets is to help stop bleeding. When injury occurs, they clump together to form a plug to stop the blood from leaking out. They play an important part in the formation of a clot. This demonstrates the keeping power of the blood through its ability to form a seal.

What does this mean to us spiritually? The same blood which Jesus shed that saves us and cleanses us is also able to keep us. We find an example of the keeping power of the blood in Exodus chapter 12 where the blood of the Passover lamb was applied to the doorposts to protect the lives of the firstborn. The blood of the Lamb of God still keeps us today, as Jude proclaims in Jude 24: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

The blood of Christ also sealed the covenant as we read in Heb. 9:20 "... This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined to you." Also, in Heb. 9:12 we read this: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

We have now seen through the illustration of the three blood cell types in the physical body that the blood of Jesus has purchasing power, cleansing power, healing power, keeping power and power to seal the covenant. Because of this, we now have power to enter into God's presence, as Paul declared in Heb. 10:19: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." So, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Heb. 4:16). Yes, there is still power in Jesus blood today!



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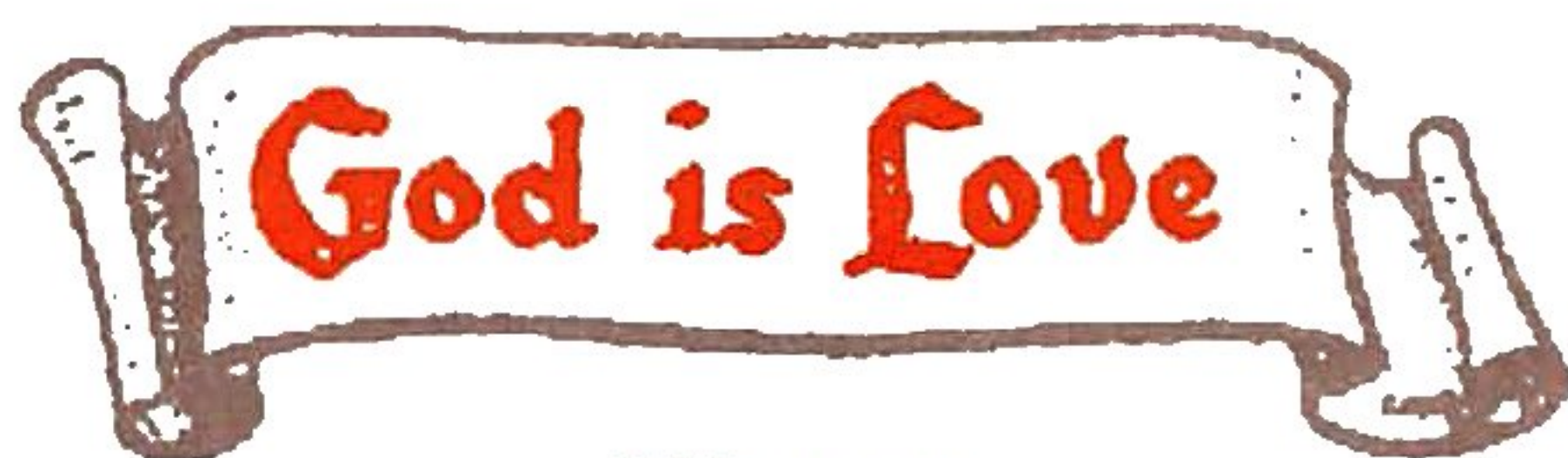
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