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## The Most Wonderful Fact of All



Modern deniers of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ would not long remain so if they would but fairly and squarely confront this line of thought.

If Jesus' body was not resurrected but actually remained in the sepulchre, how could the belief in His resurrection have originated and been maintained?

The fact is, however, that the well-marked tomb of Jesus was empty. What had become of His body?

If His friends stole the body and then deliberately invented the story of the resurrection, we are faced with the psychological impossibility that scores of persons who knew all the time that they were lying should seal their testimony to that lie with their life's blood. No, whatever else men may say about the disciples of Jesus, they do not hold them liars.

If, on the other hand, the enemies of Christ removed His body from the garden tomb and hid it elsewhere, when His resurrection from the dead was preached, why did not these enemies produce the body and say, "There is an answer to your nonsense. There is the dead man. Let us hear no more of this absurdity of His having risen from the dead."

No wonder Blackstone, the eminent legal authority, could say, "There is better evidence that Christ rose from the dead than there is that Julius Caesar ever lived."

For all Christians especially in days of war like these, there is unsurpassed joy and assurance in the fact that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures" and "because He lives, we too shall live."



## THE JOY OF BRINGING GOOD NEWS

Gerold Frank describes the human interest dramas to be witnessed daily in telephone exchange X at an East Coast debarkation point. From this barracks-like building, returned soldiers day and night send out an "endless stream of impassioned and delighted speech to parents and wives and sweethearts in every part of the United States." The switchboard girls never have an idle moment, but they tell you, "We wouldn't change our jobs for anything. You see we always bring the folks at home good news."

There isn't any question about it. One of the most pleasant things of life is to bear good tidings to someone. In a pre-eminent sense this applies to the Gospel messenger. It applies to those who bring you this brief item of reading, The Evangel.

Is it not a piece of joyful news that the God who created all things has sent a message of hope and grace to the world that rebelled against Him? Is it not news to be joyfully told that in this message, the Bible, is disclosed the way a just God can justly forgive sinners and accept them at last into Heaven? What is more pleasant to repeat than the story of the love of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for lost men in whose place and for whose sake He offered Himself up on the cross of Calvary a sacrifice for their sins? What a high privilege it is in Christ's stead to plead with men to be reconciled to God! May the joy of the messenger be matched by the joy of the reader of these tidings. Let him receive the message, believe it with all his heart and enter into the joy of salvation.

## *Weathervanes*

Weathervanes are useful and sometimes decorative. They show which way the wind is blowing. Men and women are often like weathervanes in that they turn with the prevailing winds of opinion. They like to be up to date; it would mortify them to be thought of as midvictorian or prescientific. Instead of being weathervanes merely, they would do anything to be barometers and hold opinions today which their neighbors will not have until twenty-four hours later. Such people are of some use, in that they show which way public opinion is moving.

But a weathervane is of no use as a compass. A compass must point always in one direction, if it is to be a good compass. The people may not want to walk in that direction, but a

good compass cannot follow the crowd. In a crowd of weathervanes a compass might feel lonely; it might even be thought midvictorian and prescientific. But if it is a good compass it does not change to keep up with the prevailing winds of doctrine. If loose divorce was wrong in 1850, it will remain wrong in 1950. If it was proper and needful to worship Almighty God and believe and study His Word in the nineteenth century, it is no less needful in the twentieth century.

Prevailing winds may be adverse. They may blow people away from God, away from the Bible, away from morality, and away from Heaven. But a true Christian, like a true compass, will not change his direction because of wind.

G.H.C.

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## IS THERE A HEAVEN?

Well, is there? Plato said there was but he had never been there. Karl Marx said there wasn't, but he had not then gone to find out, either. A lot of people today think there is a Heaven, and think that everyone is on the way to Heaven. This is a very pleasant thought, if true; but is it true? Even if there is a Heaven, maybe not everyone is headed in that direction. We really need to know two things: first, is there a Heaven; and, second, if there is, how may we get there?

Plato really did not know; neither did Karl Marx; nor do a lot of people today have really sound knowledge on the subject. Guesses and hopes are the best most people have.

But a man named Abraham, and a man named Moses, and a man named David received authoritative information about Heaven from God Himself. And the God-Man, Jesus Christ, descended from Heaven for the purpose, not only of telling us that there is a Heaven, but for the more important purpose of opening to us the way to Heaven.

What Plato and the man of today cannot be sure of, God has revealed: there

is a Heaven. But not everyone is going there, for sin bars the way. The inhabitants of Heaven must be perfectly righteous; and no man is perfectly righteous. Unless a man's sins are atoned for and cleansed away, unless a righteousness not his own is given to him, he can never enter. But the blood of Christ, atones, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin, and when He clothes us in His perfect righteousness, we are ready for the eternal home He has prepared for His people.

There are no other roads to Heaven. However plausible some devices may seem, entrance to Heaven requires cleansing from sin and perfect righteousness. Plato could not furnish this. Karl Marx could not. Neither can the modernist of today. It is furnished only by the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Have you so come?

I look at Heaven and long to enter in.  
But there no evil thing may find a home;  
And still I hear a voice that bids me,  
come.

G.H.C.

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## PARABLE OF A

# TREE

The Jacaranda tree in bloom with its delicate blue flowers and graceful branches silhouetted against a summer sky is one of Southern California's loveliest sights. Most natives point to it with pride and visitors justly admire it. One native, however, observed that it was a dirty tree. Its beauty simply did not compensate for the extra work required to hide its ugly features. The messy, faded flowers which cluttered her walks kept her so busy sweeping that she had no time to look up and enjoy the tree. She was glad when it died.

Perhaps you agree with this native Californian that outward beauty is not all it's cracked up to be, but had you ever stopped to consider that men and women are very much like the Jacaranda tree? We may deceive the casual observer, but before Him who knows all the secret thoughts and intents of the heart, we stand stark naked, shorn of all gifts—talents, physical beauty, or winsome manners. Is it a pretty

sight? The Bible says: "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6).

But, thank God, we have not been left to perish as we so richly deserve. God took compassion upon us and provided redemption through His Son. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Why? That we might love Him and be conformed to the image of His Son. You do not have to remain a dirty Jacaranda tree, with some outward graces no doubt, but with a soul whose true nature you would prefer to hide even from yourself—not if you will believe that God offered His Son for your salvation and trust in Him who having "begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

M. M. C.

## The Hands Of Jesus . . . .

"He showed them his hands" (Luke 24:40).

"Not by their looks we judge, but by

The good they've done or harm;

The fairest hands in all the world

Have nail prints through the palm."

Surely, Jesus's hands when He was on earth were "the fairest hands in all the world!"

These hands were human hands, the hands of a man, bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh. They were hardened by toil as He worked at the carpenter's bench in Nazareth. They were unsoiled by sin, different in this respect from all the other hands in Nazareth. As the disciples gazed at them they were hands raised from the dead with the print of the nails still showing in their palms.

They were healing hands, the hands of the Great Physician. They had touched the leper and made him clean, lifted Peter's wife's mother from her bed of sickness, raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, been laid upon the multitude of sick folk and healed every one of them.

These hands were helping hands. They broke the bread that fed the

5,000 hungry people, lifted Peter from the watery grave, rested upon the heads of the children, took the basin of water and the towel as a servant.

They were pierced hands. When the spikes were driven into them, the Highway to Heaven was finished.

They were powerful hands, the hands of a King. He holds the world, the Church, the Christian in His hands.

"The hands of Christ

Seem very frail,

For they were broken

By a nail.

But only they

Reach home at last

Whom these frail, broken

Hands hold fast."

How we need the touch of these hands today!

J. K. P.



## DECEMBER CHRISTIANITY

December gets its name from the tenth month of the Roman calendar. That calendar had ten months and December was the last.

In the Roman calendar December was known for the feast of Saturnalia, celebrating the Roman god Saturn. In the Julian calendar December is marked for Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Saturnalia was a festive occasion when schools were closed, gifts exchanged, war ceased and joy and mirth generally prevailed.

The celebration of Christmas arose within the Church to commemorate the birth of Christ. Christmas has long since replaced Saturnalia as the festival which marks December.

Some of the festive customs of Saturnalia find a parallel in the modern celebration of Christmas. And some of the moderns who celebrate Christmas indulge in its festivities without its religious

significance. There is Christless Christmas—nothing more in reality than a pagan Saturnalia.

Hollow is the life which lives through December participating in the customs of Christmas without participating in the Christ of Christmas. For when Christ came He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Only by believing in the Christ of Bethlehem can you have that life. "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).

Why not believe today and make this the greatest Christmas of your life?

"Though Christ a thousand times  
In Bethlehem be born,  
If He's not born in thee  
Thy soul is still forlorn."

R. W. G.

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Indianapolis 5, Ind.

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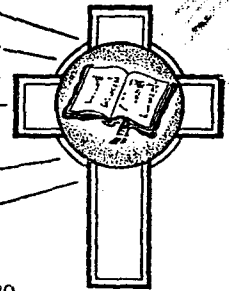
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:45 A.M. Evening Service . . . . . 7:30 P.M.

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# The Home Evangel



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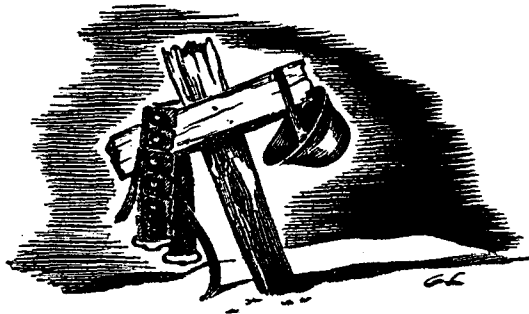
## No room..



" . . . there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). These words explain why Jesus had to be born in a stable and laid in a rough manger. When He was born into this world Heaven looked on with absorbed interest. The angels soaring upon silver wings wafted their glad carols upon the midnight air. But Jesus' reception upon earth is symbolized in these words: "no room"!

It is to be feared that this has been the reception He has received from the mass of men from the day of His birth to this. There is a picture by Goetze called, "Despised and Rejected of Men." The picture represents Christ, crowned with thorns, exposed upon the busy street of a great city. Multitudes of people are hurrying by. There is the workman, the sportsman and the society woman. There is the scientist, and the newsboy. All of them concerned with the affairs of life, pass by without so much as a glance at the wounded Saviour. It is a vivid portrayal of Jesus' welcome on earth, for it must be said that many are indifferent to Jesus and His claim upon the hearts and lives of men. At this Christmas time they will enter into the festivities of the Season. They will enjoy the carols and the colorful decorations. They will give gifts to their friends; but they will not give a thought to Jesus Christ, whose birthday it is. They will not give a thought to the redeeming work He came to accomplish on the cross. In their hearts, as in the Bethlehem inn, there is still no room for Him.

*How is it with you at this Christmas Season?* Is Jesus a stranger to you, or is He a beloved guest in your heart? May the Holy Spirit incline your heart to receive Him, to worship Him and to praise God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."



Are  
You  
Afraid

## To Think About DEATH?

*What the world will be like after the war can hardly be guessed. Depression, inflation, worse dictatorships, complete anarchy and new dark ages are all possible. Though there are many proposals, nobody really knows what to do about it.*

Our personal lives also are a cause for worry. Millions prefer not to think of next week or next year. The casualty list may contain the one name that means all the world to me. Or I may be taken seriously sick, and there is no doctor available. Death is a present reality, and beyond the grave lies the dark unknown. It is easier not to think about it.

At least it used to be easier not to think. But now there is this war, and though death is still an unwelcome subject of conversation, we can hardly avoid thinking of it. Furthermore, death troubles us with a semi-conscious fear of a righteous judgment before God's throne. We know we have broken God's laws, we have loved our sins, and we have ignored God. For this reason we are afraid to think of death, of God, and of the judgment.

But it need not be so. In his first epistle, the Apostle Peter, speaking as a Christian and for Christians, says, "*Blessed be God who hath begotten us again into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*" The non-Christian has no hope, no confidence in the future, but Christ has given those who put their trust in Him a *sure hope* of life. By His death He has offered a sufficient sacrifice to God on their behalf, and by His resurrection He assured us that we too shall live: not merely live, but live with Him for ever and ever.

G. H. C.

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the New-Born King.

## HOW TO GET PEACE OF MIND

Here is a significant statement that has recently been issued by high officers in the British Armed Forces:

"WE COMMEND THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR, FOR IT ALONE CAN EFFECTIVELY MOULD CHARACTER, CONTROL CONDUCT AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MEN AND NATIONS. FAITH IN CHRIST THE LORD AND OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE ENSURES PEACE OF MIND AND BRINGS SATISFACTION IN SERVICE TO GOD AND MEN."

(SIGNED) ANDREW CUNNINGHAM  
(Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord),  
JACK C. TOVEY (Admiral),  
H. R. ALEXANDER (General),  
B. PAGET (General),  
E. L. GORSAGE (Air Marshal).

"Peace of mind"—that is one of the key phrases used by these notable British leaders. And peace of mind depends on being at peace with God. And peace with God comes through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When men trust Christ to save them from sin and its penalty, when they acknowledge Christ as Lord of their lives, then they can face death itself with peace of mind.

*How we need this peace today!* Let us trust Christ and receive His gift of forgiveness and peace.

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# A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

Sometimes one hears the expression, "*What difference does it make? It won't matter a hundred years from now.*" No one reading these lines will be alive one hundred years from now. Will anything matter a hundred years from this time? There are many things that will not matter. For instance, it will not matter how much money a man has made. Many people spend their lifetime in ceaseless search for money. But Paul tells us, "*For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out*" (1 Timothy 6:7). A hundred years from now it will not matter how famous one has been. Even the passing of a few centuries all but erases the memory of famous men. A hundred years from now it will not matter how much power one has exercised. Hitler's power has been such as to change in some degree the life of nearly every person on earth. But after death man's little human power can be exercised no longer.

What does matter then? The one thing that really matters is this: *Where will you be one hundred years from now? You will be saved or you will be lost. And that, friend, is something that matters a great deal.*

What about your soul? Where will you spend eternity? In the Gospel of Jesus Christ there is a message that gives assurance that it will be well with your soul a hundred years from now—yes and throughout an endless eternity. Hear and believe the promise of the Gospel: "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved*" (Acts 16:31).



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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?"*

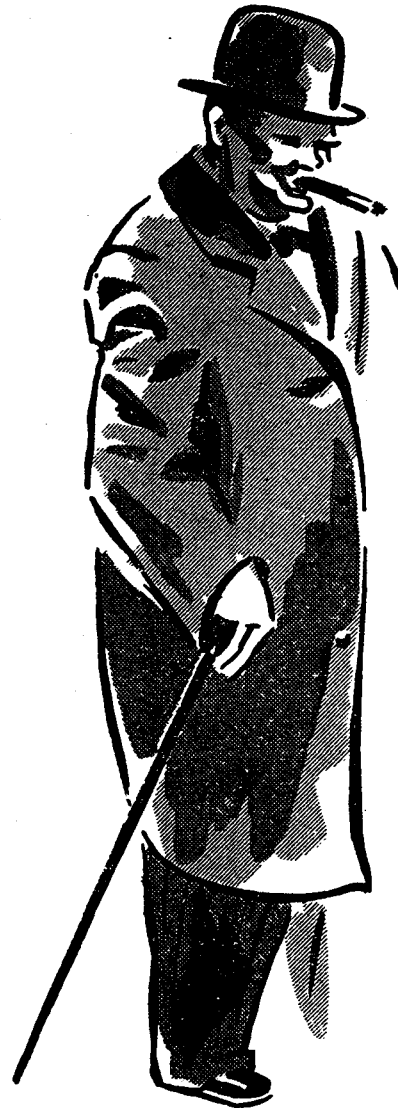
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## EASTER CONVERSION

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.*

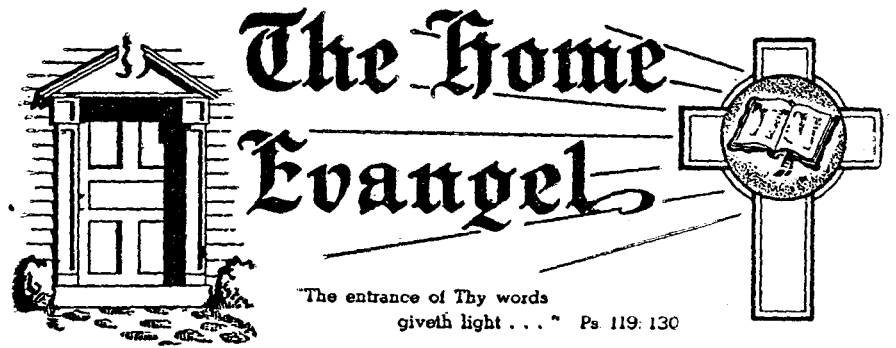
*Uncle Sam can take silver, stamp an emblem on it, and make it worth a dollar—that's money.*

*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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## NEEDED: A *Break* IN THE WEATHER

A Midwest newspaper last spring editorialized on the weather in this fashion:

"Never in history, perhaps, has the world needed so big a break in the weather. Too much rain, or too little, can spell the doom of countless thousands of people, and determine whether America itself will enjoy prosperity or experience depression. The weather will spell the fate of individuals and their government."

This is quite a confession for man to make in this atomic age. He cannot control the weather with all of his scientific knowledge. He is dependent for a "break" in the weather upon God; the Sovereign God who is also gracious. And God does bestow such grace upon men in general, irrespective of whether they are good or bad, Christian or non-Christian. In His common grace He "sendeth the rain on the just and on the unjust."

Men ought also confess that they cannot control their destiny. Billy Sunday used to say, "When the undertaker comes in the front door, the scientist (meaning the unbelieving scientist) goes out the back door." As in temporal affairs, such as the weather, men are dependent upon the grace of God, so with the eternal destiny of their immortal souls men are dependent upon the grace of God.

But saving grace, unlike common grace, is not bestowed upon all men indiscriminately, only upon His people.



The people of God are marked by faith in Jesus Christ: "But 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).

According to the editor quoted above, the temporal doom of thousands depended upon whether or not God in His grace gave a "break" in the weather. According to the Word of God, the eternal doom of thousands depends upon whether or not God in His grace gives salvation to undeserving sinners. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

—R. W. G.

## What Is YOUR LIFE?

Someone has given us a fable to indicate the length of eternity. He has imagined that there is in the vast Northern wastes of Siberia, a huge granite rock. The rock is a hundred miles long. It is thousands of feet high and thousands of feet wide. He has imagined a little bird, immortal, that comes just once each year to sharpen its beak against the side of the rock. Then he tells us that when the little bird, by the action of its beak against the rock, has worn the great, granite stone completely away, that will be just one second in eternity!

What is a span of human life in comparison to eternity! Sometimes we exclaim over the age of one who has reached the century mark. Occasionally we hear of someone who is supposed

to be a hundred and thirty or forty years of age. And we marvel to read in the Scriptures that Methuselah reached the age of 969 years before he died. But even a life that is 969 years in length is as nothing when compared to the vast, endless reaches of eternity. Surely James was right when he asked; "What is your life?" and then went on to give the answer, "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Is this a true picture of life—a brief, fleeting existence and destined soon to end? Then what a sense of urgency should fill every heart and how men should hasten to Christ and thus prepare their souls for life's speedy and certain end. Where does life today find you—a Christian or a stranger to God's grace? Where will death and eternity find you?

—B. H. W.

### SENTENCE SERMONS

"The rightness of a thing rests on God's law, and not on a Gallup poll."

"The Bible is the story of man's complete ruin in sin and of God's perfect redemption in Christ."

"Religion should be a rule of life, not a casual incident in it."

—Disraeli

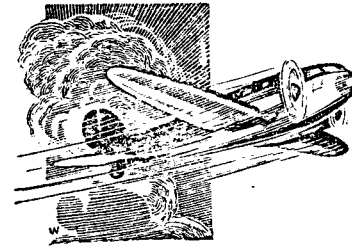
"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if He's not born in thy soul, thy soul is all forlorn."

—Bernard of Clairvaux

"Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan."

—John Bunyan

## "When Your Number Is Up"



Concerning one of our national leaders, a well-known news magazine reported: "Not even the hazards of air travel could faze him. With smiling fatalism he explained: if your number is up, it doesn't make any difference whether you're on a train or an airplane, or anything. If you're going to get it, you're going to get it."

What determines when a person's number is to come up? Is it blind force and necessity in the face of which we are miserably helpless? Is our fate governed only by "the atoms and the void," as one ancient philosopher described it? Or is there a personal God in back of the universe who created and sustains it by His almighty power, and who is a God of love and goodness? Then our times are in His hand. If we believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, as our Saviour from sin, then come what may, "All things work together for good to them that love God, who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

It is a principle of science that the cause must be adequate to the effect. The powerful evidence of design in the world and the laws of logic in the

human mind require us to believe in an intelligent Creator because no blind force could produce such a coherent universe and such a wonderful thing as a thinking mind. Therefore, there must be a God. If our sins are forgiven through faith in Christ who died on the cross and shed His blood for the guilt of our sins, then we can resign ourselves with joy and hope to the will of God and say with the Apostle Paul, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Roman 8:38, 39).

—H. J. H.

## The Bodily Resurrection of Christ

"We have more and better documentary evidence for the fact that Jesus rose again on the third day than we possess for Columbus' discovery of continental America and a hundred other occurrences in antiquity that today are accepted without question or doubt."

—Walter A. Maier,  
Lutheran Hour Preacher

"There is no single incident better or more variously supported than the resurrection of Christ."

—Canon Brooke Foss Westcott,  
great English scholar

## DIRECTION WHEN LAST SEEN

The Sunday service had been in every way ordinary. The congregation was composed of the usual people, they had sung in the usual way, the minister had a typical sermon, and the pianist had played as she ordinarily did. And they all went home.

The next Lord's Day a stranger might have thought that everything was again as usual; but all of us knew it wasn't. The pianist was not there. On Saturday she had started to drive to the grocery store. Witnesses said the signal lights were not flashing and the crack express was not blowing its whistle.

To many people these accidents bring thoughts of underpasses to replace grade crossings. The idea is a good one. But there is a far more important question to be considered. These thousands of people who are killed in auto accidents—in which direction were they going when last seen?

When we last saw our pianist, she was worshipping and serving the Lord of Heaven and earth. When the witnesses saw her car drive onto the tracks, they might not have known it, but she was still facing God and Heaven: nearer her Father's home than she had ever been before.

But what about the other thousands? What about you? Do you drive an auto? In which direction will you be going when you will be seen for the last time?

--G. H. C.

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"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16: 31

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## **"GRIPPING TIME, BOYS"**

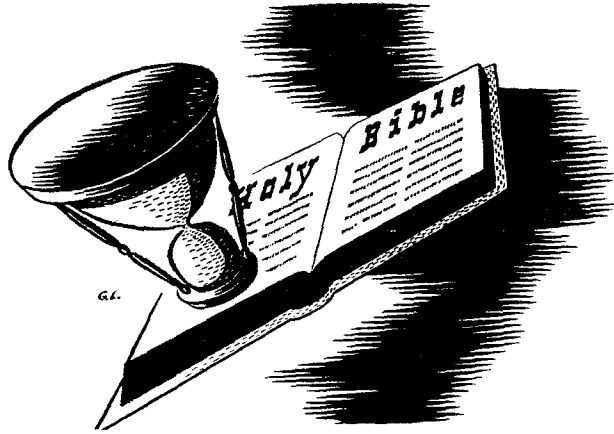


Coach Edward A. Coray of Wheaton College, Ill., wrote a master's thesis about the strength of the human hand at different hours of the day. He gave a gripping device to a houseful of boys and persuaded them to take readings of their strength before getting out of bed, at noon, and in the evening. As the experiment progressed, the readings went higher and higher, for hand muscles were being developed. But it was discovered that there were times and moods during the day when strength was nearly twice as great as at other times. It is safe to say that the grip of a drowning man is greater than ever before in his life.

Many church members have lost their grip on the things of the Lord. If readings could be taken of their strength in prayer, there would be a sorry showing indeed. It is easy to regard the Gospel as a matter of no special importance, as a matter of routine. But if men only knew their dire need of the Lord Jesus, how that without Him they are lost and on the way to Hell, they would "lay hold on eternal life" with a death-grip. They would cry out with that great spiritual wrestler, Jacob: "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." Make this spiritual exercise a habit, and watch your strength increase. "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees" (Isa. 35:3).

E. E. E.





## HOW MUCH OF 1946 WILL YOU HAVE?



Each of us has only so much time allotted to him; when that is gone there is no more.

This sense of limited time is illustrated forcefully in a story of the London blitz of 1940 that has just been made public. A land mine fell unexploded in the courtyard of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, only three yards from the cathedral wall. The lieutenant sent to render the mine harmless found it covered with the parachute by which it had been dropped and so entangled that the parachute could not be removed. Crawling under the parachute he began to unscrew the disc from the bomb fuse to fit in a safety device. Just as he began to work a fire engine went by and the vibration started the clockwork mechanism of the fuse. He had exactly 17 seconds before the mine would explode. Racing against time but working coolly the lieutenant unscrewed the fuse

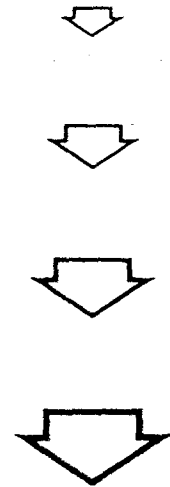
disc and put in the safety device with only two seconds to spare.

The lieutenant had just 17 seconds in which to accomplish his task. Each of us has just so many years, months, weeks, days, hours, and minutes to use. The Psalmist rightly says, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." Each of us is to use his days and hours to the full. Yet how many people there are who are frittering their time away on the empty pleasures of the world. Their philosophy is that of the rich fool who said, "Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." But none of us knows how soon that tomorrow may come. Time is running out for all of us. It is the part of wisdom to "Prepare to meet thy God." This can only be done by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can save us from sin and fit us for a glorious eternity in Heaven.

—E. B. C.

## HOW AN ARMY GENERAL WAS HEALED

It happened many years ago. Naaman was the leader of the armies of Syria. He was ill. He had leprosy. Apparently he had tried every remedy without avail. Finally a little Hebrew slave girl in his household told his wife that down in Samaria there lived a great prophet of the Lord who could heal her master. And so Naaman took his servant and rode in his chariot to Samaria and up to the door of Elisha's home. Naaman sent his servant to the door but the prophet was not of a mind to come out. He simply told the servant to tell his master to bathe in the Jordan River seven times and he would be healed. Now this was not what Naaman had expected. He had expected something spectacular. He thought the prophet would come out and make a great display of calling upon the Lord and go through some ritual. This was too simple. It seemed to him foolishness. And in a towering rage he gave orders to drive away. Then Naaman's servant spoke gently



to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, wash, and be clean?" Naaman listened. He did as the prophet directed and came away healed of his leprosy.

Naaman is a figure of many today. They cannot imagine a salvation so free that it need not be purchased or earned. They cannot see that salvation is a thing too great and wonderful ever to be received except as the free gift of the grace of God. They imagine that they must do something themselves. They must be baptized or they must join a church or they must perform certain works of righteousness. But God says, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1). Salvation has already been purchased by Christ upon the cross. To us it is free and unmerited. It must be received by faith as the gift of grace or not at all. Have you received this gracious gift of God?

—B. H. W.

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## THE DEVIL OFTEN DOES BUSINESS ON A SHOESTRING

A group of college students was sitting in the large hall after lunch waiting a few minutes before going in for their afternoon session in the chess club. Into their midst came a gentleman about seventy years of age whom they had never seen before. He soon began to tell how foolish religion is, and in particular how absurd parts of the New Testament are.

At least one of the students was a Christian, and he began to pay attention. The gentleman was saying something about the Virgin Birth of Christ, but he did not get it quite right. In trying to repeat the substance of the New Testament account, the gentleman got it rather twisted. And the point he was attempting to make was that the New Testament is absurd.

In the mind of the Christian student a fast and furious debate took place. In less time than it takes to read it, he asked himself: "Shall I

correct the obvious blunder this gentleman has made, and then proceed to answer the basic objection? Or shall I take him as he is and start with what he says?"

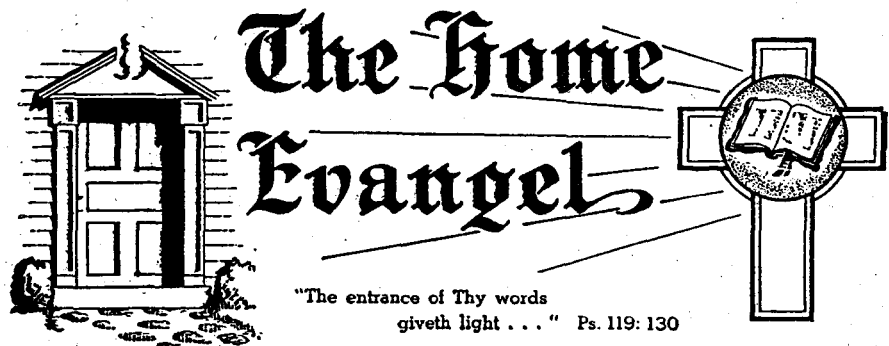
The Bible tells us to be wise as serpents; so the Christian student, feigning ignorance, opened his mouth in stupid wonder and asked, "Does the New Testament really say that?"

"Certainly it does," replied the gentleman, and he repeated his version, making his blunder still worse. Then the Christian student took out of his pocket a little Testament, and handing it to the old gentleman, asked politely, "Will you please show me where?"

The man picked up the Testament, fumbled at a few pages, and in utter and obvious confusion, slammed the Testament down on the table, turned, and slunk away.

Sometimes resisting the Devil requires little equipment, for the Devil often does business on a shoestring.

—G. H. C.



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# V-DAY

As this is written, General Eisenhower's forces are knocking at the gates of Germany proper, the Russian Armies are driving west between Warsaw and East Prussia, and General Alexander's troops have begun the disintegration of the powerful Gothic line in Italy. Men everywhere are speculating as to how soon V-Day in Europe will arrive. What a roar of rejoicing will be heard on that day. With what fervency of spirit will reverent men give thanks to God for the downfall of the Nazi tyranny.

There was a day long ago that deserves more than any other the title "V-Day." It was the day when the Virgin-born Christ, the God-man, yielded Himself into the hands of wicked men and submitted to the death of the cross. This was according to the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God. This was so that upon an innocent and sinless one might be visited the penalty due to many sinners. So Christ as a great High Priest offered Himself upon Calvary as a sacrifice for sin. "So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:28). His atoning death bought release and victory for all those who will trust Him as Saviour from sin and Hell. His substitutionary sacrifice effected deliverance from the dominion of Satan of those sin-enslaved souls who will commit all their hope and trust to the Son of God. Then was the true V-Day. **MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ENABLE US ALL TO BELIEVE AND GREATLY REJOICE IN THE VICTORY OF CALVARY.**

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## A FINE SHIP . . . . . IT ONLY SANK ONCE

### THE WAR IS GOING WELL

The war is going well; at the moment of writing, the Germans have almost collapsed, and the Japanese are caving in faster than anyone expected; the war is going well. But is it going well for those whose sons or husbands swell the casualty lists? Already the casualties are more numerous than in 1918. Can the bereaved and can the wounded say that the war has gone well?

At the beginning of the war, thoughtless well-wishers may have told us that our son or our husband could not get hit. It was false comfort. Others said that the chances

were four to five that our boy would come home safe. That might have been true, but it is no comfort for the one-fifth who do not come home safe. Yet such a calculation of probabilities is the best that a non-christian can offer. If God does not rule in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, what can be said except "Take your chances and make the best of it"?

The Christian, on the other hand, will search the Scriptures and there he will find true comfort. In II Chronicles 18 we read how Jehoshaphat and Ahab went together into battle. Because the prophet of the Lord had said that Ahab would be killed, Ahab dressed as a common soldier as a disguise. But "a certain man

When men and women are asked to put their trust in Christ and His shed blood, they often say or think that after all they are not so bad. In fact they believe that they are essentially good and perhaps above the average. Of course they have no complaint against Christ — He was truly remarkable; but they hope to get to Heaven because after all they have lived pretty decent lives.

Most people, they believe, live fairly good lives. Even the hardened criminal does not commit murder every day; he kills a gangster friend only on Saturday nights! And most of us do very little wrong at all. If you ask the person who argues in this manner whether or not he attends church, he will reply that one can lead a good life without attending church regularly. If you ask him whether or not he reads the Bible, he will reply that the Bible is undoubtedly good literature but it is not to be taken as God's infallible command to men.

There is, however, one command in the Bible which the non-christian, if he is serious, will admit is God's command to men. It is, "THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY

MIND." Obviously, if there is a God at all, He could require no less than this. Now let each person ask himself whether he obeys this commandment all the time, or even any of the time.

But perhaps the man who trusts his own goodness to get him to Heaven will say that disobedience to this commandment, like his other mistakes and shortcomings, is not a serious matter. After all, he does many more good deeds than evil deeds.

Suppose such a man felt the need of a vacation and decided on a sea voyage. The ship was comfortable, the weather clear, and the sailing fine. For ten days the cruise was perfect. But on the eleventh day the poor welding loosened, the seams opened, and the ship sank. And as the man gurgled his last, the waves heard him say, "WHAT A FINE SHIP: IT WAS ESSENTIALLY GOOD; IT SAILED PERFECTLY FOR TEN DAYS; IT ONLY SANK ONCE."

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God. He that offendeth in one point is guilty of all. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin. Let us trust Him as Saviour and out of loving gratitude to Him obey His commands.

G.H.C.

drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness, . . . and he died."

Ahab's disguise did not save him. The enemy failed in its conscious attempt to kill the king; but a random shot, aimed at nothing in particular, killed him. Today some soldiers say the shell with your number on it will get you, and until that shell is fired nothing can hurt you. There is a great difference between this G. I. philosophy and the teaching of the Scripture. The one is a fatalistic, purposeless view of things, whereas the Scriptures teach that God sees the end from the beginning and does all things for a purpose. The Syrian enemy had shot his arrow without a purpose, but God had a purpose in ordaining that he should

do so. And thus the wicked Ahab was punished by death.

This does not mean that only the wicked are killed in battle. Many good Christians have died violent deaths in wars and in persecutions. But in these cases the principle in Christ's words to Pilate still applies: "thou couldst have no power against me, except it were given thee from above."

The bereaved Christians today still sorrow, as did Christ's mother and disciples, but they do not sorrow as others who have no hope, for they know that God has seen the end from the beginning, that He acts with a purpose, and that He doeth all things well. AND BECAUSE CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD, WE TOO SHALL RISE.

G.H.C.

# "FREE! FREE!"

Among the most popular pictures that come from the invasion front are those showing the reception given Allied troops by the liberated French. The ecstasy of regained freedom shines in the faces of the civilians. You can almost hear them shout: "WE'RE FREE, WE'RE FREE. THANK YOU, OUR DELIVERERS." Who does not hate a foreign yoke? Who would not long with all his heart to be free?

Rivers of blood and billions in treasure are the price of the freedom of the oppressed peoples of Europe. All this to strike off the shackles of political and economic slavery.

Think now of a more dreadful slavery still — slavery to sin. It is a bondage in which the whole human race lies. And the end of the matter is eternal death or solitary confinement in Hell forever or final separation from God or the endless gnawing torment of remorse

—this the Bible plainly declares (Matthew 25:46).

But the Bible also speaks of liberation, of redemption out of bondage to sin. By a great price — the precious blood of Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God, Who became man to deliver His own from awful jeopardy — the captive is freed, his sins are forgiven. The penalty of sin is borne by the Saviour. The power of sin is overcome by the Holy Spirit who is given unto the Christian to dwell in his heart. The very presence of sin will be a thing of the past when he comes to Heaven. Well may the liberated captive, made free through faith in Christ, cry out: "Free! Free! I thank Thee, Lord Jesus, mighty to save." It is as Jesus said: "IF THE SON (OF GOD) THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED" (JOHN 8:36).

To Him let every slave to sin apply and Christ will make him free.

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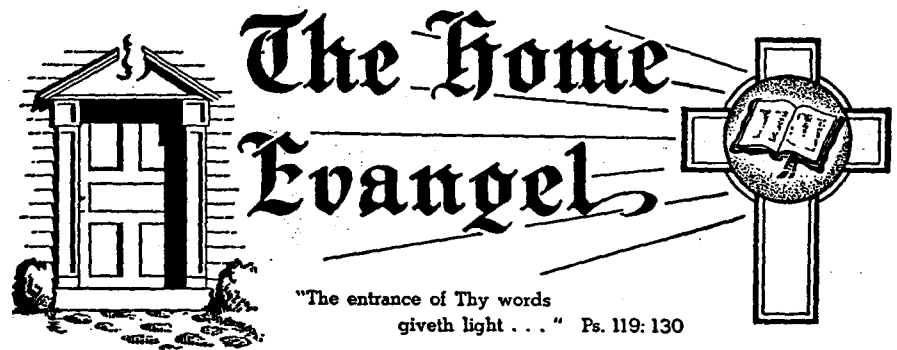
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## IN PAGAN AMERICA

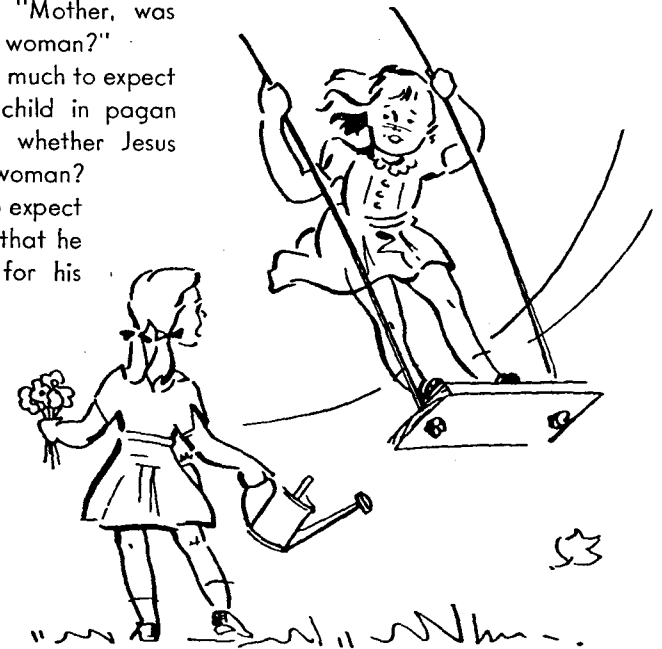
As the two little girls were playing in the yard, one told the other something about Jesus. This other one, about seven years old, turned to her mother, who was standing near, and asked, "Mother, was Jesus a man or a woman?"

Is it perhaps too much to expect a seven-year-old child in pagan America to know whether Jesus was a man or a woman?

Is it too much to expect a twelve-year-old that he know Jesus died for his sins?

Is it too much to expect a successful business-man, an intelligent homemaker, a soldier, a skilled workman to have faith in Christ the Son of God. . . . In pagan America?

G. H. C.



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## PARABLE OF A TREE

The Jacaranda tree in bloom with its delicate blue flowers and graceful branches silhouetted against a summer sky is one of Southern California's loveliest sights. Most natives point to it with pride and visitors justly admire it. One native, however, observed that it was a dirty tree. Its beauty simply did not compensate for the extra work required to hide its ugly features. The messy, faded flowers which cluttered her walks kept her so busy sweeping that she had no time to look up and enjoy the tree. She was glad when it died.

Perhaps you agree with this native Californian that outward beauty is not all it's cracked up to be, but had you ever stopped to consider that men and women are very much like the Jacaranda tree? We may deceive the casual observer, but before Him who knows all the secret thoughts and intents of the heart, we stand stark naked, shorn of all gifts—talents, physical beauty, or winsome manners. Is it a pretty

## TREE

sight? The Bible says: "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6).

But, thank God, we have not been left to perish as we so richly deserve. God took compassion upon us and provided redemption through His Son. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Why? That we might love Him and be conformed to the image of His Son. You do not have to remain a dirty Jacaranda tree, with some outward graces no doubt, but with a soul whose true nature you would prefer to hide even from yourself—not if you will believe that God offered His Son for your salvation and trust in Him who having "begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

M. M. C.

## The Hands Of Jesus . . . .

"He showed them his hands" (Luke 24:40).

"Not by their looks we judge, but by

The good they've done or harm;

The fairest hands in all the world

Have nail prints through the palm."

Surely, Jesus's hands when He was on earth were "the fairest hands in all the world!"

These hands were human hands, the hands of a man, bone of our bone, and flesh of our flesh. They were hardened by toil as He worked at the carpenter's bench in Nazareth. They were unsoiled by sin, different in this respect from all the other hands in Nazareth. As the disciples gazed at them they were hands raised from the dead with the print of the nails still showing in their palms.

They were healing hands, the hands of the Great Physician. They had touched the leper and made him clean, lifted Peter's wife's mother from her bed of sickness, raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, been laid upon the multitude of sick folk and healed every one of them.

These hands were helping hands. They broke the bread that fed the

5,000 hungry people, lifted Peter from the watery grave, rested upon the heads of the children, took the basin of water and the towel as a servant.

They were pierced hands. When the spikes were driven into them, the Highway to Heaven was finished.

They were powerful hands, the hands of a King. He holds the world, the Church, the Christian in His hands.

"The hands of Christ.

Seem very frail,

For they were broken

By a nail.

But only they

Reach home at last

Whom these frail, broken

Hands hold fast."

How we need the touch of these hands today!

J. K. P.



## DECEMBER CHRISTIANITY

December gets its name from the tenth month of the Roman calendar. That calendar had ten months and December was the last.

In the Roman calendar December was known for the feast of Saturnalia, celebrating the Roman god Saturn. In the Julian calendar December is marked for Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Saturnalia was a festive occasion when schools were closed, gifts exchanged, war ceased and joy and mirth generally prevailed.

The celebration of Christmas arose within the Church to commemorate the birth of Christ. Christmas has long since replaced Saturnalia as the festival which marks December.

Some of the festive customs of Saturnalia find a parallel in the modern celebration of Christmas. And some of the moderns who celebrate Christmas indulge in its festivities without its religious

significance. There is Christless Christmas—nothing more in reality than a pagan Saturnalia.

Hollow is the life which lives through December participating in the customs of Christmas without participating in the Christ of Christmas. For when Christ came He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Only by believing in the Christ of Bethlehem can you have that life. "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).

Why not believe today and make this the greatest Christmas of your life?

"Though Christ a thousand times  
In Bethlehem be born,  
If He's not born in thee  
Thy soul is still forlorn."

R. W. G.

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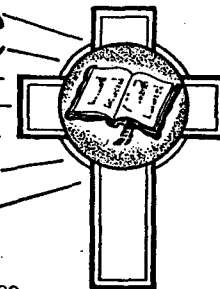
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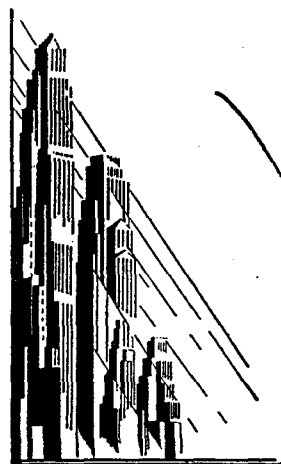


"The entrance of Thy words  
giveth light . . ." Ps. 119: 130

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## IS JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR. RIGHT ?

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has given millions of dollars to religious work and is accounted a church leader. What shall be said of the stand he takes, as expressed, for example, in these words from a recent address made by him: "This reborn church . . . would pronounce ordinance, ritual, creed, all non-essential for admission into the Kingdom of God or His Church. A life, not a creed, would be the test."

Here we meet again the very common but false notion that you can have a life that pleases God and is acceptable to Him no matter what your doctrinal belief. This notion ignores the basic principle

that what we believe determines what we are. But straight thinking and the Word of God tell us that **RIGHT THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD AND DUTY ARE THE ONLY POSSIBLE BASIS FOR A GOOD LIFE.** It is popular to disparage creeds and sound doctrine but to do so is to end in self-deception and utter frustration.

The Bible is eternal truth, for it was given by inspiration of God. What the Bible says is the voice to hear and the course to follow. As Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24). The Bible sets forth Jesus Christ as Lord, as the Son of God, as the Divine-human Saviour, who on the cross of Calvary gave Himself a Ransom, a Sacrifice for sinners. The Bible teaches that only in the Christ who died for sinners and rose in triumph from the grave is there spiritual and eternal life. The Bible demands of us faith, trust, a confident resting in Christ as the condition of forgiveness of sin, and shows us that from this kind of faith, the faith that worketh by love, issue a holy life and all manner of good works. Rockefeller's notions are man-conceived. The religion of the Bible is supernatural — in origin, method, and results. God grant us to enter into the peace and joy and blessing of the religion of the Bible.



There used to be people, maybe there still are some, who claimed that the world owed them a living. Such people were not highly respected. In more recent days a large number of people have been claiming that the government owes them a living. What is a government for, they ask, if not to take care of me after I have squandered all my high wages? These people are often credited with a high degree of social consciousness, and are not so widely condemned as their predecessors were.

And there is a still larger class that thinks God owes them a living. If God rules the world, if He created people, then it is His business to take care of them. What is God for anyway? And these people are usually highly respected and are thought of as up to date theologians. God is good—even better than the bureaucrats — and He will never punish anyone. He is the Father of all men; and are not fathers supposed to spoil their children? Anyone that believes God will punish a person has a dismal conception of God. That conception went out with the horse and buggy.

Now this modern theology would deserve some attention, if it could be shown to have come from God. God knows best what He intends to do. And it is wiser to find out what God has said, than it is merely to guess.

God has declared His intentions, and they are not what this modern theology teaches. By the mouth of Peter God said, "If God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell . . . and spared not the old world but saved Noah, . . . the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (II Peter 2:4, 5, 9).

The Lord Jesus Christ said to some people who thought highly of themselves, "Ye shall die in your sins; whither I go, ye cannot come."

God indeed is good — good enough to send Jesus Christ to die as a sacrifice to pay the sinner's debt — good enough to save some. But God is also righteous — sufficiently righteous to punish others. How do you stand?

## WHERE DEATH SHOULD FIND US

The following quaint lines may be deciphered from a weather-beaten grave stone in the old Tennant Church Yard near Freehold, New Jersey. "Here lies the mortal part of Gilbert Tennant. In the practice of Physick he was successful and beloved. Young, gay and in the highest bloom of life, death found him hopefully in the Lord. . . . O reader, had you heard his last testimony you would have been convinced of the extreme madness of delaying repentance."

The ancient stone has spoken silent truth for over a century. Repentance is necessary for salvation. One must be sincerely sorry for his sins and turn from it to God for forgiveness with earnest purpose henceforth to seek to do God's will. Peter's words to the sin-convicted multitude were, "Repent, and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins . . ." (Acts 2:38). And folly it is indeed to delay repentance, ". . . Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2).

Death strikes without warning and is no respecter of persons. None can know the day nor the hour of his summons. It may be that death will strike in the early years, or it may be at the close of a long life. One thing is certain—the grim visitor comes to all.

May it be said of you after your departure as it was said of the fine young physician who lived so many years ago, "Death found him hopefully in the Lord."

To repent of sin and believe the Gospel is to receive now a life that is eternal, a life that death will only serve to usher into Heaven's fullness and glory. Ah, repent of your sins NOW while there is opportunity and put your faith in Him who will "save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him" (Hebrews 7:25).

G.H.C.

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# WHERE IS SATISFACTION?

A lieutenant in the Navy writes us: "My war experiences have strengthened my Christian beliefs. The unsaved man has no hope; his sensual pleasures do not satisfy nor give him hope for the future. Only the Christian can be at peace with himself, with others, and with his God. Most unsaved people are so busy with other things that they don't give such thoughts much time. They're busy hunting up new pleasures — pleasures that only leave a bad taste. Reminds me of that verse that ends, 'what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?' Some people think I'm foolish for not going out and having a good time. But I'm perfectly content — which of course doesn't mean that I wouldn't much rather be home with my wife and baby."

Combat duty is a sifting process. It sifts men, it sifts values. The naval lieutenant's words reveal what an outstanding, imperishable value Biblical Christianity is. What can compare with being at peace with God through having by faith in His Son Jesus Christ, received the justifying righteousness and forgiveness of sin made available to sinners through the Saviour's death in their place on the cross? What earthly enjoyment can even approach the solid happiness that comes to the Christian man in his fellowship with his Lord? Where but in the Christ who died for His people and rose again bodily from the dead and ascended to Heaven to watch over them from the right hand of God, is there true hope and comfort?

Let us everyone drink in the message of the Bible. It is a soul-satisfying draught. As Jesus said to the inquirer at the well "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:13, 14).

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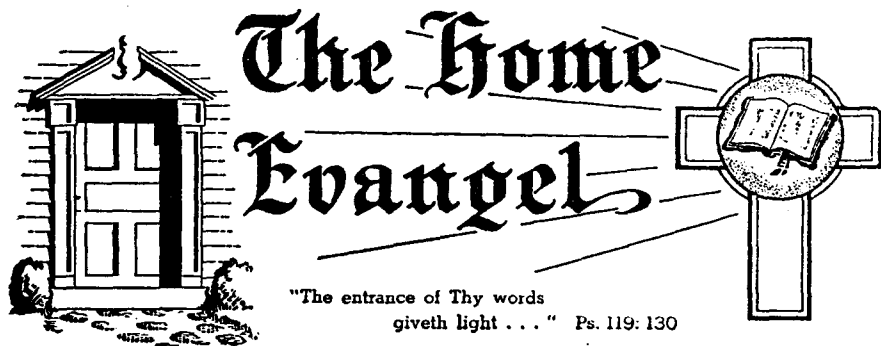
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# WHAT IS YOUR GOAL ?

Recently a multi-millionaire died. His stocks and bonds and deposits were distributed according to his will. Then the luxurious furnishings of his palatial home were sold at auction. One of the buyers struck up an acquaintance with the major-domo, who was helping to keep things in order. "Tell me," said the buyer, "what sort of a man was the old gentleman — personally, I mean?" "Well," replied the major-domo, "suppose that window across the hail is your goal; if your father gets in your way, push him out; if your mother gets in your way, step on her." "So," said the buyer, "and what was the old gentleman's goal?" Like a flash and with utter finality the major-domo answered: "MONEY!"

How many of us, even if we are not so successful as the multi-millionaire, have the same goal and act on the same principles? Or do we have a slightly different goal—fame, power, pleasure—and trample people down to get it? And when we are dead, as that rich old man now is, what then? A man with a far different outlook on life said this: "WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN BUT THEE? AND THERE IS NONE UPON EARTH THAT I DESIRE BESIDE THEE. MY FLESH AND MY HEART FAILETH, BUT GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART, AND MY PORTION FOREVER" (Psalm 73:25). And the Lord Jesus Christ said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; (and where the auctioneer sells off the remainder); but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

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# Are You Superstitious too?

Air Force gossip has it that many of our fliers carry good-luck charms. "No, they are not superstitious — just careful!" it is said. A top gunner takes an old sword won in a card game when he goes on a raid. A navigator wears a nurse's cap until he reaches enemy territory, then he pulls on his flak helmet. Some fathers like to "hex danger" by carrying a baby bootee. Another father credits his plane's record in precision bombing to the fact that he prints the names of objectives on his infant son's sock. A sergeant just before his first mission couldn't find his right flying boot. At the last minute someone tossed him an English-type boot. He's worn it ever since — "for luck."

Superstition is a common failing of mankind. It is just a bit surprising to find it among skilled scientists like our air-men. They should be the first to see that there is no CONNECTION between the "lucky charm" and the laws of ballistics — or to say it better, between the charm and the

sovereign will of ALMIGHTY GOD WHO WORKETH ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS PURPOSE (Ephesians 1:11).

The wonderful thing is that the Almighty God has made it possible for men to come into a real and vital CONNECTION with Him. His only begotten Son Jesus Christ is the one Mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). Men may come unto God by this Mediator — for forgiveness of sin, for help and blessing. Like Pilot Eddie who wrote home: "I PRAYED TO GOD BEFORE WE TOOK OFF, TO FLY NOT AS MY CO-PILOT, BUT AS MY PILOT. HE SURELY DID AND I PRAISE HIS NAME FOR IT."

Let us realize that this is not a capricious universe. Let us seek and let us submit our wills to the God who made and rules the world. Let us trust in His Son Jesus Christ whom the Father gave to save sinners and bring them home to Him.

## LIFE ON LEYTE

Chaplain Lawrence H. Jongeward writes us from Leyte in the Philippines: "Since I have come here I have experienced some of the horrors of war. In a bombing attack I lost everything I took with me onto the island. Amongst them were my organ, typewriter, public address system, my books, my Bible, my Army records, photographs of my family, diary, duffle bag with my clothes and bed roll. I was all but buried alive, just

my head and one arm were above ground; the men dug me out with their hands. So all I had left were the clothes on my back and my life which God graciously spared. But things mean NOTHING when it comes to an experience like that. I do and have praised God for His goodness to me. But whatever His will may be we know He never errs. HIS GOODNESS NEVER FAILETH BE IT IN LIFE OR DEATH."

This is the Christian man's faith and outlook. It's a faith for a time like this. It's a faith for the man at the front and a faith for the one who stays in the homeland. Everyone needs it. For everyone has trials and everyone constantly confronts death. How can one be ready for death? How can one in a right spirit bear his trials? The answer: by CHRISTIAN FAITH. Faith in the God of the Bible, the true and the living God, the

Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Faith in the Father who is Sovereign, Just Judge, Reconciler of sinners to Himself by Jesus Christ, Faith in the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the God-man, the Saviour, the Atoning Sacrifice, the Sin-bearer, THE RISEN AND ASCENDED LORD. Faith in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of new life in Christ, the Comforter, the Sanctifier. This is Christian faith and by it, good hope and eternal life.

# HOW A FATHER WAS COMFORTED

On December 14, 1944, a Virginia father wrote, "I have a strong feeling of confidence that my son survived the shooting down of his plane—parachutes from it were seen — and that he will come back to us safe and sound. If not, I have the comfort of knowing that he was ready to go. A short time before, he had written such a fine statement of his faith and trust and readiness for whatever might befall."

These are days of terrible war — when evil tidings are coming to many from over the sea. It is of no small comfort to know that the departed loved one had long before made preparation for death by fixing his personal faith in the Saviour. This knowledge gives a hope that will survive the shock of the official telegram and the sorrow of an empty home. When parents know that it is well with the soul of their lad, they can rejoice in the midst of their sorrow in the knowledge that they, "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope" (I Thessalonians 4:13). A heartbreaking experience to learn of the violent destruction of a young life? Of course it is, but Christian hope saves from utter despair.

The Christian parents of a Christian boy have the assurance that whatever comes to pass, **THEIR BOY IS SAFE IN CHRIST**. Theirs also is the sure hope of a glorious reunion someday in "THE LAND BEYOND THE STARS," in Heaven.

It is a time for sober thinking, for sober facing of the realities of life and death. It is a time for humble hearing of the Word of God. It is a time for repentance of sin. **IT IS A TIME FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE SON OF GOD, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.** This is the way to peace and comfort and hope.

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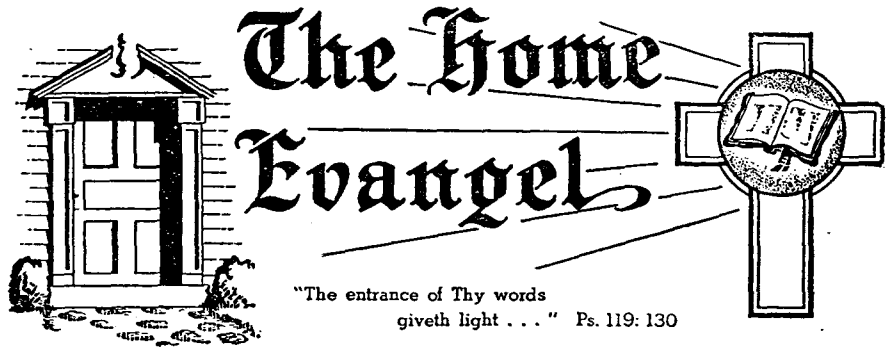
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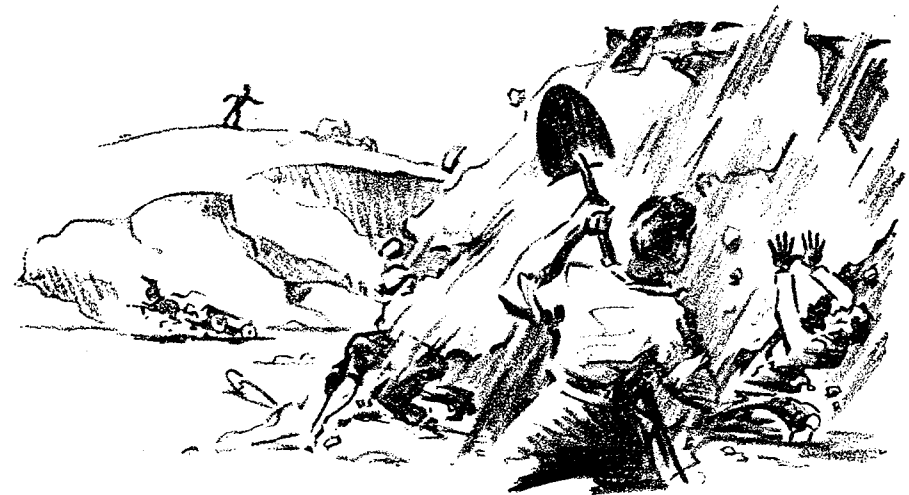
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## **MERE ENTHUSIASM?**

When Rowland Hill, the famous English preacher of a former day, was at Wotton, he was completely carried away by the impetuous rush of his feelings, and raising himself to his full stature, he thundered: "Because I am in earnest, men call me an enthusiast, but I am not; mine are the words of truth and soberness. When I first came into this part of the country, I

was walking on yonder hill. I saw a gravel-pit fall in and bury three human beings alive. I lifted up my voice for help so loud that I was heard in the town below, at the distance of a mile; help came, and rescued two of the poor sufferers. No one called me an enthusiast then; and when I see eternal destruction ready to fall upon poor sinners, and about to entomb them irrecoverably in an eternal mass of woe, and call aloud for them to escape, shall I be called an enthusiast now? No, no!"

*"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men . . . Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him (Christ) to be sin (to bear the penalty of sin) for us, (Him) who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (II Corinthians 5:11, 20, 21).

### **THE ONLY SOLVENT**

In the chemistry class we learned how acids act on different substances. In the course of our experiment the professor gave us a bit of gold and told us to dissolve it. We left it all night in the strongest acid we had, and tried combinations of acids, then finally told him we thought gold could not be dissolved. He smiled.

"I knew you could not dissolve gold," he said; "none of the acids

you have there will attack it; but try this." And he handed us a bottle labeled "Nitromuriatic Acid (Aqua Regia)".

We poured some of its contents into the tube that held the piece of gold; and the gold that had resisted all the other acids quickly disappeared in the "royal water."

The next day in the classroom the professor asked, "Do you know why it is called "Royal Water?" "Yes," we replied, "It is because it is the master of gold, which can resist almost anything else that can be poured on it."

Then he said, "Boys, it will not hurt the lesson today if I take time to tell you that there is one other substance that is just as impervious as gold; it cannot be touched or changed, though a hundred attempts are made upon it. That substance is the sinful heart. Trial and affliction, riches and honor, imprisonment and punishment will not soften or master it. Education and culture will not dissolve and purify it. There is but one element that has power over it—the blood of Christ the Saviour, the aqua regia of the soul."

As it is written: *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He (that is, the God to whom we confess them) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (I John 1:8, 9). *"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin"* (I John 1:7).

R. R.

## **TRUE GOOD NEWS vs. FALSE BAD NEWS**

A friend of mine with a developed sense of curiosity, on a visit to Chicago, attended a service in a Buddhist Temple. They gave him some tracts to take home.

One of these tracts was a pamphlet of Daily Thoughts for a month, each Thought consisting of a selection or verse from the Buddhist Scriptures. The first Thought deserves our thought. It said,

*"By oneself evil is done, by oneself one suffers; by oneself evil is left undone, by oneself one is purified. Purity and impurity belong to oneself; no one can purify another."*

To begin with the last phrase first: what terrible news is this! This is not Good News, this is not the Gospel. We must all suffer for our sins, the Buddhists say; no one can atone for them, no one can expiate them, no one can propitiate God for us. The full wrath of a holy God must be borne by ourselves alone!

Fortunately no one need be a Buddhist if he knows Christ. No one need accept this *false* bad news, if he has heard the *true* Good News. Let us loudly and constantly proclaim the Good News that God hath made Christ *"to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."* For Christ *"His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness"* (I Peter 2:24).

*"Weary of earth and laden with my sin,  
I 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."*

G. H. C.



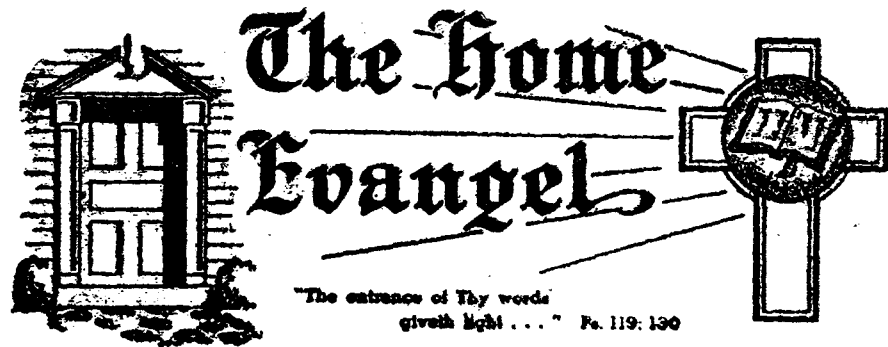
## CHRISTMAS CREED

H. J. Massingham, the English writer, son of the famous editor of the London *Daily Chronicle*, published a volume of reminiscences entitled "Remembrance," in which he repudiated his former free thought and atheism. He said, "I began to realize God from seeing what the world was without Him." The Christian religion became to him the only alternative to the blind alley in which humanity is trapped, "because the Incarnation is an historical concept which at once releases the idea of Godhead from the wilderness of the abstract,"— a technical way of expressing what Jesus said in answer to Philip's request to be shown the Heavenly Father: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9).

*"Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was mani-*

*fest in the flesh" (I Timothy 3:16). And so we believe in "one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end." (Nicene Creed).*





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Not far from New York there is a cemetery where there is a grave which has inscribed upon its headstone just one word—"FORGIVEN." There is no name, no date of birth or death. The stone is unadorned. There is no epitaph nor eulogy, just that one word—"FORGIVEN." But that is the most significant thing that can be said of any man, or written upon his grave.

The forgiveness that counts is forgiveness by God. It is God whom we have offended above all others. We have ignored Him. We have profaned His holy day. We have lacked reverence toward Him and the things upon which He has placed the sanction of His Name. We have in a thousand ways violated His command to love our neighbor as ourselves. We dare not face Him as we are in our heaped-up sins.

How may His forgiveness be obtained? The Bible, in Ephesians 1:7, as it tells us of God's Beloved Son Jesus Christ gives the one answer to this question: "IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION

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THROUGH HIS BLOOD, *THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,*  
ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE."

There we have it. God has provided forgiveness of men's sins through a Saviour from sin, who shed His blood as the price of their redemption from sin. Behold the amazing grace of Christ that He would do this for men who could have no possible claim upon Him. Through faith in Him they are forgiven, God's Word clearly teaches.

This is the way to FORGIVENESS. God help us all to accept it.

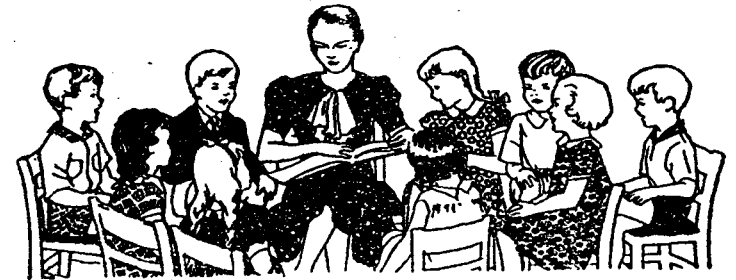
### *It is so hard...*

*Unbelievers delight in finding difficulties in the Bible. The Bible is so hard, so impossible, they assert. Take for instance the doctrine of the Trinity: is it not absurd, just plain impossible, for three to be one? Any child in second grade knows that one plus one plus one are three, and cannot be One. Simple arithmetic shows the nonsense of Christianity. So argues the unbeliever.*

*But is it so hard? The question is not whether the unbeliever's addition is correct or not. Certainly any bright little lad in first grade knows that one plus one plus one equals three. The question really is: should the unbeliever have used addition at all? It happens that one times one times one equals one. Where has the unbeliever shown that addition and not multiplication is the correct process? Oh, it is so hard for children, when they try to solve a problem, to know what to do. They can add, and they can multiply; but which does the problem call for?*

*The problem of the Trinity may not call for arithmetic at all. It may call just for a willingness to receive information from One who knows. In the Bible He has told us of Himself, that He is Father and Son and Holy Spirit, three Persons in the one Godhead. This is the God that created us and all things. This is the God who has redeemed lost sinners through the work of Christ the Eternal Son. Let us believe Him, trust Him and worship Him.*

*S. H. C.*



## Two Forms of Devotion

When we say that a man engages in daily devotions, we mean that he sets aside a certain time for Bible study and prayer. In trying to understand the meaning of the Bible, he attempts to see how it applies to his life. Suppose he is reading the Twenty-Third Psalm. It speaks of a shepherd leading his sheep in grassy meadows and along pleasant streams. It says the rod and staff of the shepherd are a comfort to the sheep. And the Christian who reads this asks himself, "Do I recognize that Christ is my shepherd? What blessings has Christ given me that are like still waters and green pastures? And, when, as is sometimes the case, I must go through the valley of the shadow of death, am I afraid or do I really trust my Saviour?" It is thus that a Christian comes to understand such portions of the Bible; and it is this meditation and thought that we call devotions.

But there is something a little different from this that is also called devotion. When a good Christian woman teaches a Sunday School class week after week, and never allows her frequent aches and pains to keep her home, and when she never gives up although the children seem not to learn and are hard to handle, when she can always be depended on to do what she says she will do, then we say she shows devotion. Ministers and missionaries have shown great devotion by preaching the gospel in difficult places; some face malaria in the tropics; some have to combat germs, dirt and bugs in heathen lands; some in trying to win hostile savages have lost their lives. This is devotion.

Every Christian ought to engage in both of these forms of devotion. The one is practiced in secret, the other openly. But both are equally necessary. Do you neglect either one? Do you neglect both?

—G. H. C.

## THE TRUE PORTRAIT

Dr. Tenney, who happens to be a very interesting preacher, once used this illustration: A father noticed that his young son was doing something on a piece of paper. "What are you doing, sonny?" he asked. "Drawing," replied the boy laconically as he continued to scribble. "Well, what are you drawing?" continued the father. "God," answered the boy. "But," objected the father, "no one knows what God looks like." "They will when I finish."

The primitive and the sophisticated religions of the world are drawing pictures of God. The pictures drawn in the interior of China are not the same as those drawn in New York or Chicago, for, of course, tastes in art vary. But the real trouble is not taste in art. The real trouble is that these religions do not know what God is like, and hence they cannot produce a true portrait. These religions have never seen God. God has never revealed Himself to them. A sensible man will therefore look on their imaginations as one would look on the scribbling of a young boy. And a sensible man, if he is really sensible, will seek for a true revelation from God. And he may find such a true revelation in the Holy Bible. This is God's authoritative message to men.

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him" (John 1:18). "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6).

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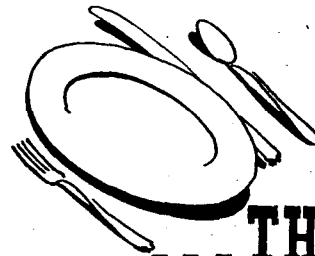
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# Evangel

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"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16: 31

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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.*"

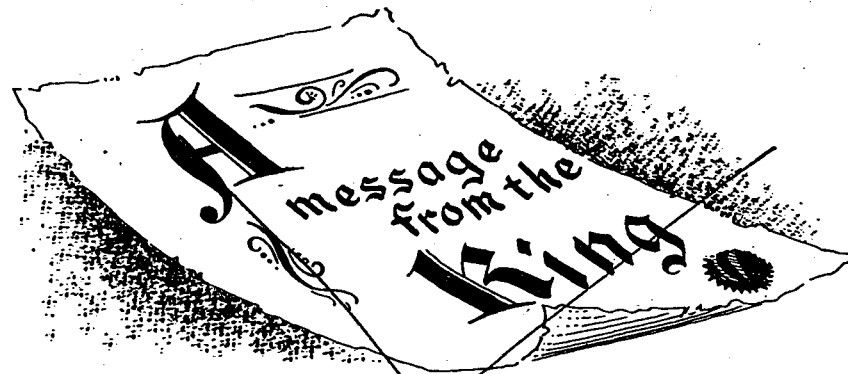
The Christian allowed his neighbor to walk away a few steps, and then called after him, "*Say, do you eat only one meal a week?*"

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!

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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.



## 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

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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.

# 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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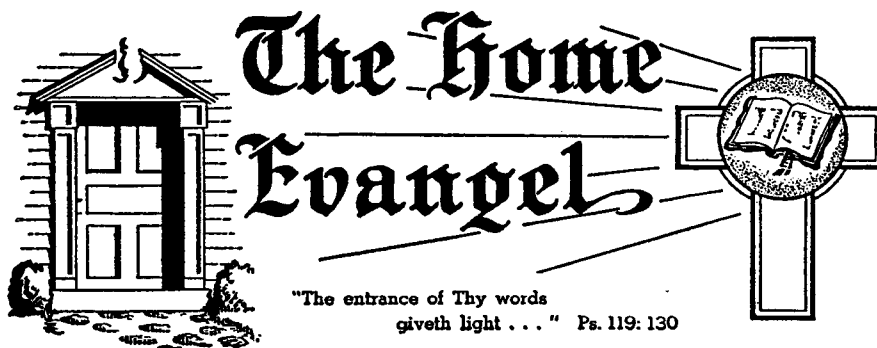
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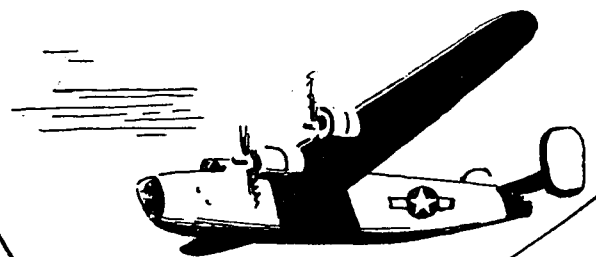


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## "One of Our Pilots is Safe"

During the Battle of Britain, there appeared one day in the memorial columns of *The Times* a notice in memory of an R.A.F. pilot, inserted by his young widow. All it said was this: "*In memory of Michael, R.A.F. One of our pilots is safe.*"

How is it that a person can be comforted when a loved one is killed? How *can* we say that such a one is "safe"? It is not because of the idea all too commonly held that death in battle earns Heaven. As a famous chaplain once put it, "A German bullet can send an Allied soldier straight to Hell." True com-

fort and assurance can only come through the Gospel of Christ.

"*There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*" than the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).

It is Christ alone, who can make men safe for time and eternity, for Christ is the only Redeemer of Sinners. He is the God-man. So He could act for men and He did by dying on the cross in the place of many as a sacrifice for their sins. So He could save many, for as God He is One of infinite worth mighty and able to save *all* who will come unto the Father by Him. The work of Christ relied on in heartfelt faith makes a man safe, any man safe. God grant that all who read may trust Christ as Saviour and so be safe.

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## HOW CAN A MAN FIND GOD?

Time Magazine tells the story of how Seaman Jack Cooper, radioman on a Navy torpedo plane, was shot down in the Pacific by the Japs and drifted for weeks alone on a rubber raft. Paper leaves in his wallet bore a record of what a young man thinks about as he dies slowly and painfully. These were the final entries: "July 14—Caught one small fish last P.M. . . . very slight breeze S. E. If this is my last day tell my big eyes (Cooper's sweetheart) to be happy with someone else. I'm back to salt water . . . God bless you all." "Surprise July 15 tell Helen I found God—be happy love. No rain for two weeks . . . tell Helen I loved her until the end—Jack."

In the pathetic story of Jack Cooper the sentence stands out like a beacon of hope "Tell Helen I found God." It might very well have been like this with Jack. Every life raft includes in its equipment a copy

of the New Testament of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Jack could have read there of how the Son of God came into the world that He might "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). He could have read of Calvary and its cross on which Jesus had said He would give His life "a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). He could have read the great statement of Jesus "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Thus—and of course thus alone—Jack could have found God, coming to Him through faith in God's Son as Saviour. As it is so graciously written, "For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This is the faith that relates us to God. This is saving faith. God grant it to us all.

## SHOULD WE KILL A LAMB?

The religion of the Ancient Jews of the Old Testament Scriptures and the religion of the idolatrous heathen were radically different in many obvious ways; but they both required the sacrifice of animals on an altar.

Why do we not sacrifice today? The Jews do not sacrifice because their sacrifices must be made in Jerusalem only; but why do not the rest of us sacrifice? Is it because we are civilized? No, this cannot be the reason, for the Greeks and the Romans were highly civilized and well educated; yet they sacrificed.

The true reason is that our society has been formed under Christian influence, and in Christianity there is no sacrifice because Christ offered Himself to God as a sacrifice once for all. He was the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The priests of the various religions offer sacrifice often, but now once in the end of the world

Christ appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself; and to them that look for Him He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:26-28).

Yes, sacrifice for sin is a necessary thing. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22). Christ's one sacrifice of Himself in His death on the cross met this requirement so sacrifice does not need to be offered by those who trust in Him.

You who read this, offer no sacrifice to God. Have you a right not to? By what authority do you fail to atone for your sins? Only if you trust in the shed blood of Christ, only if you depend upon His sacrifice for sin, can you legitimately refuse to sacrifice on an altar. Also, you must remember that the only altars of sacrifice that ever pleased God at all were the old Testament altars of God's people; they pleased God because they looked forward to Christ. Now His blood alone can save men from their sin. Has He saved you?

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## Essence of the Christian Gospel

"I declare unto you *the* Gospel . . . by which also ye are saved . . . unless ye have believed in vain (in an empty thing). For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:1-4). *In these brief words Paul sets before us the essence of the Gospel of Christ.*

Consider, first, that the Gospel is *essential*. Stress is on the definite article. There is only one Gospel, one way of salvation, one way to Heaven, one deliverance from condemnation. Men of the twentieth century must receive the first-century Gospel—there is no other.

Consider the *essential* facts of the Gospel. They are two: that this Christ whom Paul preached, this divine-human Saviour, died on the cross in behalf of sinners and that after being buried this Christ rose on the third day from the dead. The cross is thus the place where a sinless Substitute received the death-punishment due to many sinners. The tomb of Christ stands empty in attestation of the miracle of His bodily resurrection by which God the Father signified His satisfaction with the redeeming work of His beloved Son. And this is according to the Scriptures. The Old Testament predicted these things. The New Testament witnesses to them as facts. Here is the Gospel of Christ in its essence.

Consider the *essential* instrument in obtaining benefit from the Gospel. It is faith. Men must believe the Gospel. Men must commit their hope and trust to the Christ it declares. They do not rest in a vain or empty thing. They rest upon a mighty Person Who has wrought a sure salvation. Let men believe on the Christ of *the* Gospel.

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"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus  
The Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."  
2nd Corinthians 4:5

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