

# A Common Delusion

"Now you take this tip straight from me," says Mr. Speculator, "buy Economic Sulphous. It is selling on the Exchange at 6¼. Within three months it is sure

to be 15 and probably more. I have put every last cent I have into it. I certainly am sitting pretty, for I'll double my life's savings in three months."

Now, fear breaks down personality, but this man who put his faith and hope in Economic Sulphous had no fear. Fear paralyzes thought and action. This man was not paralyzed. He had vigorously formed his plans for the future. He faced the world with confidence. He suffered no mal-adjustment. He was a well-integrated personality. He had conquered fear. But suppose Economic Sulphous goes bankrupt, wait—

Another gentleman said, "I used to have no time for religion. I looked on it as old fogey nonsense. For a while my release from the old ideas added zest to life. But only for a while. Then the meaning in life seemed to fade; fears and doubts came and I was torn by conflicting opinions. But at my father's death-bed, something happened. I gained assurance that my father could not have ceased to exist. I came to see that God was the Infinite, the Only Power, the All. This conviction banished fear; I was no longer a distraught personality slowly slipping into insanity. I became integrated. I can look at the world with courage and confidence. Man has improved; man will continue to improve. It may take a million years; but God is All, and all must turn to God. It is all well with my soul."

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But is it? Let us see. Compare the above two gentlemen.

Three months later "Economic Sulphous" had gone bankrupt. You see, Mr. Speculator's faith and hope were *no guarantee* against a rude awakening. They had the wrong *object*. Perhaps three years later the other gentleman who thinks he has found life will depart this world and stand before the Judge of all the earth. He had faith and hope—we may even grant that he had charity too. *But what was the object of his faith?* It was a bankrupt stock, a bankrupt *abstraction*.<sup>2</sup> It is true that he had banished paralyzing fear; perhaps he had not been anxious for the morrow; he had been as they say, "a well integrated personality." But all this is no guarantee against a rude awakening. This sort of vague faith may seem to integrate personality, but of itself it pays no dividends. Some sort of abstract religious conviction may insure against insanity, but of itself it will not win you eternal life. *The important matter is, what is the object of your faith?* On what do you base your hope? *Peace of mind is a snare and a delusion if wrongly grounded.*

God does not accept just any old kind of religious faith.

What God requires is faith in Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son, said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; *no man cometh unto the Father but by me.*" The old hymn contains the truth:

My hope is based on nothing  
ing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest  
frame (of mind),  
But wholly lean on Jesus'  
name.

Can you meet these qualifications set by God? What *way* are you taking to Heaven? There is only one way; some by-path will not do. In what do you place your faith? On what do you ground your hope of eternal life?

G. H. C.

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## MESSENGER FROM THE DEAD?

The casualty list grows longer; the war is costing lives. The bereaved parents and wives have our profound sympathy. Who can help them or console them?

Some of the bereaved will go to spiritualistic mediums, and in their dim parlors will seek contact with the departed by means of little noises and luminous paint. Such deception is cruel. Houdini could not get back from the spirit world; neither can the fallen soldier speak to his sorrowing wife.

If we require a messenger from the dead, let it be a real person. Let him appear in broad daylight. Let him speak audibly to several people at once, to a hundred or five hundred at once. Let him remain with us for some time, 30 or 40 days. Then we shall know that what he says of the future life is true, for such a one would be no phosphorescent ghost.

We thank God that Jesus Christ has met these requirements. He arose from the dead and to the amazed disciples said, "*Handle me and see, for a spirit has not flesh and bones as ye see me have.*" And the truths that He taught hold consolation for the woes of the world—indeed the only consolation. The Christian suffers bereavement as much as any other person, and he sorrows for those he has loved long since and lost a while; but he does not sorrow as other people who have no hope. Because he is united to Christ, he can expect everlasting happiness with God and with God's people in Heaven. Hear him chant:

*Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.*

*When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.*

*We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.*

*We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.*

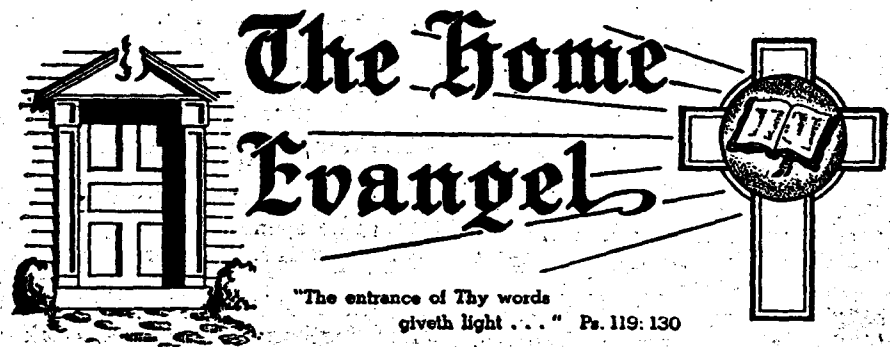
*Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.*

G. H. C.

## A MONUMENT TO HITLER'S FAILURE

LIFE magazine for January 15, 1945 carried a picture of a large heap of cut granite stones lying in a Swedish field. They were ordered from Berlin in 1938. The stones were to be used for Hitler's victory monument. It was to be a tremendous thing, 4,500 feet long, 2,500 feet broad and 1,000 feet high. However, with hope of victory growing dim, last year Berlin suggested that work on the stones be suspended. There they lie in a Swedish field, a monument to Hitler's disaster and defeat.

One who knows and believes the Bible is not surprised at the German tyrant's downfall. Indeed, he might have predicted it. The Psalmist declares, "*The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure*" (Psalm 2:2-5). It is evident that God has no part in the counsels of the Nazis. It is plain to all that both the philosophy and the methods of the Nazi order are utterly anti-Christian. In view of the above words quoted from the writings of David, what could be expected for Hitler but failure? His defeat and the terrible ruin now being wrought in Germany is proof again of the fact that man cannot defy God and disregard His holy laws without terrible retribution. And the truth of Galatians 6:7 applies to every nation and to every man: "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*"



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## A SURE FOUNDATION

*in a Time  
of  
Upheaval*



*Christ is Risen*

In the attacks made against orthodox Christianity by humanists, modernists and any others who do not put their trust in Christ's shed blood, there is one subject that is frequently avoided. It is the historic fact of Christ's resurrection from the grave.

Some people argue that history and religion have nothing much in common, and so it is not necessary to consider the facts of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection. These people might say that the resurrection is a picturesque way of representing the triumph of good over evil, just as Santa Claus represents a jolly Christmas spirit.

But more than five hundred early Christians testified that they had seen Christ walking around, alive, after His burial — they had talked with Him and eaten with Him. They maintained their testimony through persecution. They died rather than deny

the facts. They pointed to the empty tomb, and the unbelievers of that day had no answer but persecution.

In these days of unbelief, in these days of social and political upheaval when civilization totters, in these days when sinners must soon face a God of righteousness, it is good to have a religion based on historic facts. Many people hope for Heaven, but they have no foundation for their hope; they are simply whistling in the dark.

The Christian, that is, the person who relies on Christ's sacrifice on the cross for salvation, has a sure foundation for his hope of Heaven, for Christ is not dead,

Christ is Risen.

—G. H. C.

## WHY A DUCK DOESN'T GET WET

The duck has a "hard shell" of oil-smooth feathers. No drop of water has ever touched his skin, though he swims every day to his heart's content. Water has too much surface tension to go through the tiny cracks of his outer feathers. But if the duck should happen to swim into water containing a detergent, he would be soaked to the skin, for the surface tension of water is broken down by a detergent.

Many people live their lives in God's world, but the Word of God is never allowed to get near them. They have a shell of "good works" and a rather high estimate of their own resources and character. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to break down this resistance, and bring conviction of sin. The detergents He uses are what we call "the means of grace": the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer. Are you hearing the Word preached? Are you spending time in prayer? Once that hard shell is opened to the sweet influences of the Saviour, there will be found the joy of being a new creature in Christ Jesus.

—E. E. E.

## Chinese Custom — and Contrast

Our fighting men have had many opportunities to observe the customs of foreign peoples. One of our soldiers tells this strange incident which happened in a small village in China. He saw a group of persons gathered around a well, enjoying themselves. So he asked his interpreter what amused them so. Whereupon the interpreter learned that a man was in the well, calling for help, which none of the bystanders would give. After much struggling the man drowned. The interpreter explained the refusal to help, saying that the villagers maintained that it was not their fault that the man had fallen in; therefore, it was not up to them to get him out. Moreover, had anyone helped him out, that person would have been responsible for the man for the rest of his life; and none would assume such responsibility.

How different is the Lord Jesus Christ! When He saw the utter helplessness of His people, He was willing to come from Heaven to earth to save sinners. He had been incomparably rich from all eternity; yet He became poor for them. He knew no sin; yet He became sin (or the sin-offering) for them. His heart was full of compassion; He helped those in trouble, healed the sick, preached good tidings to the poor, sought and saved the lost.

Reader, do you know His love and His salvation? Are you in trouble? Go to Christ, to Him who does not laugh at the drowning victim but lifts him up and sets his feet upon the rock of eternal salvation. Trust in Christ Jesus alone Who, once He saves a person, will care for him in time and in eternity.

—M. J. B.

## Shoddy Promise



"I'll surprise you by coming to church some Sunday." This shoddy promise, given so frequently to earnest servants of Christ, is a heart-breaker, for we know that it means, "I am not in the habit of giving Jesus any place in my life. But as a favor to you, I will greet Him some day, when I get around to it."

Jesus Christ will not take casual treatment. The second psalm should tell us this:

*"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.*

*Kiss the Son, lest He be angry  
And ye perish from the way  
When His wrath is kindled but a little.*

*Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."*

A real surprise is in store for those who treat Jesus casually, and it will

be a shock that will last through all eternity. The Bible calls it Hell.

*"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).*

The brass trumpets of God's wrath are trembling with ear-splitting vibration. But men without ears go their casual way, showing their mild interest by favoring the church with an occasional visit, dropping the equivalent of a tip in the collection plate.

"Kiss the Son." When you are enabled by the Spirit to embrace Jesus Christ, you can be casual no more. You will put your trust in Him for salvation and seek His favor. The man who finds Jesus will be so regular in his attendance at church that no one will be surprised to see him take his place in the church in Heaven. Will you be there?

—E. E. E.

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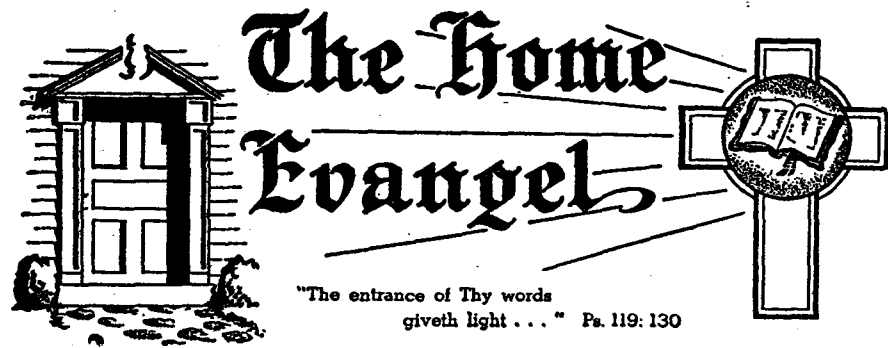
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## The Indispensable Man!

Many newspapers have made friendly criticisms of the President's Christmas trip from the White House in Washington to his home in Independence, Mo. This journey on his special plane, the Sacred Cow, was rather daring and dangerous because of the very bad flying weather which even grounded commercial planes.

Since the sudden death of Mr. Roosevelt, the nation is very anxious about the life and safety of its President. The President comes as close to being indispensable as anyone. His death while in office would mean much upset in the life of the country.

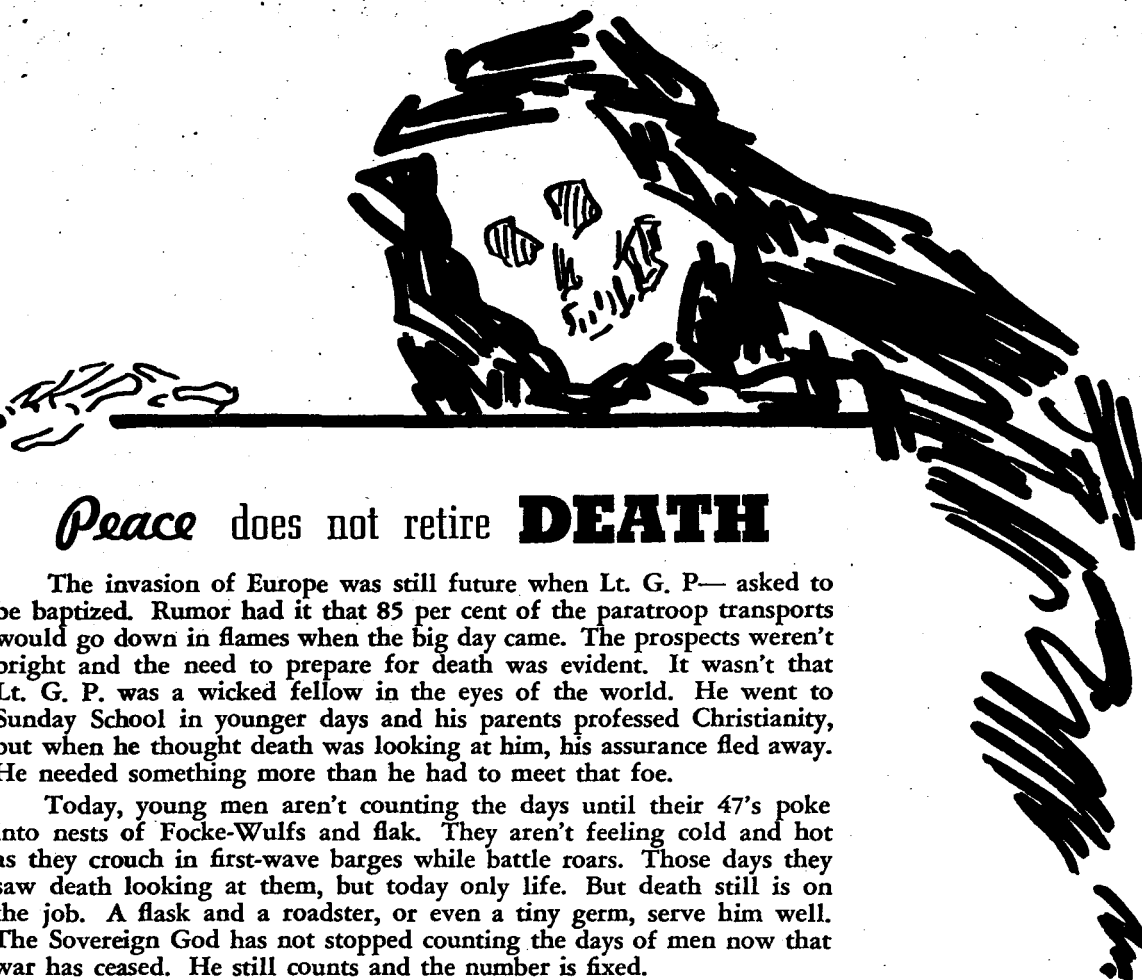
Of course, we all realize that there has never been a man on earth who is absolutely indispensable. Someone can always take his place. But wait—there is one exception. A little less than two thousand years ago, a man once said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus Christ claimed to be indispensable. He is the only way to Heaven. He could make this claim because He is the Son of God. It is said of Him in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." All religious roads do not lead to Heaven. They all lead to Hell, except one. Faith in Christ's death as a perfect atonement for sin and in His resurrection is the only way to salvation. "*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him*" (John 3:36).

—H. J. H.

## POSTWAR MORALITY

In the wake of war comes terrible moral let-down. People seem to be beside themselves. A man says in his heart, "God hath forgotten: He hideth His face; He will never see it; He will not require it." And the self-deceived man deserts his wife and family and runs away with another man's wife. Under cover of darkness he commits armed robbery and in ruthless disregard of the right of peaceful folk to live, shoots his way clear. He kidnaps a sleeping child and with utter heartlessness kills and then dismembers her. He steals a car and smashes it up. He embezzles his employer's funds and makes false entries to cover his theft. The man of wickedness is an increasing company. Society will deal with him. And God will not be mocked but also will judge.

The "respectable" transgressor needs to be reminded that he too must give account to God. The Almighty will not forget the deliberate ignoring of His command to keep the Sabbath Day holy. God will not hide His face and fail to deal with the individual who lives as though there were no God at all. God will not shut His eyes to men's injustices to one another, nor to men's impieties; He will not shut His ears to their cursing and blasphemy. God will require these things of men; of this His Holy Word, the Bible, most solemnly assures us, as in Romans 2:5, 6: "Thy hardness and impenitent heart treasureth up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds." Therefore, let men everywhere "repent and believe the Gospel," trusting in Jesus Christ, God's own Son, who gave His life a ransom for many as their Saviour from sin and judgment.



## Peace does not retire **DEATH**

The invasion of Europe was still future when Lt. G. P.— asked to be baptized. Rumor had it that 85 per cent of the paratroop transports would go down in flames when the big day came. The prospects weren't bright and the need to prepare for death was evident. It wasn't that Lt. G. P. was a wicked fellow in the eyes of the world. He went to Sunday School in younger days and his parents professed Christianity, but when he thought death was looking at him, his assurance fled away. He needed something more than he had to meet that foe.

Today, young men aren't counting the days until their 47's poke into nests of Focke-Wulfs and flak. They aren't feeling cold and hot as they crouch in first-wave barges while battle roars. Those days they saw death looking at them, but today only life. But death still is on the job. A flask and a roadster, or even a tiny germ, serve him well. The Sovereign God has not stopped counting the days of men now that war has ceased. He still counts and the number is fixed.

Lt. G. P. thought he saw death looking at him, so he sought and found Christ. Then he wasn't afraid of death. He is dead. His transport crashed, but Lt. G. P. lives because first he sought Christ. He lives in the glory of Heaven. Death is looking at you. He may be ever so close now, even though all you can see is life. *Therefore, seek Christ today. Receive and trust in Him at once.* Then you need not fear if your transport crashes, if the fatal illness comes. You are safe in life and in death with Him.

—E. L. K.

## A PERFECT RECORD

The Bible claims, Christ asserted, and orthodox Christians believe that Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament. Unbelieving, destructive critics argued that Moses could not have written them because writing had not yet been invented in his day. Thus they implied that Christ did not know what He was talking about. The fact is, however, that the critics did not know what they were talking about: specimens of writing from long before the time of Moses can be seen in museums today.

The Bible speaks of a nation of Hittites. The unbelieving critics said the Hittites never existed. Today it is possible to study the Hittite language in our large universities. The Bible was right; the critics were wrong.

The unbelieving critics said that Cyrenius could not have been governor of Syria at the time Christ was born, and that therefore Luke was mistaken. But it was the critics who were mistaken. The unbelievers also said that there was no Roman census to bring Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. Once again the critics were wrong.

The unbelieving critics have said many other things. Tomorrow they will think up some new objection to the Bible. Probably you and I will not be able to answer this new objection. But we know that the unbelieving critics have a regular batting average of .000. Their new criticism is not likely to be a home run. Jesus said, "*The Scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35).  
—G. H. C.

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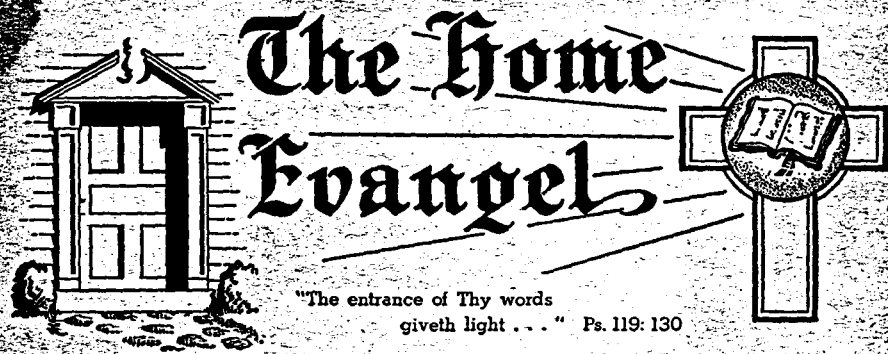
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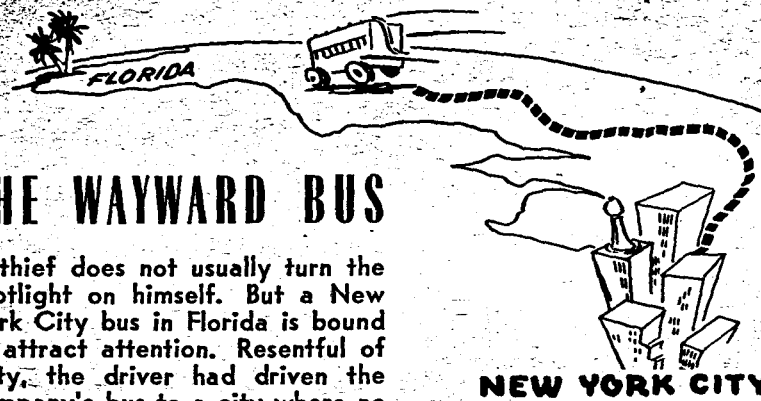
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# The Home Evangel

"The entrance of Thy words  
giveth light . . ." Ps. 119: 130



## THE WAYWARD BUS

A thief does not usually turn the spotlight on himself. But a New York City bus in Florida is bound to attract attention. Resentful of duty, the driver had driven the company's bus to a city where no passengers would bother him, where no route would restrict him, and where he could attend the races. Every mile off his route increased his guilt before the law. Was this peculiar? No, it is a common failing. In fact, every one of us is like this bus driver. The place of obedience to the law of God seems tame and routine, so

off we drive in a mad effort to have a brief vacation from God. The drive may seem thrilling—but it ends in Hell. The bus driver probably was not an unkind man. Perhaps if he had come to an accident he would have broken open his first-aid kit and given assistance. But would this have made him less of a thief?

So a man who goes his way of rebellion against God may do all sorts of good things. He may be a heavy contributor to charity. He may be kind to children and animals. He may smile at everyone he meets. But he is a **total rebel**. A complete turn-around is demanded.

**"Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience."**

It was a gracious act of the transit company to give the driver his job again. Has our rebellion proved costly? Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. By faith in Jesus, we can be restored to the favor of God and the certainty of Heaven itself. —E.E.E.

## IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

What a foolish question! Only an irritable crank with stomach ulcers would doubt that life is worth while. Can't I go to double headers in the summer? Can't I go bowling in the winter? Can't I see a show anytime? Of course, life is worth living.

But what about that double header back in 1936? Are you still thrilled with it? Did the comedy you saw in December, 1941, make life

worth while when you were fighting the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944? And what if you soon get stomach ulcers, too?

Then, too, you have to work every day, don't you? Drive a cab or truck up one street and down the next? Or do you fill up one empty tank after another and vary your activity by putting in a quart of oil now and then? Perhaps your job is to fit on one piece in an assembly line. Some people are dishwashers in a restaurant. Stimulating? Inspiring? Worth while?

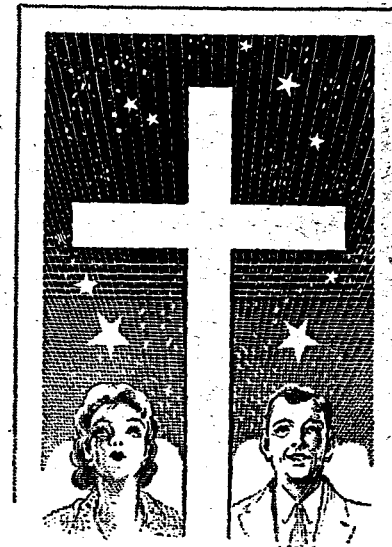
If life is worth nothing more than this, if man's hopes and aspirations are limited by the struggle for existence, if stomach ulcers, cancer, and death are our ultimate reward, is life worth living?

The tedious routine, not to mention the pain and tragedy of life, can be justified only on the assumption that they are means to an eternal blessedness. Our work is worth while only if it brings a permanent reward. A double header does not make cancer endurable. A movie does not overbalance death. But eternal life does. And eternal life comes through Jesus Christ, whose death for sin can reconcile God to us. Human life is indeed worth while. Life is worth living because the chief aim of life is neither the work of the day nor the amusement of the evening: the chief aim of life is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. —G.H.C.

## YOUTH...

Allegedly George Bernard Shaw believes youth, with its pep, vim and vigor, to be such a superlative blessing that God is criminal to waste it on the immature. It is true, is it not, that some of the most insidious temptations come to young people at an age when they scarcely realize the devastating consequences. In this way life is similar to a game of chess: a false move in the early game cannot later be rectified, and the damage increases as the game goes on.

How, then, can the immature profit by their pep, vim and vigor? How can they avoid the deceptive move that leads to checkmate? The Bible asks the question in these words: "How can a young man cleanse his way?" And the Bible gives the best answer, in fact, the only answer possible: "By taking heed thereto, according to God's word." The young man, and the young woman as well, must examine their plans, their desires, their conduct. They must see as exactly as possible what they intend doing. And they must judge their plans in the light of God's word. The world champion chess player may tell the novice that moving the King's bishop's pawn is bad; the novice may not understand why; but he does well to follow the advice.



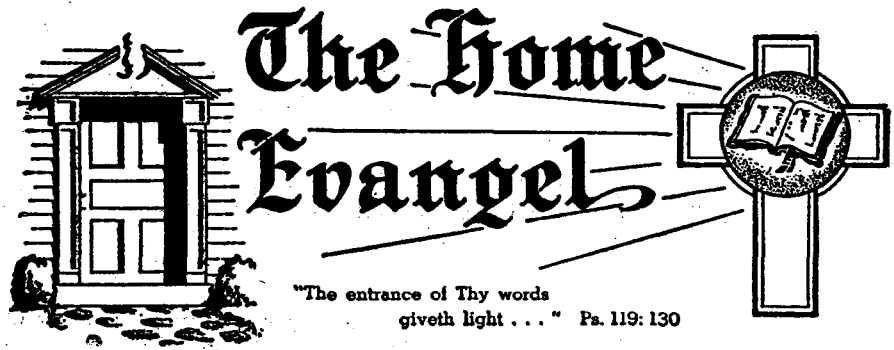
Teen-age girls and boys may not understand the wisdom of "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain"; they may not, they virtually cannot, appreciate the shameful consequences of fornication; they are likely to be careless of keeping the Sabbath and may at times disregard the command, "Thou shalt not steal."

But if it is wise to heed the advice of a chess champion, it is disastrous to ignore the commands of the Ruler of the Universe. Is not life worth the care given to a game of chess? God is not criminal to the immature. He has blessed them with pep, vim and vigor, and has told them how to use their strength. —G.H.C.

## ONLY GOD COULD HAVE PLANNED A MAN

Said a woman physician, "I came into an anatomy room to study. The dead body meant nothing at all to me. For weeks I worked, and each day the wonder grew; and then, one day, I was working on an arm and hand, studying the perfect mechanical arrangements of the muscles and tendons—how the sheaths of certain muscles are split to let tendons of certain muscles through, that the hand may be delicate and small and yet powerful. The overwhelming belief came: a thing like this is not just a chance, but a part of a plan, a plan so big that only God could

have conceived it. Religion had been a matter of form, a thing without convictions, and now everything was an evidence of God; the tendons of the hand, the patterns of the little blue butterfly's wings—it was all part of a purpose." Apart from the existence of the Almighty personal Creator, there could be no meaning in the world. Every scientific discovery is simply a case of a man being enabled to think the Creator's thoughts after Him. The greatest thought of all is that man can be saved from sin through God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.



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## DO-DON'T-HAS DONE

The young but accomplished organist of a large church had been raised in a Christian family. Because of his early training he read the Bible with some frequency. But the reading gave him no pleasure; in fact it was a source of irritation, for the Bible told him not to do what he wanted to do and told him to do things he did not want to do. He thought that perhaps he would stop reading the Bible and so avoid the irritation of its do's and don't's.

But a very wise Christian friend to whom he had a little shamefacedly confessed his state of mind advised him to read the Bible from another point of view: instead of paying much attention, as he had done in the past, to what he had to do for God, he should now note particularly what God had done for him.

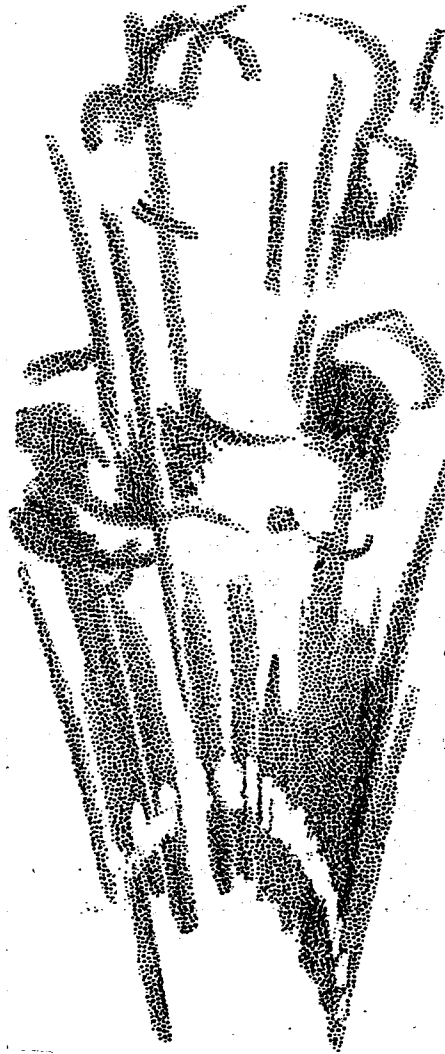
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Ordinarily a little story should be told to its finish; but in this case the writer is going to stop in the middle. If the reader wishes to know how the story ends, he should follow the advice and read in the Bible what God has done. Begin with this passage: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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# The Atom Bomb a Prophecy



"At the appointed time there was a blinding flash. Then came a tremendous sustained roar. Immediately thereafter, a huge, multi-colored, surging cloud boiled to an altitude of over 40,000 feet. Clouds in its path disappeared. The steel tower (from which the bomb had been suspended) had been entirely vaporized." These startling words the world read in the official report of the atomic bomb's first great test.

Now listen to a prediction in the Bible, the infallible Word of God, that makes the atomic bomb seem as weak as a firecracker by comparison: "But the heavens and the earth are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. . . . The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:7, 10).

Like the bomb, the day of the Lord will come at the appointed time; yet to the unsaved, unexpectedly, as a thief in the night. The atomic bomb helps us to understand something of what the final, fiery, dissolving judgment blast will be.

Scripture discloses that out of this holocaust God will fashion new

heavens and a new earth to be the abode of everlasting righteousness. There His people will dwell in perfect and immortal life. The atomic bomb shows no mercy. But God extends mercy to sinners through His Son Jesus Christ, and they will not come into condemnation and fiery judgment. As it is written, "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). In these world-shaking days let your trust be in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Mystery Poem of World War II

Stay with me, God. The night  
is dark,  
The night is cold; my little  
spark  
Of courage dies. The night is  
long;  
Be with me, God, and make  
me strong.

I love a game. I love a fight.  
I hate the dark; I love the light.  
I love my child; I love my wife.  
I am no coward; I love life—

Life with its change of mood  
and shade.  
I want to live. I'm not afraid,  
But me and mine are hard to  
part;  
Oh, unknown God, lift up my  
heart.

This prize-winning poem by

an unknown British soldier strikes a note unutterably sad and unnecessary. Why, why must anyone in this day of grace speak of the "unknown God"? The Athenians of Paul's day could rear an altar "To the Unknown God." But the One whom they superstitiously and ignorantly sought to appease, Paul the Apostle declared to them—and to every succeeding generation—in plainness. He is the Creator of the universe. He is the Maker of men. He is the Judge of the whole earth. He is the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has spoken to us through His Son. He has pitiated His own justice by giving His divine-human Son to be the sacrifice for sin upon the cross. He bestows eternal life and full forgiveness of sin upon every man who receives Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts," wrote Paul the great apostle of the Truth, "to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6). The "unknown God" has been made known in the redeeming work of Christ, His only-begotten Son. The search is over. Christ has come, died for sinners, risen again, promised to all who believe the Gospel fellowship with God here and now and a place in the Father's house hereafter.

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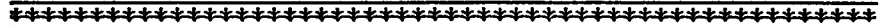
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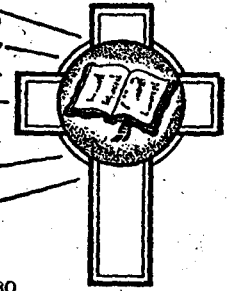
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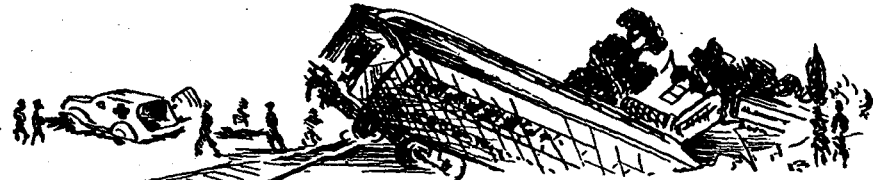
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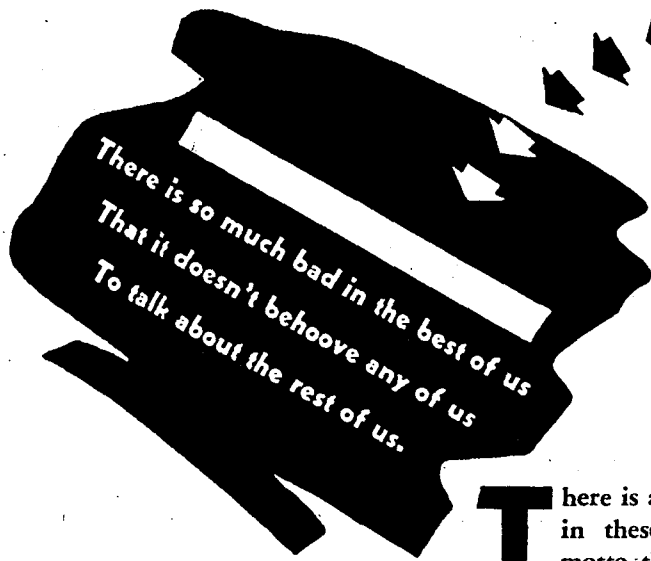
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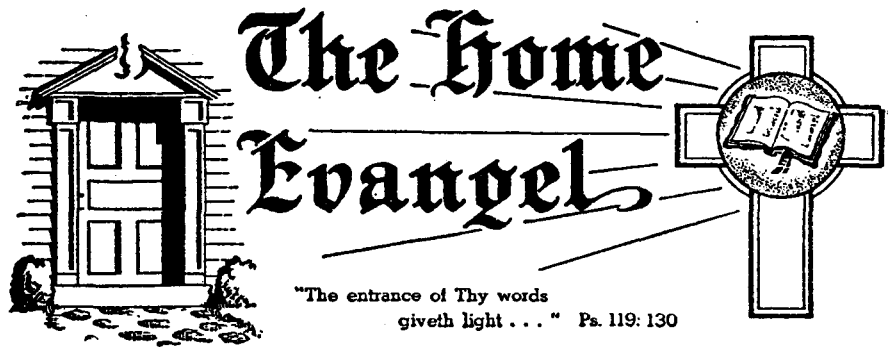
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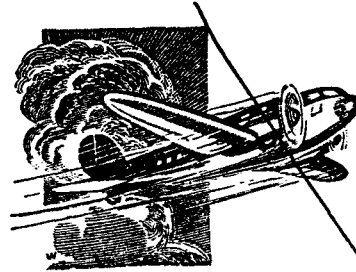


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## **FLAK, FIGHTERS and FAITH**

Staff Sergeant Richard D— wrote us on April 10 from England of his experiences on a B-17: "In a little over a month, we have been on fifteen missions. Our formation has been attacked by fighters and we have seen what a heavy

barrage of flak looks like. I have seen buddies of mine leave on a mission with us and never come back. Last week we were hit so badly the pilot gave orders to get ready to bail out. We all took time from what we were doing and prayed to God. Our prayers were answered as we made it back to our lines and a forced landing in Belgium. We have had some other close ones. *After facing death, pastor, I can't say how thankful I am that Jesus did die for my sins on the cross.* There are only two ways to look at it—either I will finish my missions and go home to my loved ones or I will go home to God."

There speaks a brave man, a Christian man, a man to listen to. His comfort and source of strength and hope in the hour of such trial as most of us are mercifully spared from facing is the blessed, wonderful, peace-bringing Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has no fear of the judgment, for Christ died for his sins, bore his penalty on the cross. He knows that at Calvary every claim of Divine justice was satisfied for him by the sufferings and death of the sinless Saviour. He is sure of a welcome into Heaven at last because Christ has gone on before to prepare a place for him and to be his Guarantor of everlasting life. He rests upon the Word of God, the Bible, which infallibly certifies these things. God grant us all like precious faith, out of which comes the soul's only true hope.

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# Twentieth Century Crucifixion

Recently, in Chicago, Fred Walcher was crucified. For reasons that are obscure he permitted nails to be driven through his hands and feet. The cross was then erected beneath the Chicago elevated tracks. The police, hearing his moaning, came to his rescue and took him down.

The Chicago crucifixion, the work of fanatics, serves to point up the difference between the sufferings of Jesus Christ on the cross and those of an ordinary man. All too often we look only at the visible sufferings of Jesus and think that they represent the real passion of the cross. Of course Jesus did suffer in a physical sense tremendously. What anguish was caused Him by the nails, the crown of thorns and the terrible thirst! But great as were his physical sufferings, they were in measure experienced by this man in Chicago. They have been experienced by many a man lying wounded on the battle field. We must look deeper to see the greater suffering of Calvary. That suffering was suffering of soul. It was the anguish of the Holy One upon whose pure and innocent being were poured the sins of men in black and awful flow. It was the anguish of One forsaken of His Heavenly Father, who could not look even upon His beloved Son while sin rested upon Him. Yes, the physical sufferings of Jesus were real, but the true, deeper sufferings of Calvary are not to be put in human speech—they cannot be imagined in human thought.

Why did He suffer so? Why did He permit men to crucify Him? Here is the answer in the language of Scripture, "*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:14-15). Jesus suffered for others. He died as a substitute. What matchless grace! What a glorious plan of salvation! Because He died helpless, lost men may live forever. Have you received that life He died to give? Let your faith be fixed in Him today. ". . . as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

# CREMATION

A small group of college professors was discussing cremation. One of them had a deep seated aversion to cremation. No known agent of destruction, he argued, is more powerful than fire. Man, he continued, has something like a soul, and since this soul is intimately connected with the body, it would be reckless to expose the soul to cremation. Embalming is safer. Of course, no one knows, so he argued, what fire can or cannot do to the soul, but it is reckless to run unnecessary risks.

Another professor pointed out that not only have many people been cremated after death, but that many have been accidentally burned to death and ashes. Think of those who have been cruelly burned to death in the war. If the Ruler of the Universe has provided for a future life—so argued this second professor—would it be reasonable that these who were accidentally cremated should lose their opportunity of Heaven?

The first gentleman replied that we do not know the laws that govern preservation for a future life. There are tragedies in this life, and it may be, for all we know, that destruction by cremation is just another unfortunate tragedy. And for safety's sake this professor hoped that he would never be cremated.

College professors or unskilled laborers—it makes no difference: if one's hope of a future life is based on such slim grounds, and if one's fears of destruction cannot better be put at rest, how miserable we all must be! How hopeless to grope in the darkness of such vague speculations! How unsatisfactory to guess at what the Ruler of the Universe may or may not have decided!

But the Christian who has heard God speak is neither miserable nor hopeless, for he is not condemned to groping guesses. God has spoken, and he has said:

"*Our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*" (2 Tim. 1:10). "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26). "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). "*Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept . . . O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*" (1 Cor. 15:20, 55).

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# WHAT'S THE

# *difference?*

One Sunday a group of young people were playing and singing jazz in the Sunday School room. A slightly older member of the church appealed to the Board to prohibit this type of activity in the building. But a still slightly older member of the church reported with satisfaction that he was able to persuade the Board not to adopt such Puritanic restrictions.

Of course, opinions differ. One person objects to jazz in church, another does not. One person goes to the ball game on Sabbath, another does not. Opinions differ. And is not one opinion as good as another?

Yes, one opinion is as good as, and no better than any other, *unless* God has stated His "opinion." If we have no sure word from God on how He desires us to worship Him, then an opinion from Tibet is as good a guess as one from Riverside Drive. If God has not given a verbal revelation, then the opinion that one ought to attend church is no better than the opinion that one need not attend church at all. Churches that deny a written revelation have no valid reason for existence.

But if, on the other hand, God has spoken, then an obligation is placed on all men everywhere to obey. Only an acceptance of the Bible as the infallible word of God can settle such questions as church or no church, religion or no religion, salvation through Christ from sin and Hell or no need to worry now about any Judgment to come.

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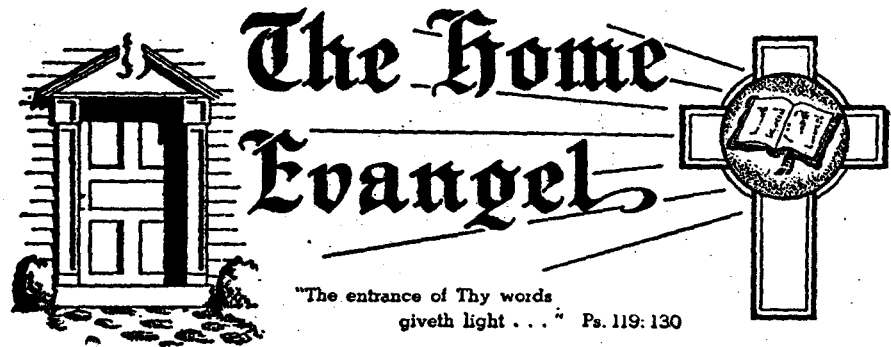
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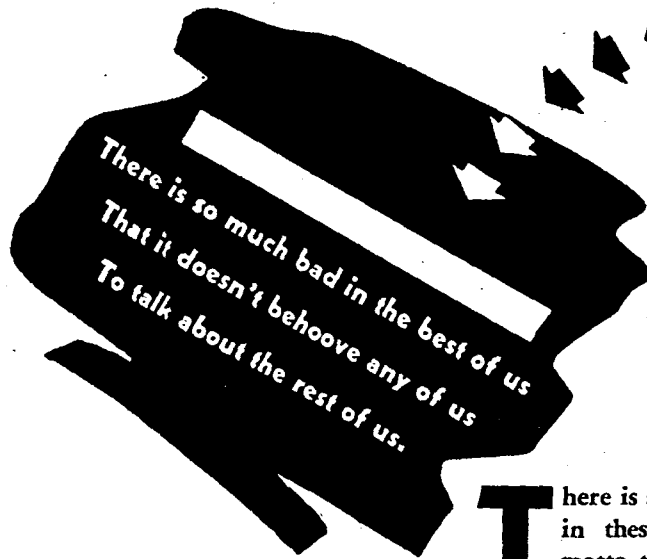
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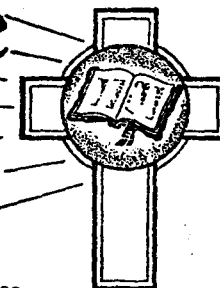
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Thus it was made possible for any subject of the Emperor to bring his troubles direct to the highest authority, with assurance of redress.

It would take more than the tinkle of a bell to gain an audience with any national leader of today, but the King of Kings has given us the password to His presence—the password of the all-prevailing Name of Jesus. God bids us all to come to Him in Jesus' Name, that He might freely forgive our sin and justify us by His grace. He welcomes our going to Him with our burdens and heartaches, that He might give us His own comfort. But this invitation is given only to those who will come in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, "in whom we have boldness and access with confidence" (Eph. 3:12). "A" is for Access by the Atonement; "B" is for Boldness by the Blood; and "C" is for Confidence by the Cross. If you have not come to God in this way, will you come to Him now?

—I. A.

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## COURTROOM THEOLOGY

"Qualify your witness," said the lawyer for the defense. And so the state's attorney asked the little, eleven-year-old girl in the witness chair some questions: "Do you know what happens to little girls that tell the truth?" "Yes, they go to Heaven." "Do you know what happens to them if they tell lies?" "Yes, they go to Hell," she said. The judge held that the juvenile witness was qualified, knowing the difference between right and wrong.

But the participants in this courtroom drama were apparently alike guilty of a basic error in their thinking. It is the error constantly met, that if a person's behavior is in general good he will go to Heaven when he dies. Now Heaven is a real place and everyone should want to enter there. The trouble is that everyone has sinned and come short of God's approval, and so the noblest and best of men and women are unfit for admission into God's House, into Heaven. The way of human effort, of striving to earn entrance, of self-righteousness, leads only to eternal rejection, for there remains the unanswered question: "WHAT ATONEMENT DO YOU OFFER FOR YOUR MANY SINS?"

There is a new, a living way to Heaven, though. It is the way opened when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shed His blood for many on the cross as a sacrifice for their sins. It is a way of grace; the Lord has done the saving deed. It is a way of faith; we are simply to rely on Christ and what He has done. It is a way of peace; we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a sure way; "by one offering Christ hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). THIS IS THE WAY TO HEAVEN.

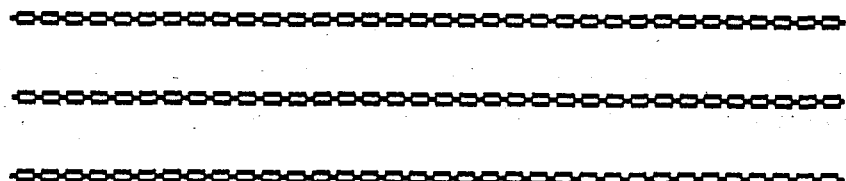
# Her House of Trivia

One package contained a chicken feather. Another carefully wrapped parcel was full of used milk-bottle caps. Others were full of hair combings, old jar rubbers, tin-can lids, hand bills and receipts. The house of a woman in Tuxedo, Md., opened by police, was so filled with packages that they had to enter by a window. The woman was on the floor, in a coma. She had lived alone for twelve years, coming out only for a weekly trip to the grocery. Her packages filled every room, to the ceiling. Over \$500 has been found, most of it in out-of-date large-size bills. One package contained six cents, carefully wrapped, and bound with twine.

Don't laugh. If your life has proved bleak and bare, you have probably tried to fill it with little things that are just as meaningless as these foolish packages. At the end of the day, Heaven may regard you as a madman.

How many people complain, "If I become a Christian, I will have to give up this or that thing." But the Christian life is not a drab, empty life. It is a full life, filled with the things that please God. Christ can take our insane follies from us, and give us not only cleansing but fulness. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies . . . but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your bodies as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you" (Romans 6). This is the sanity of Heaven.

—E. E. E.



## LANGUAGE IS BEAUTIFUL — AND DECEITFUL

Such is the witchery of words that authors, as well as musicians and painters, must enjoy their work a great deal. But these days their troubles are increasing. Now "democracy" is often used to characterize a system where all people are treated alike by tyrannical dictators. Freedom of religion means that no religious instruction may be given to any child less than eighteen years of age. Totalitarian politics calls itself liberal, and capitalism and freedom are branded as reactionary.

The other day a Jewish community house, to raise funds for their unfortunate brothers, invited a philosopher to give a lecture. The philosopher was a Christian, in the original, orthodox, Biblical sense of the word. He chose to speak on the reality of a personal God, and tried to show that only by trusting a personal God could man face the world and solve its problems. A gentleman in the audience said that of course he did not believe all the stuff this philosopher propounded. "I don't believe in any personal God," he insisted, "I am a Unitarian."

And so it seems that "Unitarian" has come to mean "atheist." And "Christian" has come to mean one who denies the Bible and rejects the blood atonement of Christ. All this leads a thoughtful person to believe the more in the inherent depravity of man, out of which comes the modern depravity of words. Respectable authors must long for a regeneration of language; but this can only occur by a regeneration of the human heart that is at enmity with God.

—G. H. C.

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## Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Willow Grove

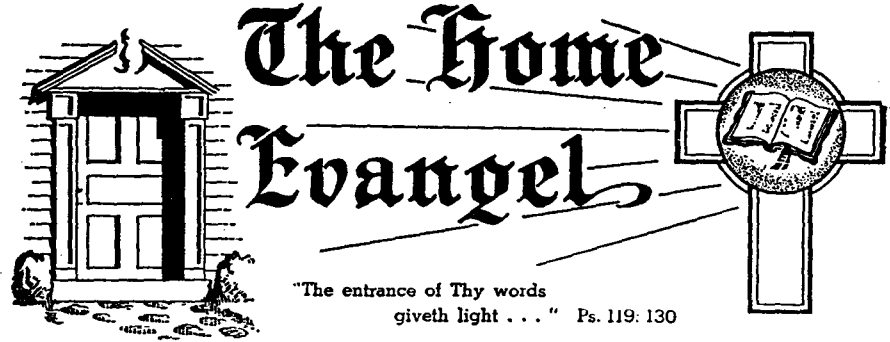
Easton and Allison Roads

REV. ROBERT STRONG, S.T.D., Pastor

### SUNDAY PROGRAM

Bible School ..... 9:30 a.m.    Young People's Meetings ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Morning Church Service ..... 11:00 a.m.    Evening Service ..... 8:00 p.m.

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## ... THREE MEALS A DAY

In a war plant there was a worker who was exceedingly foul-mouthed. He was intelligent and ought to have been able to use a better vocabulary, but he seemed to delight in profanity. Beside him worked a Christian.

One day the profane worker happened to say to the Christian: "*Tomorrow I am going to church.*" "*What,*" replied the Christian in surprise, "*you go to church? What do you go to church for?*" "*Of course I go to church,*" answered the other; "*I go every week. I go for the nourishment of my soul.*"

The Christian allowed his neighbor to walk away a few steps, and then called after him, "*Say, do you eat only one meal a week?*"

The foul-mouthed worker was puzzled by this remark, and later the Christian explained it.

How many people are there who neglect their souls all week, not only neglect, but damage their souls with sin, and then try to nourish their souls once a week with some supposedly magic ritual? Will one meal a week save them? Or do they not need three meals a day?

No religious form or ritual will avail the man whose mouth remains foul. No ceremony will bring us to God so long as we continue to love our sin. God demands clean hands and a pure heart; and these are obtained only through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the God of Heaven and earth, the God of Abraham, the Father of Jesus Christ our Lord, grant us a hatred of filth, a love of righteousness,



When the Prime Minister of England stands at the bar of the House of Commons and cries: "A message from the King!" the message takes first place in the proceedings of the House. So must it be with the message of the King of Kings to the soul of man. This message must have first place because it is of first rank.

God's great spokesman the Apostle Paul delivered the Divine message in these terms on one occasion: "But now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man (God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ) whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30, 31).

Men are bidden to receive Christ as their Saviour by repenting of their sins and trusting in the Son of God as their Sinbearer and only hope for forgiveness and Heaven. Men are warned that if they will not have Christ as Saviour they **must** have Him as their Judge at the last great day.

Let men everywhere hear and heed the message of the King!

and everlasting salvation in Christ the Saviour.

*"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."*  
Isaiah 55:7.

G.H.C.

## A CRAP GAME

Several sailors were shooting craps. One man began to roll the bones and they came seven. *Lucky.* He shot them again, they came seven. *Remarkable.* He picked them up and rolled them out a third time and they came seven. *Suspicious.*

The other sailors, not being too dumb, concluded that there was something inside the dice to

account for the constantly recurring sevens.

The sailors began to swear. And this was not unusual for sailors often swear. So do soldiers. So do civilians. In addition they are sometimes obscene, and sometimes they steal. In fact, all people without exception do what is wrong. All people commit sins.

And if a man is not too dumb,

he will conclude that there is something inside to account for the constant evil. Where do lies, profanity, obscenity come from if not from inside?

This is what Jesus said: "*Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are things which defile a man.*" (Matthew 15:19).

Men are born with a tendency

to sin. And they will never be fit to come into God's presence unless they are cleansed of their sin from the inside out.

We look at Heaven and long to enter in, but there no evil thing may find a home; and yet I hear a voice that bids me come. A new heart is needed, and God graciously provides such a heart to His own. Here is His promise: "*A new heart also will I give you . . .*" (Ezekiel 36:26).

We may come to God in prayer, or we may come to God in death, only through Jesus Christ whose blood cleanses us from all sin.

Let us admit the plain fact of our great sinfulness before God, who seeth the heart, and let us own Christ as our Lord and Master, and trust Him for our salvation from sin.

G.H.C.

# A HAPPY MAN

One of the most appealing personal testimonies we have ever read is that given by the late Earl Cairns, three times Lord High Chancellor of England, when addressing a company of union men that included some avowed agnostics and infidels: *"As I am a stranger among you, I do not know that I have any right to intrude my opinions. All I can do is to tell how this question affects me personally. If I could take you to my home you would think it a luxurious one, and the food on my table is abundant. You would say that with all this I ought to be a happy man, but I do not think my furniture and food have much to do with it. Every day I rise with a sweet consciousness that God loves me and cares for me. He has pardoned all my sins for Christ's sake, and I look forward to the future with no dread. And His Spirit reveals to me that all this peace is only the beginning of joy which is to last throughout eternity. Suppose it were possible for someone to convince me that this happiness was altogether a delusion on my part, my home would give me little repose, and food would often remain upon the table untasted. I should wake in the morning with the feeling that it was scarcely worth while to get up, so little would there be to live for; all would be so dark to me."*

*"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:10).*

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both of which stand for the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



# SOLDIER MEETS DONOR WHOSE BLOOD SAVED LIFE

**N**OW tells us that the phone rang late one evening at the home of Mrs. Hazel H. Otto, of Alhambra, California.

"Mrs. Otto," a voice asked, "did you give a pint of blood to the Red Cross last December 14th?"

Mrs. Otto hesitated, recollecting the occasion, and then said: "Yes, as a matter of fact I did. Who is this?"

"This is Capt. Richard Hamilton, public relations officer at the Birmingham General Hospital, at Van Nuys, Cal.," the voice replied over the telephone. "I'm sorry to be calling you so late, but a patient has just arrived here who wants to meet you."

"That pint of blood you gave last December was flown as whole blood to Leyte Island, in the Philippines. A young sergeant lost his leg there as a result of wounds, but your pint of blood saved his life. He wants to thank you, but he leaves early in the morning for the east coast."

Mrs. Otto was stunned. "Why, that's wonderful!" she cried over

and over. "Of course I want to see him. It will be a privilege."

An hour later two Americans wept unashamedly. The tears were those of sincere appreciation. Mrs. Otto and Staff Sgt. George T. Bruce, 19, of Eastgulf, W. Va., embraced each other and cried.

"I am so grateful I could help," Mrs. Otto said. "It is so little to do for the boys who are fighting for us."

Sgt. Bruce could say nothing.

It is a rare occurrence when a soldier meets the person whose blood saved his life on the battlefield. So rare, in fact, that Sgt. Bruce is probably the first man in the United States to enjoy the privilege.

While the majority of blood donations are mixed for plasma, whole blood goes into individual containers which are labeled with the donors' names. Such was the case with Mrs. Otto's donation, given on her ninth trip to the blood bank.

Just before the bottle containing Mrs. Otto's blood was landed



on Leyte, Sgt. Bruce was fighting for his life against terrific odds. He and his squad were on patrol duty when Japs trapped them. Bruce, with two of his buddies, was covering the withdrawal of

his group when 15 slugs hit him in the left leg.

Medical corpsmen carried him to a nearby field hospital, where the leg was amputated. When he regained consciousness after the operation a doctor handed him the tag from a blood container.

"It was this woman's blood which saved your life, son," he said to Sgt. Bruce.

Clutching the tag, the Yank muttered through clenched teeth: "I'm going to keep this. Maybe some day I can thank her for saving my life."

There is a host which no man can number, out of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, who owe their life to One who gave His blood for them. This Donor is the Lord Jesus Christ. His blood was poured out on the cross of Calvary in expiation of the guilt of many transgressors of God's holy commandments. The life thus bestowed upon those who believe in Him as their Lord and Saviour is spiritual and eternal life. Brought by His compassion and grace to the enjoyment of the bliss of Heaven those who are saved will shout in grateful chorus: "Thou, O Christ, art worthy . . . for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood."

May it be given to every reader to enter into the benefit imparted by the sacrifice of Christ, truly to trust in Him, thus to have life by Him.

# M A N Y R O A D S

The increase in gasoline rations may permit some families to drive to near-by points for a short vacation. Next summer, if rationing is ended, people will be traveling great distances in many directions.

It will make a little difference which road they take. Although many roads go more or less directly to the same distant place, one may be shorter, while another may be a four-lane highway. And of course, not all roads go to the same place. There are many ways of going wrong.

Similarly also in our religious activity: there are many ways of going wrong. Some people thoughtlessly say that everybody is going to the same place, even though on different roads. But not all roads lead to Heaven. In fact, there is only one way to Heaven. Jesus Christ said, "*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.*" Salvation from sin and from its penalty, and entrance into Heaven are possible only through the Lord Jesus Christ, who lived without sin, suffered the penalty of our sin, and rose from the dead to open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Are you relying on this way, this only Way to Heaven? He is the straight gate and the narrow way which leadeth unto life. "*Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*" (Matthew 7:13, 14).

G.H.C.

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Martin J. Bohn, Pastor

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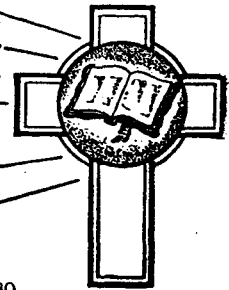
*You are cordially invited to our services.*

*"Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, and was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures."*





# The Home Evangel



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giveth light . . ." Ps. 119: 130

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## FREE PARDON

When I was preaching in Yorkshire at some mission services, a collier came to me at the close of one of the services and said to me, "I would like to be a Christian, but I cannot receive what you have said tonight."

"I said, "My brother, why not?"

He said, "I would give anything to believe that God would forgive my sins; but I cannot believe He will just forgive it if I turn to Him. It is too cheap."

I looked at him, and I said, "My dear friend, have you been at work today?"

"Yes."

"Where have you been working?"

He looked at me slightly astonished and said, "I was down in the pit, as usual."

"How did you get home?"  
 "Oh, I walked home along the road."  
 "But how did you get out of the pit?"  
 "The way I always do. I got into the cage and I was pulled up to the top."  
 "How much do you pay to come out of the pit?"  
 He looked at me astonished, and said, "Pay? Of course, I don't pay anything."  
 I said to him, "Were you not afraid to trust yourself in that cage? Was it not too cheap?"  
 "Oh, no," he said. "It was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink that shaft."

And without another word the truth of that admission broke upon him, the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and he saw if he could have salvation without money and without price, it had cost the Infinite God a great price to sink that shaft and rescue lost men.

G. C. M.

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### A PREACHER PREACHED TO

The famous New York City preacher Dr. John Roach Straton told of a family in Georgia he used to visit nearly once a year. They lived on a rather large estate and employed several servants. The cook was a specialist; her name was Mary. Dr. Straton said one time: "When I went there they always prepared a great dinner. On one occasion Mary had made some corn bread, of which I am very fond. I ate, and ate, and ate, until I was ashamed of myself. I thought it was the finest corn bread I had ever tasted. I always made a point of going out to the kitchen to thank Mary for the dinner she had prepared; so I went out that day, and said, 'Mary, you always prepare a great dinner, but I think you surpassed yourself today. I don't think you ever

got a better dinner than that; and that corn bread was the best you ever made. Do you know, Mary, I cannot help but think that the Lord will take account of that when you get to Heaven.'" Dr. Straton went on: "The smile vanished from her face. She looked at me, and said very solemnly, 'See here, Marse John, I ain't trustin' to any corn bread to get me to Heaven: I am just trustin' to de precious blood.'"

That is all that any of us can trust, and it is enough for all to trust. "*Forasmuch 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*" (I Peter 1:18, 19). "*God hath set (Christ) forth to be a propitiation (for sin) through faith in His blood*" (Romans 3:25).

T. T. S.

## How do you pronounce it?

Years ago several Swedish families, immigrants, settled in the same locality and organized a church. After some time they substituted English for Swedish in the preaching services, and even came to speak English in their homes — fluently, but with an accent. Their accent and their love for things Swedish were matters of good natured joking among themselves and with their American friends.

Among the younger generation born in this country, was a little girl, age eight, who had heard her mother joking about her father's strong accent. With a giggle she told a friend, "My father says, *Shickens*." "And how do you say it," asked the friend. "Oh," answered the little girl, conscious of her American superiority, "I say, *Shickens*."

There are many Christians, completely naturalized, or even born in Christian homes, that still speak Christian with an accent. They know the language; no one doubts their citizenship; but the manner of worldly thought clings to their speech. They are not interested in foreign missions; they attend more suppers than evangelistic meetings; they think a dollar a Sunday is a handsome contribution to the church — if they happen to come. They have absorbed the secular culture of the age, and though they think they say "Chickens," in reality they still say, "Shickens."

We all need constantly to compare our speech with the Bible and to correct ourselves by its standards. Think a moment: How do you pronounce Christianity in your thought and conduct?

G. H. C.

# Things that Do Not Change

"I hear the words of love,  
I gaze upon the blood, -  
I see the mighty Sacrifice,  
And I have peace with God.

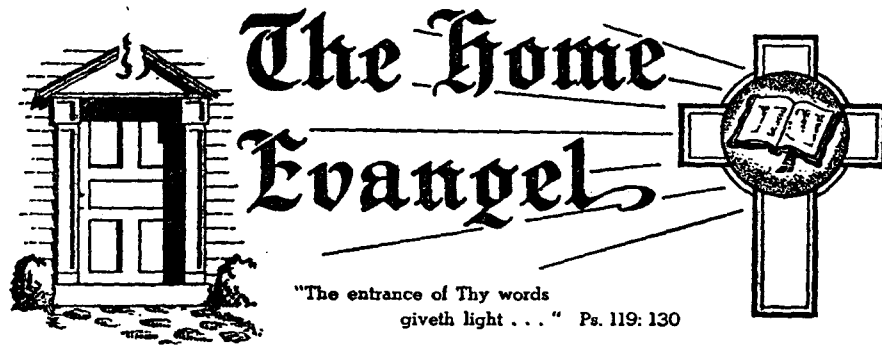
"The clouds may go and come,  
And storms may sweep my sky—  
This blood-sealed friendship changes  
The cross is ever nigh. not:

"'Tis everlasting peace!  
Sure as Jehovah's name;  
'Tis stable as His steadfast throne,  
For evermore the same.

"My love is ofttimes low,  
My joy still ebbs and flows;  
But peace with Him remains the  
same—  
No change Jehovah knows.

"I change, He changes not,  
The Christ can never die;  
His love, not mine, the resting-place,  
His truth, not mine, the tie."

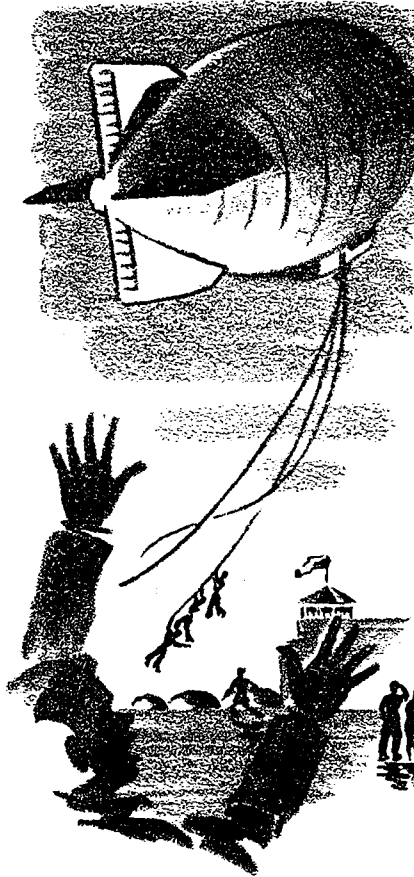




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## LIVES IN DANGER

Three men before they could think of what was happening to them were carried aloft by the great airship Akron, as they clung to a ground-rope that should have been cast off. The thousands that watched the plight of these men were horrified as they saw them holding on in awful desperation while they were being carried higher and higher. The strength of one man failed and he went plunging down to instant death. Men groaned and prayed. Women shrieked and some fainted. Another man fell to death. And when at last the third was safely drawn up to the dirigible, there was unrestrained and universal rejoicing over the rescue.

But only rarely indeed does a man's

imminent danger of falling into eternal death, of dying in an unsaved condition, occasion concern and grief. All too few realize that the rescue of a soul, the bringing of one into an experience of salvation from sin through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is an event worthy of fervent exclamations of rejoicing.

Nothing is so important to a man as his life. Even more important should seem the salvation of his soul. For *"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27). Therefore we are to *"receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save (our) souls"* (James 1:21). And *"the Word is nigh thee . . . : That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"* (Romans 10:9).

## SWEETNESS AND NIGHT

Henry Thoreau was on his death bed, and a Christian lady of his acquaintance visited him and asked if he had made his peace with God. Thoreau is reported to have replied, "I did not know that we had ever quarreled." The purpose of the magazine that ran this anecdote, in addition to adding interest to its pages, was probably to encourage the type

of sickly sweet, popular religion that makes so many Americans feel contented with themselves.

But what a travesty on Christianity, and what a tragedy for Thoreau and any others who are taken in! To live all of one's life and not to know that one has quarreled with God! The American people have broken God's divorce laws; they have broken his Sabbath laws; and there is not one of us who has loved the Lord our God with all our strength, all our soul, and all our mind. Christ did not come into the world to condemn the world; the world was condemned already. All people have sinned, and the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

Before anyone is deceived by sweetness and passes out into a night of weeping and gnashing of teeth, let him learn that he has indeed quarreled with God; let him also learn the good news that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

G. H. C.



## Can Good Works Save?

Many people do not understand why God will not accept human character as a basis for salvation. The natural mind, accustomed to weighing all matters by purely human standards, will not receive it that God must reject human goodness because it comes from a heart that is fallen and sinful. A humorous anecdote about little Willie is a good example of this. He was being admired because he had crawled out on the ice to rescue a playmate who had fallen through. "Tell us, my boy, how you were brave enough to risk your life to save your friend," said an old lady. "I had to," was the breathless answer. "He had my skates on." If we are honest with ourselves we shall realize that very often our acts of goodness, down underneath, have a selfish motive.

Works are good works if they are

done because of Christian faith, according to God's commandments, and for God's glory. By this test the unsaved man is seen to fall hopelessly short. As Isaiah said, all man's righteousness is but filthy rags in God's sight. So then we need every one of us the righteousness of Christ the Son of God for our acceptance with God. Paul put it like this: *"The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . . For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith"* (Romans 1:16, 17). We are to accept Christ by faith in Him and in His saving work; then we are accounted righteous in God's sight. God grant us to receive and believe His truth and His Son.

# *A Study in Contrasts*

There is a striking contrast between the way in which God and man speak of sin. Someone has worked it out as follows:

*Man calls sin an accident; God calls it an abomination.*

*Man calls sin a blunder; God calls it blindness.*

*Man calls sin a chance; God calls it choice.*

*Man calls sin a defect; God calls it a disease.*

*Man calls sin an error; God calls it enmity.*

*Man calls sin fascination; God calls it fatality.*

*Man calls sin infirmity; God calls it iniquity.*

*Man calls sin luxury; God calls it leprosy.*

*Man calls sin a liberty; God calls it lawlessness.*

*Man calls sin a trifle; God calls it a tragedy.*

*Man calls sin a mistake; God calls it madness.*

*Man calls sin a weakness; God calls it willfulness.*

*"Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).*



## **Faith Presbyterian Church**

Quarryville, Penna.

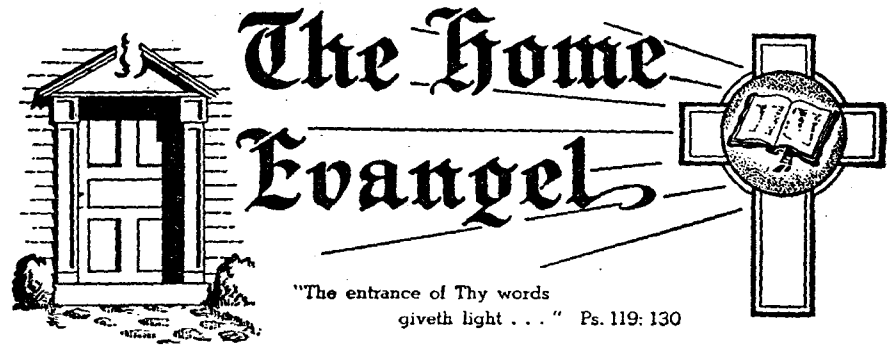
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Sunday School .....	9:45 a.m.	Evening Service .....	7:45 P.M.
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A cordial welcome awaits those who worship in this Church which stands "for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

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## Are You Registered?

All the students liked Jim. He was so affable. He didn't say much in class; he belonged to a few clubs in which he never accepted office but was always interested and agreeable; and students would point him out to visitors as a mighty nice fellow. There he was, walking down the hallway, with a few books under his arm, looking like a typical college man. But the other students never suspected that he had never registered in the office. When graduation should come, the President would say to him, I never knew you.

Mr. James is a fine church member. He sits politely in his pew; he doesn't try to run the church, but he takes a moderate interest in what goes on. There he goes, shaking the hand of the minister cordially as he leaves the service, a fine church member. Not many suspect that he has not been registered in the Book of Life. And when the Judgment shall come, Jesus will say, "*Not every one that saith unto me 'I am a Christian' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven; Depart from me; I never knew you.*" Let us heed the word of the Apostle Peter: "*Give diligence to make your calling and election sure*",—sure, that is, to yourself.

G. H. C.





## GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS A CHRISTIAN

The most often repeated story about George Washington—the tale of the cherry tree—is pure, unadulterated legend.

The most important fact about his life—His relationship to Jesus Christ—is little known.

George Washington possessed a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Redeemer. Of this there can be little doubt. His will, recorded in the courthouse of Westmoreland County, Virginia, contains these words:

“Being heartily sorry from the bottom of my heart, for my sins past, most humbly desiring forgiveness of the same from the Almighty God, my Saviour and Redeemer, in whom, and by the merits of Jesus

Christ, I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins. . . . .”

On the basis of the Word of God, it can be declared that Washington was a Christian. Romans 10: 9, 10 says, *“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

The most important fact of anyone’s life is his personal relationship to Jesus Christ. That alone will stand the test of both time and eternity. If you trust in Christ and confess Him before men, you too shall be saved.

R. W. G.



## The Race of the Lighted Torch

The ancient Greeks had among their athletic contests a race which was very difficult to run. Not only did running this race involve speed and endurance, but also much caution. Like all foot-races this one crowned as its winner the runner who crossed the finishing line first. The winner, however, had more to do than merely outdistance the other contestants in terms of swiftness. At the beginning of the race each participant was given a lighted torch. The object of the contest was to see which runner would reach the goal first with his torch still lit. A runner who had completed the course and had allowed his torch to blow out would be disqualified. The victor must be the first one to cross the line with the torch still burning.

Living a Christian life is compared in the Bible to running a race. *“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth*

*the prize? So run that ye may obtain.”* 1 Cor. 9: 24. *“Let us run the race with patience that is set before us.”* Heb. 12: 1. The race of life is not only one of speed and endurance. It is not the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest. We ought not to strive just to make money and to be a success in the world. We must keep our torch lit. *“For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul.”* Mark 8: 36. If you end the course of life with material accomplishments only and your spiritual light is out, you will be disqualified before God’s judgment seat. To prevent this, accept Christ today in faith. Be cleansed by His atoning blood and then *“let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”* Matt. 5: 16.

H. J. H.



# Geometry and Heaven

Euclid, the Greek mathematician who systematized geometry, is said to have had at one time a prince for a pupil. Like some modern high school students this prince thought that Euclid's methods were too difficult and asked if there were not some easy way to learn geometry. According to the story, Euclid replied, "*There is no royal road to learning.*"

This is true of other things besides geometry. If one wishes to play a harp solo on the concert stage, the advertisements about music in six easy lessons will be of little help. Every worthwhile accomplishment requires a certain discipline. Without taking the prescribed road, no one will ever arrive.

Similarly, there are not many roads to God. There is only one road to Heaven. That road is the road of complete surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "*No man cometh unto the Father but by me.*" Many people are trying to get to Heaven some other way. They want to play the harp in six easy lessons. But it cannot be done. There is but one way to Heaven, there is but one door. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "*I am the door; by me if any man shall enter in, he shall be saved.*" Let's not be silly children and think we can get there some other way.

G. H. C.

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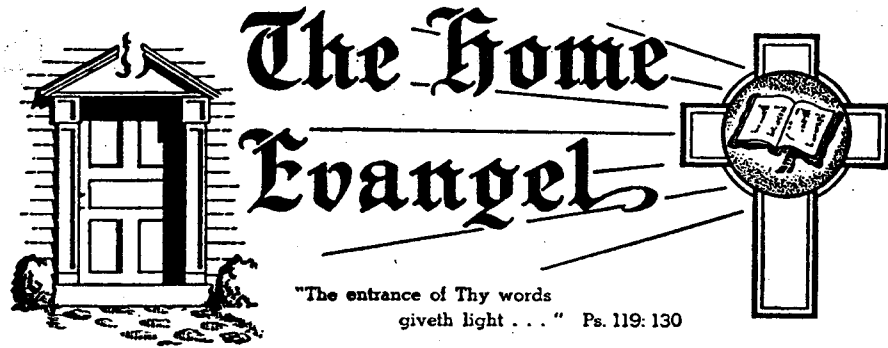
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## HOW MUCH FOR YOUR MONEY?

A country boy whose recreations were limited asked his father if he might go to the circus. Permission was granted on the condition that the boy save his pennies and nickels to pay his own way. Money was hard to get, but finally the boy saved fifty cents and went off to the big town to see the circus.

Standing on the sidewalk with the crowd, he heard the shrill calliope in the distance. He was tense with excitement. Behind the gaudy music came wagons with animals. It was a great sight to a country lad. And as the procession passed, some clowns cut up capers along the street. One of them came near the boy, held out his hat, and the boy dropped in his fifty cents. It had been worth it.

He went home happy, thinking he had seen the circus, when he had only seen the parade. And there are many people who spend their money and spend their lives happily on the passing show and never see the real thing. Too late they will learn what they have missed. But now they are satisfied with the pleasure of the moment, and do not realize that this parade, often clownish, is a preparation for an eternal future that may turn out to be a bitter disappointment.

*"WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL?"*

G. H. C.

## EASTER CONVERSION

Jim McIntyre of the University of Minnesota basketball team was named on the 1948 All-American first team as picked by the sports editors of Associated Press papers from coast to coast. Six-foot-nine-inch Jim has had another great season in 1949. Jim plays center and is one of the highest college scorers in the country.

Jim accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour from sin on Easter morning last year. Spurred by the motive of playing for the glory of God Jim has this year played the best games of his sports career. Previously headed for the medical profession the noted athlete intends now to enter the Gospel ministry. Immediately after his conversion he read the Bible through from Genesis to Revelation. The Word of God had "come alive" for Jim and now his testimony about this previously neglected book condenses into the two words: "It's wonderful." And then he goes on to say, "I thought I was having a good time before I was a Christian. Now I know differently. There is nothing—absolutely nothing—that compares with being a Christian. It gets better every day. I can't thank God enough for saving me." He told a group of young people at Mission Farms on Medicine Lake in the summer of 1948: "Many athletes after graduation go into the life insurance business. I'm more interested in eternal life insurance—the life insurance God has given us through Jesus Christ."

**"FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD" (Romans 6:23).**



## Churchill and the Written Word

In the second volume of his memoirs Winston Churchill makes a significant statement concerning what he calls, *The Written Word*. He says, "I am a strong believer in transacting official business by *The Written Word*."

Soon after becoming Prime Minister in one of the most critical hours of world history, Churchill issued the following minute:

Let it be very clearly understood that all directions emanating from me are made in writing, or should be immediately, and that I do not accept any responsibility for matters relating to national defence on which I am alleged to have given decisions unless they are recorded in writing.

The importance of such a policy is obvious. How could one be sure that Churchill had issued a command unless it were signed by him? And how could one be sure just what Churchill had commanded unless he could hear or see the very words the Prime Minister employed?

The policy followed by the great Prime Minister of Britain was formulated centuries ago by the

Sovereign God of the Universe.

We know that God has commanded because He has had it recorded in the Written Word, the Bible.

There can be no doubt of the directives God has issued for our lives because we have His inspired, infallible Word.

One of the most important of all directives God has given is the way of salvation. In John 5:24 we have a record of the words of God's Son concerning life and death, judgment and the means of escaping the horrors of eternal condemnation. According to the written record Jesus said: "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*"

Have you heeded the directive of Jesus concerning everlasting life? Do it now.

R. W. G.

# VALUES COMPARED

*Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000—that's genius.*

*Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars—that's capital.*

*Uncle Sam can take silver, stamp an emblem on it, and make it worth a dollar—that's money.*

*A mechanic can take metal that is worth only \$5.00 and make it worth \$50.00—that's skill.*

*An artist can take a 50c piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth \$1,000—that's art.*

*BUT . . . God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity—that's salvation.*

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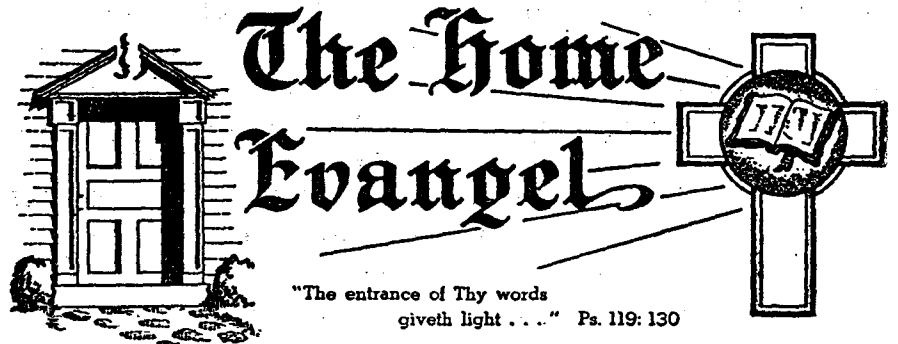
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Cambridge, New York

Rev. Roy F. Lambert, Pastor

### SABBATH PROGRAM

Morning Worship .....	11:00 A.M.
Sabbath School .....	12:00 Noon
Y.P.C.U. ....	7:00 P.M.



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## What Matters to You?

That was a vivid and moving account William H. McDougall, Jr., gave in the December Reader's Digest in his article "My Own Private Miracle." After his ship was bombed by the Japanese in March 1942 he drifted around in the waters of the Indian Ocean somewhere off Java almost despairing of the rescue that came at last. He thus describes his thoughts: "I pray. First time I ever realize what prayer really is. The waiting Reaper certainly alters your sense of values. The things which used to matter so much now matter not at all. At the end only two things concern a man: his family and his God. You are not afraid. But you regret. You regret

things you did and wish you had not done, and things you could have done and did not. You wish you had accomplished more with the life that was given you to use."

McDougall has said it well. But the Scripture has long anticipated him. As when Jesus said, "*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?*" (Matthew 16:26). As when Paul said, "*I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord*" (Philippians 3:8).

God grant to us all the perspective of eternity as we look out upon the present life.

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## Dead Yet Alive

During the Civil War a man by the name of George Wyatt was drawn by lot to go to the front. He had a wife and six children. A young man named Richard Pratt offered to go in his stead. He was accepted and joined the ranks, bearing the name and number of George Wyatt. Before long Pratt was killed in action. The authorities later sought again to draft George Wyatt into service. He protested, entering the plea that he had died in the person

of Pratt. He insisted that the authorities consult their own records as to the fact of his having died in identification with Pratt, his substitute. Wyatt was thereby exempted as beyond the claims of law and further service. *He had died in the person of his representative.*

There we have the truth of identification in a nutshell. God's way of delivering sinners is also through death—through identification with our Substitute in His death and resurrection. The inspired apostle said, "*I have been crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me*" (Galatians 2:20).

That's the teaching of Scripture. The sinner deserves death. Christ took the believing sinner's place, paid his penalty, died as his substitute. Faith in Christ the Son of God joins that sinner to Christ his representative. Thus in a representative sense the sinner is accounted to have died, and the penalty for his sins cannot be assessed upon him.

How great the love of Christ. How simple the plan of salvation. How mighty the saving work. How gracious the offer of eternal life to sinners. Let us everyone accept it; let us everyone believe on Christ as Saviour.

# By Chance or by Design?

A great astronomer, Athanasius Kirchner, desiring to convince an atheistic friend, procured a globe of the heavens, handsomely bestarred, and placed it in his study. The friend, coming in, asked whence it came and to whom it belonged. "Shall I tell you," replied Kirchner, "that it belongs to no one! that it was never made; and that it came here by chance?"

"That is impossible," said the atheist, "you are joking."

"Look," answered the astronomer, "you instantly refuse to believe that this globe—a mere shadow of the mighty heavens it pictures—was never made and arrived by chance. Yet, the heavens it pictures you claim came without design or designer."

The rebuke was used of the Holy Spirit to the conviction and conversion of the hearer.

We may be reminded by this incident of the statement of Paul in Romans 1:19, 20: "*That which may*

*be known of God is manifest in them (men); for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*"

Men can have no excuse for not believing in the God of the Bible. That God exists; He is real. And He is no milk-and-water God. He is serious about the behavior of men. He will judge men for their behavior. It is very foolish not to become personally acquainted with God, not to be ready to stand before Him when the summons comes. It is through God's Son Jesus Christ that we may enter into this acquaintance and so become ready for the next world. This is a matter most carefully to investigate, to be very sure of indeed.

May every reader who has not done so, consider and become sure.

## How Do You Pray?

Six-year-old Timmy for the first time was watching his father fix a flat tire. He was very curious. What made it flat? How did the air get out? Why was Daddy fixing it? And so on. Daddy told Timmy about tacks, nails, and glass in the road and what they did to inner tubes; and he had to fix it because he had to take a long trip tomorrow.

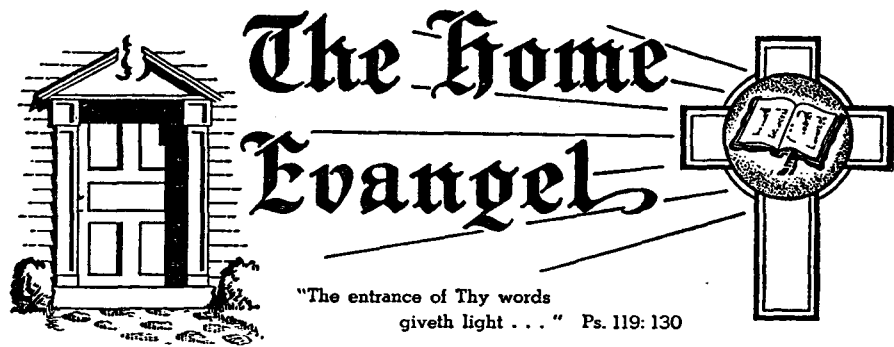
That evening the family—what a fortunate family—was having family devotions in which everyone prayed. Sister, age nine, had learned some of the usual language for prayer, but Timmy was more direct and blunt. "O God," he prayed, "when my Daddy drives tomorrow, please take all the

tacks and nails and glass off the road . . . And if you have to, O God, you can put them back on again after he has gone by."

Timmy is to be commended for his earnestness in prayer. He is an example to those who do not pray. But there are some adults who ought to do better in prayer than Timmy does, and yet they fail. They may not be so obviously selfish as the old man who prayed, "God bless me and thee, our son John, his wife, us four, and no more." But they may be almost as restricted in their outlook. Let us check up on ourselves. How are our prayers? Lord, teach us to pray.

G. H. C.





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## JESUS CHRIST OR BASIL K. MARTIN?

Martin is a British editor, member of the group represented in every land who like to take potshots at religion. Recently he offered an editorial on the question of why a certain denomination makes so few recruits. He said: "The main answer is surely fairly simple. People are more interested in problems that we used to call religious than ever before, but the reason why they don't go to church is that they don't and can't believe what is taught there. Once people believed that they were going to Heaven or Hell in the same sense that they would get to Manchester if they started from Euston and to Brighton if they went from Victoria. Nothing can revive that belief."

A belief that has never died does not need to be revived. And the belief that after this life one goes either to a literal Heaven or to a literal Hell has never died

and it never will. For it rests upon the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who said, for example: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear HIM which is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell." (Matthew 10:28). It will never happen that the authority of Jesus Christ the Redeemer who died on the cross to save men from sin and Hell and who arose bodily from the dead the third day in proof of His claims will be discounted in favor of the authority of any journalist or any other person whatsoever.

A true church will not trim its message to please the public. It will seek to witness to the TRUTH. And so it will continue to point men to Heaven through faith in Christ and to warn men of Hell if they will not repent and believe the Gospel.



HOW TO BE

# Independent

At Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, last April, Bishop Hans Lilje of Hanover, Germany, recounted some of his experiences as a Christian pastor in his Nazi-controlled land. Among other interesting episodes he told of his being confined to prison in Nuremberg on account of preaching the truth of God's Word as he saw it, despite the fact that such preaching was not to the liking of the government. The amazing point that the Bishop made, however, was that in his close prison cell, bound by a chain, his back to the wall, his death imminent—there he learned what it means to be an independent man!

Does not such an assertion remind us that freedom in the highest sense is an attitude of soul? Says the Psalmist, "So shall I keep Thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty."

True liberty is the freedom to do not what we may want to do but rather what we ought to do. Real independence lies in doing our duty. Among the requirements our Maker has placed upon us there is none higher than that expressed in I John 3:23, "And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ . . ." Said the Christ Himself, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Would you experience the highest form of freedom? Then you must come to know the Lord Jesus, who is "the way, the truth, and the life," as your own Saviour from sin and death. Trust Him as your own Redeemer, obey Him as your Lord, and you will then know in the highest sense what it is to be an independent person.

C. H. E.

ONE WAY



A boy, just out of high school, wanted a good education, and registered at an accredited college. During Freshman week, he asked the Freshmen and the Sophomores what courses he should take.

One Sophomore said, "Take Accounting: it will prepare you for a place in business."

Another Sophomore said, "Take the course on Greek Mythology: there is no work to do and it is lots of fun."

A Freshman said, "I think we ought to take Music Appreciation: you can sleep in class."

But the catalogue said, "A candidate for the A. B. degree must take two years of a foreign language; one year of mathematics; English composition . . ."

The student, and you who read this, also want the best out of life. And one man tells you, "Work hard and somehow get a good income: money is ter-



ribly important."

A well-to-do woman tells you, "Money is not all. You must know that God is love and love is God, and that there is no sin or death. Avoid mortal illusions: that gives peace."

A well respected gentleman tells you, "Go to a majestic cathedral. See the images; smell the incense; find satisfaction in the pomp and pageantry."

But the Catalogue says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23). Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. (John 3:3). No man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6).

If you want your degree, pay no attention to Freshmen and Sophomores. Read the Catalogue.

C. H. C.

# THE FLAG OF *SALVATION*

One summer evening a few years ago in Rockland, Maine, a street meeting was being conducted by several young men from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. In the group were talented musicians and a capable chalk artist; so in no time at all a good audience was attracted from the Saturday night shoppers and pleasure-seekers. Came the time for the main message. The young man from Allentown, Pa., who was presenting the claims of the Gospel had many attentive listeners when a big man, prominent in American Legion activities in the town, sensed his opportunity. Edging his way through the crowd to the speaker, he urged in a loud stage whisper, "Give 'em the American flag, Buddy. Give 'em the American flag."

To that the speaker alertly responded: "We fellows are proud to be Americans; we are thankful for our country; we love the American flag. But the American flag will not, cannot save anybody. We are here to proclaim salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is our only message. It is the only Gospel that can provide salvation."

So we would urge you, dear reader, to trust in no banner of man's devising for your soul's salvation, but to commit yourself by faith to the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone can save a sinful soul. Beneath His blood-stained banner alone can a sinner march to the land of everlasting joy and happiness. C. H. E.

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## *Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

Quarryville, Penna.

FRANKLIN S. DYRNESS, Pastor

### SUNDAY PROGRAM

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## "For Use in Case of Fire"

deserves to be studied as closely as a treasure map.

Consider such jewels of truth as these:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:27, 28).

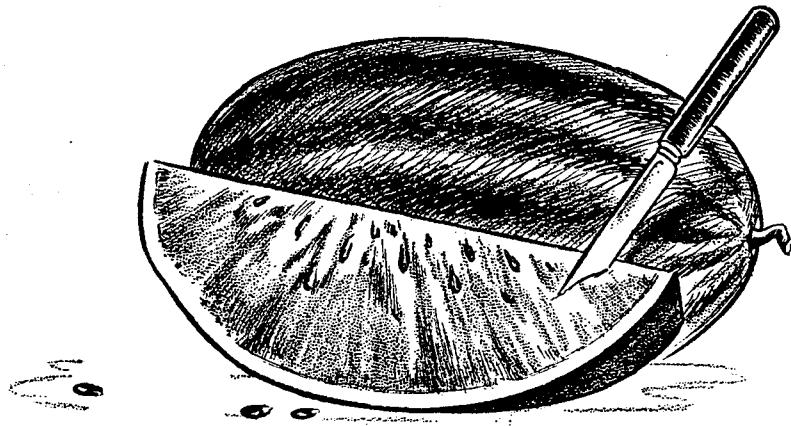
"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Peter 3:18).

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:8, 9).

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

The traveler was stopping overnight at a small country hotel. He was shown to his room by the one boy the place employed, a colored lad. "I'm glad there's a rope in case of fire," the guest commented, as he looked around; "but what's the idea of putting a Bible in the room in such a prominent place?" "Dat am intended foh use, suh," the boy replied, "in case de fire am too advanced foh yo' to make yo' escape, suh."

The Bible is not only for the dying, it is for the living. It shows the way of life to all, the way to life in Heaven, and the way to live here on earth. It should be read not just in time of danger but daily. Indeed it



## NO CATCH TO IT

A recent Reader's Digest tells of a couple, who, driving through California last summer, saw a sign saying: All the Watermelon You Can Eat — Free.

Wondering what the catch was, they joined a group sitting at benches and enjoying large, juicy watermelons. There were watermelons in piles and you could take all you wanted. They eventually found out that this was the way a seed company

harvested its crop. All that was required was that you put the seeds in a can on the table.

The couple had thought that there was a catch to it; but they were not too skeptical to investigate. A good many people would have driven by, sure that something was fishy somewhere. We all know that a lot of free offers turn out not to be so free after all. But once in a while the offer is genuine.

It is especially hard for those who are wise in the ways of the world to think that God's offer of free salvation is genuine. It is pie in the sky. Or, maybe, the evangelist is running a racket. Or, again, if one has a sterner morality, God will hold each person accountable for his own sin, and nobody can get off.

But God has offered free salvation, complete pardon for sin, entrance into heaven, simply by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Christ gave His life a ransom for many; and eternal life is the gift of God. A gift — to be accepted like watermelons. A genuine offer.

Are you too skeptical, too wise, too hardened to accept this offer? Nobody can fool you! You will not even investigate? Don't be that way. Some offers are bona fide. And of all people, Jesus Christ speaks the truth, and He spoke the truth of God when He said, "This is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40).

—M.M.C.

## Stopping Leaks

Have you ever watched a faucet drip? It drips perhaps once a minute, day after day. Needs a new washer, of course.

But there are so many other more interesting things to do. Maybe after a while it will stop dripping all by itself. But any plumber, or a bit of common sense, will tell you that leaks left alone never get better.

So also is it with our spiritual life. Contact and friction with a sinful world wear our washers down. The people in our church begin to see that we are drips. And any attempt to make last year's devotion, last year's Bible study, serve beyond its time, serves only to increase the leak.

So, let us repair it immediately. Study some part of the Bible today. Study it carefully, but be sure to study it today. Kneel in prayer. Ask the Lord for spiritual repair. But ask today. And do something for Christ and his Church. If you cannot think of anything useful, ask your minister what to do. But do it today. The leaky life will not be cured by doing nothing.

G.H.C.

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### First United Presbyterian Church

Park Avenue and E. 22nd Street

Indianapolis 5, Ind.

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# The HOME EVANGEL

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## Foxhole Religion

We have friends in the armed forces who tell us that some men become very religious when an air raid is on or an enemy barrage is being laid down but forget all about the reverent use of God's name when the danger is past. Prayer is to them like a "lucky" charm to be rubbed at a critical moment. Civilians act the same way. God is forgotten as soon as the special need has passed. The soldier, the sailor, the civilian who fits the above description *really has no religion at all*. What he needs is old-fashioned Biblical repentance. By this word the Bible means a change of mind that leads to a change of conduct.

*This kind of change of mind:*—God is now revered and feared as the just and almighty Judge; disobedience to His law is sincerely regretted and owned to deserve stern punishment; the way of forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Sin-bearer, the Redeemer, is earnestly embraced; obedience to the commands of God as disclosed in the Bible is acknowledged to be the pardoned sinner's grateful duty.

*This kind of change of conduct:*—*now* God is served as the true owner of one's life; *now* His Word the Bible is loved and heeded; *now* His Son the Lord Jesus is confessed and witnessed to; *now* to seek to glorify God and know Him better becomes the chief end of life. "*Repent ye and be converted!*" *God grant us the grace of true repentance.*

# 1945 A TWO-MINUTE NEW YEAR'S SERMON

After wandering forty years in the desert, the Israelites were about to enter the promised land. As they prepared to cross the Jordan, Joshua gave them these instructions: Follow the ark, for "ye have not passed this way heretofore." Joshua: 3:4

This has always been a favorite New Year's text, and it is even more appropriate this year, for no one knows what a day may bring forth. War always brings changes, and changes of many kinds. There are political changes. New nations emerge; strong nations become weak; boundaries are altered; and so on. War also brings social, moral, and religious changes—hardly ever changes for the better. For example: the Civil War brought the Sunday newspapers to distract from the church services. The first World War brought an appalling increase in divorce. This war

"He who waits on God loses no time."

"God's Word provides comfort for every circumstance except that of remaining in sin."

"Some people are like buzzards: they never go to church until someone dies."

"We have it! We believe it! We preach it! We teach it!—The Bible."

"He travels safely who travels with Christ."

"Eternity will find you where your Sundays found you: with God or without."

seems to be bringing open and unashamed licentiousness. War has never improved morality.

No sane man today can view the future with optimism. And yet the Christian should not fall into pessimistic despair. Joshua faced an unknown future, but he knew that many things would be the same. The people would have the same faith in God—at times; and at other times they would doubt God as they had done in the past. They would worship God and win victories; they would sin against God and be punished with defeats. This was the future for Joshua. It was true also in the period of the Judges. After Solomon too, the new future brought much that was the same: idolatry, punishment, reform, idolatry. *In all history the new is not wholly new, nor wholly the same. The externals change, but the fundamentals remain unchanged. Most important of all, God is the same.*

We do not know the way that 1945 will take. Nor did Joshua know his way. But God had given Joshua the ark to lead him. It had led him before. He could trust God's leading. God has given us His Word, the Bible. It is all inspired; it is all profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, in order that the Christian may be completely furnished unto every good work. The earthly future is not bright. There will be wars and pestilence until Christ returns to reign. But in the meantime

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

G.H.C.

"Before you doubt, read the Bible yourself."

"It is a great sin to love a small sin."

"If sin were not deceitful, it would never be delightful."

"In spite of advancing civilization, you are as great a sinner as your grandfather was. You need a Savior."

"The man who is too enlightened to believe the Bible is often afraid of black cats and the number thirteen."

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# Awakening **The Dead**

In a certain district of Germany, there used to be a curious custom. It was based on the assumption that the dead are not really so, and that if only they can be aroused to make an effort, the deep lethargy will be thrown off and they will again take their place with the living. To this end an acquaintance would whisper into the ear of the corpse beseeching words, entreating the sleeper to bestir himself. There was never any response. The dead are only raised to life by a miracle, by Divine power.

These things strikingly illustrate spiritual truth. Men as they are in themselves are spiritually dead—**"DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SINS,"** says Ephesians 2:1. The speaker, the writer may whisper into their ears about salvation, eternal life and Heaven never so charmingly, never with such reasonableness, never with such emotional fervor. Men in a state of spiritual death pay no heed. Nor will they until they are quickened from spiritual death by the power of God, until they are born again. As Jesus said, **"EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD."**

What a gracious thing it is that God does for those who are saved. He takes away their heart of stone and gives them a heart of flesh. He opens their blinded eyes that they might see and Believe on Christ as He is set forth in the Gospel. He bestows upon them His sovereign grace. He raises them from death to life. These are all ways of describing what happens when God makes His Word life-giving and powerful unto the salvation of the lost.

## **GOD OR TYRANNY**

Plato was a pagan, He knew nothing of Moses, nor, of course, of Christ. Plato was also a great philosopher — perhaps the most brilliant man that has ever lived. His extensive knowledge included a clear understanding of the course of history. In a non-Christian way he recognized a tendency to deteriorate both in individuals and in governments, and books VIII and IX of his Republic show the inevitability of tyranny and dictatorship.

The Christian with the light of God's revelation can see even more clearly than Plato. The Bible teaches that "The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble" (Psalm 99:1). And "God is the king of all the earth" (Psalm 47:7). And, "He removeth kings and setteth up kings" (Dan. 2:21). When God is recognized in government, then the people have certain inalienable rights — rights that the government did not bestow and therefore cannot take away. When God is recognized in government, the rulers are limited by a higher power, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and their arbitrary will is checked. But when a nation, its people and its rulers, forget God, they acknowledge no higher power.

Human rights are regarded as privileges granted by the State, and therefore the State may withdraw them. When God is dethroned, the State becomes supreme and government becomes totalitarian. And this is tyranny. Even if the ruler is selected by the people, it is still tyranny.

The security of human rights, the preservation of religious liberty, freedom from totalitarianism can only be assured on Christian principles of government. God must be acknowledged, must be believed, must be worshipped. There is no other check to the lust for power. We plead with you to worship God through Jesus Christ for your own personal salvation from sin and Hell. We plead with you also to worship God through Christ for the good of our nation.

Government there must be. Someone must rule. But men will be ruled by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants.

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