You are engaged in the most wicked business on earth. There is nothing being carried on inside or outside of hell so wicked, that is saturated with such infamy, debauchery and destruction in this life and eternal damnation in the life to come. You are doing business under a false illusion, as no man, state or nation can legalize anything God has forbidden. You are doing business with a conscience void of everything that is holy, pure, virtuous, elevating, educational or common sense. You are enemy number one to your community, to our public schools, our states, our nations; to common decency, the brotherhood of man, and nations: to Christianity, the Church of the living God and God Himself. About one-third of the people of the earth have been laboring under a curse from God for almost 4,000 years, brought about by one man getting drunk. If one man getting drunk one time in a life time of 950 years brought a curse of God upon one-third of the human race, surely the whole world is now under a curse, and you are helping to heap curse upon curse. Some of you may think you are respectable citizens in the community where you live, but you are operating the most disreputable business in the world, and a man is no better than the business in which he is engaged.

You may have a place you call a home of your own, but you are knowingly, willfully, maliciously, destroying the homes of others. Your children may never be orphans, but you are making orphans of other children who are entitled to the same chance in life as yours. Your bodies may never be ravished with disease, but you are causing millions of others to be weakened in body and mind, to be wrecked in body and soul. You may never be an inmate of an insane asylum, but you are helping to send others who will never return to normal life.

You may not be dope peddlers, in the commonly accepted sense, but you are selling a narcotic that is a deadly poison.

You may not be in the kidnapping racket, but your satanic traffic is kidnapping the integrity, the right to sound bodies and minds, good homes, the right to good parents, a virtuous environment and the right to be reared in a peaceful habitation from our boys and girls.

You may not be a criminal according to the law which granted you the license under which you sell the damnable, devil-injected poison, but you are robbing boys of real manhood, girls of their virtue, and little children of food, clothing and comforts of a good home.

You may not be a murderer, but you are engaged in a business that kills, destroys, and damns the bodies and souls of multitudes every year.

You may not be a reckless driver but your deadly dope is causing our highways to be baptized in human blood and thousands of souls plunged into eternity unprepared to meet a loving Saviour and a just God.

Your infernal traffic brings wretchedness to lives, destruction to homes, sorrow to mothers, heartaches to wives, poverty to innocent children, confusion to the community, corruption to the state, disintegration to the nation, and disgrace to civilization. It empties pantries, engenders strife, ravages the body and hangs crepe on the door. It is dishonorable, betraying, depraving, and degenerating. It is an enemy of virtue, modesty, and chastity. It destroys honesty, crowds our courts with criminals, overflows our penal institutions and costs our tax payers millions of dollars that should go into our schools and churches.

You are engaged in this bloody evil for gain of a few dollars, but you are trafficking in the souls of men. The filthy lucre coming into your hands from this business is blood money, and you are more guilty than Judas who sold his Saviour for thirty pieces of silver and then did the
Word and Work

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By The Editor

Preach Calvary

In the opening message of the Sixteenth General Council of the Assemblies of God at Dallas, Texas, on September 12th, Rev. J. R. Flower stated that God's glory will come forth once more as it did in the beginning if our preachers will come back to the Cross. He said, "When I go to church I do not want to be fed on European politics. I am getting tired of discussions about Mussolini and Hitler. I want to hear the old-fashioned story of the Cross, the sincere milk of the Word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, something that will meet the needs of my soul and make me feel like going down at the foot of the Cross.

"I know that we need teaching about many things. We want to know much about the coming of the Lord, prophecy and world events, the gifts of the Spirit and hosts of other things. But sometimes I fear we are apt to forget Calvary, the place of reconciliation and redemption."

The Holy Spirit has been given as a direct result of Calvary. There would have been no Pentecost if there had not been Calvary. There would have been no Sinai if there had not first been the Passover. The glory of God would have never fallen in Solomon's Temple if there had not first been a sacrifice and the shedding of blood."

Wholesomeness

This attitude makes the Pentecostal message wholesome. The editor once attended a convention at which the leader stated that John 3:16 was obsolete and out of date because it was before the Day of Pentecost, that since the Day of Pentecost only the Holy Ghost should be preached and not Salvation. No wonder this man's leadership has since resulted in a mess and much harm to the Pentecostal Movement.

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son whohsoever believeth on Him might not perish but have everlasting life." God's love and the sacrifice of His Son is never obsolete or out of date. It is the only hope of the world. Let us not swerve from the true course of the old fashioned Gospel.

Who Won?

Information gathered from various sources indicates the cost of the World War to the United States to be about $50,000,000,000. This does not in-


DARNING THE THIN PLACES

BY ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

Years ago I read the story of a dear old lady teaching her little granddaughter to darn stockings. Pulling the darning out of a stocking, the girl gleefully said, "I've mended the last hole, grandmother. I'm through." "Hold on, darling," said the grandmother. "What about the thin places?" The bright little face fell as grandmother replaced the darning, and together they looked for the thin places. "Why bother about the thin places, grandmother?" the child asked. "Is it not enough to darn all the holes?" Then the wise, loving grandmother explained what a stitch in time would do, often preventing the hole entirely—and so much easier to mend. Presently the darning dropped from both their hands and to that youthful heart came a message for all time as grandmother applied the homely lesson to the greater things of life. Her final admonition still lingers with me, "Never forget, darling, to hunt the thin places all through life. It won't take long to reinforce them, and it may save hours of time and worry later on, as well as possible embarrassment and heartache."

"Thin places!" They are not nearly so discernible as the gaping holes, for everybody sees them. We neglect the thin places until too late just because they are not so apparent; while, because we cannot hide the gaping holes, we work hard to remedy them throughout life’s problems generally. But practically every gaping hole was once a thin place. If you could have caught it then, how much easier the mending would have been—how less possible the disheartening mistake.

We will find that the Holy Spirit is very faithful to us about these "thin places" if we only heed the promptings and checks that come from God. "Mind the checks," was my good mother’s advice. I have actually known her to leave a sentence unfinished—checked by God before some "thin place" had become an actual break. There are some people who count up to a certain number when angry, before they speak. For us who follow the meek and lowly Jesus the touch of His nail-pierced hand should ever be enough to deter us from harsh, impetuous words. "Be ye angry and sin not"—by word or deed—applies very well here.

Then there are the "thin places" in our fellowship with one another. Paul must have been thinking of these when he wrote the words in Heb. 12:15, "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you and thereby many be defiled." Did ever strife or division come without first a "thin place"—a root almost negligible in appearance yet capable of sending out shoots of alarming size? We are all too sensitive; too conscious of our rights, our privileges, our abilities, our religious standing; too anxious to be properly understood and recognized. Call it what you please, but I fancy God looks upon all such self-consideration as "thin places" in our lives and service for God. In some of these vulnerable points we all fail so often of His grace, and the "thin place" becomes an open breach of defeat.

Unfortunately the matter does not end here. Our failure weakens the unity of God’s children. The jealousy, suspicion, resentment springing up in one heart stirs a similar fire in another heart until a "thin place" gives way in somebody else. Like the gradual working of leaven the trouble spreads until Christ-like fellowship is broken in a church and many have been defiled. Most every such difficulty started with one or two individuals, careless of some "thin place."

To know His grace in its fulness is to bear, to suffer, to break when conditions annoy. When two mountain goats meet on a narrow crevice, one immediately lies flat while the other walks across the prostrate body of the first. Thus both may continue on their way safely. Is it not a lesson for Christians? Meekness is not weakness, and it takes the strength of a lion to do the humble, Christ-like thing oftentimes.

There will always be "thin places" here on earth, for we all have them. Here is manifest the triumph of His grace. Praise our God! And while endeavoring to reinforce our own "thin places," let us not needlessly antagonize the "thin places" of others. Of course we can see them, sometimes better than the folk themselves. How little grace we show to rub their "thin places" into holes! And yet this is so frequently done. Instead may we know that burning love that shall cause us to ever "Lift the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees" (Heb. 12:12).
"I Am the Way"

A GREAT majority of the business men of the world fail in business. This is also true in the professional world, and in all walks of life. Failure or defeat stunts everyone in the face. Notwithstanding, every sane or right-minded person wants to be a success, and God so intended it.

Most of us start wrong. We should start with God, our Creator, and give Him our young and very best days. We should get well established spiritually, physically, and mentally, and continue faithfully with Him to the end of life. Then we would be successful. But so many, even after starting well, drop out by the way, because they go into by and forbidden paths not marked out by the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the Way," and if we follow His footsteps we shall not go astray and shall be a success, but not as the world reckons success. How many great men have failed at some part of the way, and many entirely. This has often been due to being untrue to their God-given trust. God has a purpose for every life, but we have the power to thwart that purpose if we so choose. Notwithstanding, there is one thing that God will not do, namely, He will not take from us our freedom of choice. We are free moral agents. So many leave God out of the question, and the best of us often take things into our own hands and go our own way. We are unwilling to humble ourselves, at every point to be teachable, and to be led by the Spirit of God. Self is unwilling to die, and generally looks out for self interests, and therefore often occupies a prominent place in life, usurping the Holy Spirit's place. But if we are to be a success spiritually, in God's Hands, we must be willing to die, moment by moment, to everything that ministers to the self life. There is no other way in God's plan for us but the Way of the Cross. As William Law puts it so beautifully, "God must do all, or all is nothing," and God cannot do all until all is expected from Him.

Abraham's Failure

Many of the old worthies of Bible times failed God in part and some entirely, Abraham was one: He knew God as it were face to face. He started out well, but in a crisis departed from God's appointed way and was a failure for a time. He followed the Lord and journeyed to Canaan, the Promised Land, it is true, and because there was a famine in Canaan he went down to Egypt where there was plenty. But he did just what men naturally do in trying circumstances. However, God did not send Abraham down to Egypt. He went of his own accord. Therefore he was out of divine order and lost a God-given opportunity of trusting Him and of seeing Him work a miracle to supply Canaan. But he took with him a beautiful girl (Hagar, an Egyptian), who became his concubine, and a child was born unto them (whom they named Ishmael), born after the flesh, who almost brought disruption into the family. There was contention and strife for years, until both he and his mother had to be turned out. True, Abraham came back to God; but it left a scar never to be healed. So it does with every backslider, who fails God. We have the descendants of Ishmael to this day across the Jordan, thousands of them unconquered and half civilized, desert roamers.

Saul's Failure

King Saul was another failure. He started well, was brought out from obscurity to fill a prominent place in Israel, but finally became exalted in himself through successes, was proud, arrogant and self-seeking, which always leads downward and to failure in God's sight. In Saul's case it resulted in his downfall, in the loss of his kingdom, and finally in a horrible death. He took his own life. What a record in the pages of sacred history!

Moses' Failure

Moses, the meek man, God's appointed leader: when a child hidden away in the bulrushes to preserve his life; forty years a young man shepherd in the desert, where he got his calling to leadership as no other man, in history. He was called to preserve the posterity of God's own people: to lead them into their promised land and to receive the Law from Mount Sinai. But even this righteous man who met God face to face failed Him in the last moment of his life through disobedience. He manifested an angry spirit and struck the rock in the wilderness, when he should have just spoken to it as God commanded him—and for this he was not permitted to enter Canaan. But on the Mount of Transfiguration after death he and Elijah were both present with Jesus—and this was in the Land of Canaan.

Israel's Failure

Israel, to whom much was given and from whom much was expected, failed God utterly in that they rejected Jesus their brother according to the flesh, born of a Jewess but under the Law, the Saviour of the world. He was their Messiah, for whom they

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The Mark Draws Nearer

By Frank Isensee, Modesto, California

One of the outstanding signs of the closing period of man’s rule upon the earth is the dominating spirit that is prevalent among those who attain authority. We must admit the necessity of a great deal of that in order to cope with the increasing disrespect for the laws of the land. Society exalts a criminal lawyer and pays homage to him because he is smart enough to snatch a law-breaker from the hands of the law. That encourages the criminal element. That brings more drastic methods from those in authority to deal with the situation. Those conditions are intensified as civilization becomes more complicated. Those who know their Bible are assured that this civilization will continue to become more complicated until the breaking point is reached, namely: the Battle of Armageddon.

God laid the blue-print down for the builders of the land. It has been constantly rejected. Civilization today is a complicated structure without a true foundation. Man’s final effort to avoid the crash is dictatorship: dictating to one and all and eliminating all personal freedom. That new system of government will also be a failure for the reason that wherever it is springing up they exalt it above God and the Church. According to God’s Word that constitutes blasphemy.

We read in Revelation 13:1 that a beast arises up out of the sea with the name of blasphemy on his heads. Daniel 7:23 tells us that the beast is that fourth and last great kingdom that conquers the whole world—for a period of time until he be subdued by the Most High, and the Saints will then take charge of the earth (Matt. 5:5; Zech. 6:15; Rev. 20:6).

Revelation 12:16 tells us that the head of this beast system of government or the personal beast will cause all classes, rich and poor alike, to have a mark put on their foreheads or on their right hands. The fate of those as well explained in chapter 14:11. Many will refuse the mark and consequently be killed, according to Rev. 14:12, 13, but they will likewise rule with the rest of the saints during the reign of Christ upon the earth (Rev. 20:4).

Checking up on many of the national events of the present day we find the spirit of that coming mark in different forms throughout the land.

The first outstanding sign of that spirit in modern times was the Union card. In all fairness to Unionism (this writer carried a card for many years) I must say the motive in most cases has been a desire for fair play. Nevertheless the spirit of being bossed and taking orders when to work and where to buy, etc., was there, and a clear conception of what that can lead to is well known to most readers.

Just a year ago the city of San Francisco was completely closed for several days by orders from Union head-quarters. All classes alike were told just where to eat, and every move in the city limits was directed by the Union bosses. Who was right or wrong I am not able to say. The fact remains that it was a good example of how easily great power of authority can slip into single hands. I have never given the N.R.A. much study. Any of God’s children could tell from the start that it would be a failure. Even so, here again we have seen a good example of the coming mark. Dictated from head-quarters what to sell, what not to grow, even going so far in some sections as to tell how much ham to put in a sandwich and what to charge for it.

We beheld how that blue eagle appeared with seven feathers on one wing and ten on the other, symbolic of the Beast of Rev. 13:1. Regardless of the fact that the blue eagle is a dead issue, that spirit marches steadily on toward the final goal—the mark of the Beast.

A great movement is now on to fingerprint all new born babies. That will sooner or later extend to all classes. Worldly people wonder why the masses must be checked and classified and put under ever increasing powers of regulations, why personal liberty is being crushed. Without God there is confusion. We are living in the day of the great falling away from God (I Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 4:4; II Pet. 2:2). Therefore the confusion of the masses is becoming so great that they eventually must be herded like branded cattle on a ranch—kept together in one body by force in order to have some semblance of governmental order.

When these present world dictators have their final fling at each other, naturally there will be the survival of the fittest left to take charge of world affairs. He will have great power and authority; and, as the anti-Christ, he will claim himself to be above God (Rev. 13:6). We read carefully Rev. 12:9 and find that the Devil or Satan is also called the dragon. Now turn to Rev. 13:2 and we read how that dragon gives all his power to the head of this beast system, or in modern terms, the last dictator. Why does God allow all this? We will again repeat the only answer, Rev. 17:17: “For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His will and to agree and give their kingdom unto the beast until the Words of God shall be fulfilled.”

How plainly the shadows of this coming event are showing themselves upon the pages of the daily papers! The United Press of September 4th, states the following:

“General J. B. M. Hertzog, prime minister of the Union of South Africa, stated today he believes the Ethiopian crisis is the beginning of one of the bloodiest and most cruel periods the world has ever known.”

Time and space will not permit other quotations, but there are literally hundreds of prominent world leaders that think the same way. Let us read Matt. 24:21: “For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

In Daniel 12:1 we again read of that great trouble that will come, “such as never was since there was a nation.” Do not the quotations of world leaders run parallel with the Scriptures? Is it not time to be awake when the world can see these coming events so near at hand? We are promised deliverance from the coming trouble if our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Dan. 12:1: Rev. 21:27).

Let us be sure we are ready to escape the fate of the coming mark of the Beast. “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15).

Streams in the Desert

By Mrs. Chas. E. Cowman

One of the choicest of devotional books. Through experiences of deep sorrow and testing the compiler learned to know Him who one day will wipe all tears from our eyes. The dominant note through all the daily readings is comfort. It is a rare gift book. Art Fabricated binding. Price $1.50, postage 15c.
A BOOK UNDER the above title has some very striking answers to prayer. The author is Charles Ernest Scott. Published by "The Sunday School Times Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa." There are several incidents, interesting from the point of view of miracles of healing. Mrs. Scott, wife of the author, was during his absence dying of spotted typhus-high fever merging into delirium.

No word of her condition had reached him— "But now for the first and only time in my life, premonition of danger, indeed of harm already wrought to my loved ones, struck me with an unexpectedness that was uncanny, and with a dagger sharpness. There was still another week of this itinerary to be completed, preaching in the villages round about, but now the thought of continuing it became torture. By three o'clock I had decided to do what I had never done before, cut all engagements and hasten back home. No child ran to greet me; my wife was not about the house. Vague terror was in my bones. A little later I was told with a painful impressiveness that made my heart thump, that Mrs. Scott had been removed to the Municipal Hospital. Also that one daughter was in the hospital with dysentery, another was recovering from it, but so weak, emaciated, and generally changed that I hardly recognized the chubby, robust girl I had left; a third, the baby boy, was also sick, but convalescing from that same hateful disease.

A careless servant had drawn bad water, and failed to boil it properly. On seeking out the German physician in charge of the hospital, and asking for my wife, he announced: 'There is no hope. All skill is unavailing, because the case was caught too late.' I staggered away from his presence into the hospital garden, and there had it out with God. The Chinese elders from various churches came to comfort him. They all spoke in words to this effect: 'Friend, do not fear, only believe.' Rest your heart in Him. We shall pray for her through.' 'The strength of a new faith and of added courage was ours; waiting confidently upon Him. Needless to say in our home there was a ceaseless outgo of prayer like the flow of a river. All the household joined, to the smallest daughter, not quite three years of age, and convalescing. So it was, despite the authoritative pronouncement of the wise and learned doctors, despite all the fever-charts, proving recovery impossible, the sick one began to mend. In fact, she made an abnormal, rapid recovery from the danger-point; and we saw the queen of our home restored to us, as one snatched from the jaws of death' (p. 111).

Now follows the story of a grand old Christian, zealous in the "Jesus Doctrine," and possessed of a burning heart for Christ. He was seventy years old and blind; blind, as he explained, from the general infirmities of old age. He was what the Chinese call, "Ten parts zealous for God." preaching the Gospel out of his irrepressible love and gratitude to his Saviour. On hearing the story of Liu, also reputed for his zeal, now eighty years of age, being healed of blindness, he with others began to pray and was healed at the end of a year's supplication. Liu, he says, 'One Sabbath day, bound for church, all alone, was feeling his way along in a pitiful manner very haltingly, not as an expert blind man, blind from his youth. At last he found himself off the path, stumbling among the grave mounds of a private grave-yard. Just then a heathen neighbor passing called out in the spirit of derision— 'Why cannot your God make a blind man see? Can He not see you? Is He not strong? Why do you not beseech your foreign Jesus Holy man? Why does He not help you?'

By these cruel words the old man was stirred to a new realization of things, to spiritual perspective. Moved by the Holy Spirit, he in daring faith replied to the taunter: 'The true and living God can help me, and from now on I shall trust Him. In faith believing. I am going to pray to Him to heal my eyes.' So he began that day to pray earnestly, casting himself utterly upon the grace and power of God, saying over and over to himself: 'The Lord has promised. according to His faith be it unto thee.' He meditated on that promise, soaked himself in it, and actually claimed it. In a few days he saw! His eyes were better than ever before. He did not use glasses. The heathen taunt was rebuked, and used to the glory of God.'

A pupil of the Boy's High School at Isingtau, named Wan, became a zealous member of the school's Y.M.-C.A. preaching band, and in the...
course of a few months was the means of leading twelve of his relatives, immediate members of his family, into a saving knowledge of Christ. His grandmother, still a heathen, became suddenly possessed with a legion of demons. She called out continually “Woa shih chu kuin Wwei tsi— (I am a herd of swine devils) " Wan called upon the believers of his family to unite in prayer for the casting out of the demons. In the name of Jesus (Acts 16:18) they commanded the unclean spirits to leave her. At last the grandmother said. "I am so relieved; the dirty herd has left me! I besought the true God. He heard, He pities. He drove out the demons. My heart now has peace." To this was added glad amazed when she said: "Oh, I have seen Him, Jesus the Saviour! He came to me when they were leaving me. He gave me release." Previous to this turning point the grandmother had violently opposed the "Jesus Doctrine" but now she urged the other members of the family to believe (pp. 130-135).

A student at the boys’ school of the same mission at Chefoo, whose name as a Christian was MA-NA-SI the Chinese equivalent of Manasseh, when home on vacation at his father’s house, though only twelve years old, was remarkably used of God in a case of demon possession. His father, a Christian minister, was sent for from a distant town by a heathen family because their young daughter-in-law, a heathen, had become so violent in the throes of demon possession that they had decided to send for the father as a "Holy Man" of the "Foreign Devil" Jesus religion as their last resource, but he being away on a pastoral visit, the messenger pleaded on his knees that the boy would go in his stead. The unfortunate victim was most terrifying to the family, revealing a spirit of sacrilege of outrageous impiety, of brazen blasphemy, mingled with impish malignity towards things sacred and full of all kinds of violence. So the boy accepted the entreaty as God-sent and as he went toward the heathen city made every reasonable preparation for casting out the demon, and then cast himself upon the God of power and mercy to help him for the glory of Jesus Christ. When he arrived, some of the members of the family by main strength were holding down the tortured young woman upon her kang (bed). Though she had not been told what the others were doing, yet as soon as she heard footsteps in the court outside the room where they were assembled she said, with an imperious wave of the hand: "All of you get out of my way quick so that I can leave. I must fly! A Jesus man is coming. I cannot endure him. His name is MA-NAN-SI." It was all the family could do to hold her down by their united force. MA-NAN-SI kneeled down and prayed, after which he sang a Christian hymn in praise of Jesus: and then in the Name of the Lord commanded the demon to come out of the woman. At once she was calm though prostrate in weakness, and from that moment was no longer troubled. Later, after being fully recovered to strength and normal condition, she was quite unconscious of what she had said or done on that memorable day and she was particularly amazed to learn that she had uttered the name of some one whom she had never seen or heard of, and whose name was a Bible name of which she was necessarily ignorant. This miracle was used to strengthen the faith of all the Christians, and was the means of opening that village and county for the progress of the Gospel. “Gloria in Excelsis Deo.”

KISPEST, HUNGARY

Dear Ones in the Lord:
Greeting in His dear Name.

The first of August we had the privilege of going to visit those who are hungry for God. In one assembly, which we visited on our way to Czecho-Slovakia, several outsiders held up their hands for prayer and the saints were revived. When we came to Slovakia, God gave us the privilege of visiting the work, which we had before leaving Hungary the first time. During the ten days which we were there we visited four places. In the first place we baptized eight souls in water. Many people came from the different villages, and one man and his wife, with two children, walked 35 miles for the baptismal service. A young man and his wife from the wealthier class also came, and asked us to hold services in their home, which we gladly did. Quite a few came to the service and we had a blessed time in the Lord. In one town the Baptist people opened the door to their church. We held two services there. Please pray that the seed sown there may come up for the glory of God. In Slovakia there is no leader. I could stay there no longer because I had to hurry back to Hungary as I had some baptismal services there. Pray that the Lord will send a leader there.

I arrived back in Hungary just at the time of a Holy Day. On August 20 all traveling rates are reduced to half price. So the saints gathered from many places to the Kispest Assembly. The Lord blessed us wonderfully and seven souls were baptized in water. Bless the Name of the Dear Lord for all His blessings. In the last eight or nine weeks the Lord has blessed us wonderfully. Quite a few have been saved, some healed, and about thirteen have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Join with us in praise to the Lord, for you are one with us from America, for your prayers and help are a part of the work here.

Hold on just a while longer for the Lord is coming soon and then we shall all receive our reward together.

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Water Baptism and Its Formula

By A. H. Argue

SOME HAVE taken the position that the command as given by Jesus in Matt. 28:19 should not be quoted when baptizing the believer. The name of Jesus only, they say, should be used. This point is made an issue, rebaptizing those who have already been baptized according to Matt. 28:19. Do the Scriptures and early church history warrant this?

Jesus (who was made "both Lord and Christ" Acts 2:36, II John 3) in His great Commission given just before He ascended to the right hand of God, Mark 16:19, gave the church the marching orders, and authority to baptize when He said, "Go ye therefore and teach or disciple" (that is lead to an acceptance of Christ) "all nations" (not the Jews only, but all human beings) "baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age" (R.V.). The minister has a responsibility to fulfill this definite command, as all the authority of the universe was transmitted to our risen Lord, who appointed this baptism as an ordinance of the Christian church. It is important we note that every official act of God's true servants do, when sent by the Lord Jesus Christ, whether preaching the gospel, anointing the sick, or, in this case, baptizing the believer, in obedience to His commandment, is therefore done in His name, whether "in word or deed." (Col. 3:17). There is no argument here. No one can deny this, as we are His ambassadors, and represent Him. Our duty is to carry out His orders, and when we baptize the candidate as He commanded, INTO the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do it on His authority. That means the deed or act of baptism is positively done in His name. The preacher has no other authority than what Jesus gave us in Matt. 28:19. This is the only direct command given to those AUTHORIZED TO BAPTIZE THE BELIEVER. This Scripture clearly teaches the deity of Christ, Unity of the Triune God, personality of the Holy Spirit, subordination of the Son to the Father, and of the Spirit to Father and Son, though all are co-equal.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the Scriptures dealing with water baptism differ from each other. They refer to the candidate, and are not formulas given to the one authorized to baptize the believer. It is important to note this distinction.

In I Cor. 10:2 we read that they were all baptized unto Moses, in the cloud, and in the sea. In that case Moses was their authority. "The law came by Moses." But our authority came by Jesus Christ. It would no longer have been fitting for the apostles to continue the old order of either John's baptism or the baptism unto Moses, after Jesus gave them instructions on water baptism for the church age in Matt. 28:19.

The question may arise as to what formula was used by those upon whom the mantle of the apostles fell.

Ignatius and Polycarp were very outstanding Christian leaders near the end of the apostolic period, and in the days immediately following. They were co-workers together, and disciples of the Apostle John. Polycarp lived A.D. 65-158, and was one of the great defenders of the faith. He was ordained Bishop of Smyrna by the Apostle John, and was martyred for the gospel. Ignatius lived from A.D. 30-107. He was Bishop of Antioch, a successor we are told to the Apostle Peter, whose name, along with that of the Apostle Paul, is mentioned as having ordained him. He too was martyred for the gospel. Before his martyrdom he requested Polycarp to come to Antioch to strengthen the saints. Ignatius, in writing to the Philadelphians, when referring to water baptism, centered on Matt. 28:19, and in his writings to the Philippians said:

"Being mindful of your love, and of your zeal in Christ put you in remembrance of your Christian course, that ye all speak the same thing, as Paul admonished you. For there is one God of the universe, the Father of Christ, and one Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord, and also one Holy Spirit. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There is then one God and Father, and not two or three. And there is also one Paraclete, one Spirit. There are not then either three Fathers, or three Sons, or three Paracletes, but one Father, and one Son, and one Paraclete. Wherefore also the Lord, when He sent forth the apostles to make disciples of all nations, commanded them to baptize in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Not into one (person) having three names, nor into three (persons) who became incarnate, but into three possessed of equal honor. For there is but one that became incarnate, and that neither the Father, nor the Paraclete, but the Son only." (Quoted from "The Apostolic Fathers, Justin Martyr and Irenæus," Vol. 1, pages 85-116).

Irenaeus, here mentioned with Justin Martyr, lived A.D. 120-202. He too was martyred, after being Bishop of Lyons. See page 444 of the same volume where he emphasized water baptism from Matt. 28:19.

Justin Martyr's writings are among the most important that have come down to us from the second century. He was educated in the most refined schools of classic literature, we are told. His Apologies are said to be the earliest extant. They are characterized by intense Christian fervor. He was born about the time of the death of the Apostle John, and ministered to saints and followers of John. Justin Martyr was true to the gospel of Christ as proclaimed by the apostles. In fact so much so, that he sealed his testimony to the truth of the gospel by martyrdom, about A.D. 165. I quote now from "Justin Martyr and Athenagoras," Vol. 2, Chapter 61, on Christian baptism.

"Then they are brought to us where there is water … and for this rite we learn from the apostles … there is pronounced over him who has repented of his sins. 'In the Name of God the Father and Lord of the universe, and of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit.'"

Again, we find in "Primitive Church History of the First and Second Century," by Chaplin, page 59, that Justin Martyr in his masterly defense of the Christian religion addressed to the Emperor of Rome, before his martyrdom, included water baptism, citing much the same formula as given above, from Matt. 28:19.

Tertullian, A.D. 155, in quoting the command of the Apostles, goes further, "Commanding that they should baptize in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost.” Clement of Alexander was in accordance with Justin Martyr. In chapter 15 of ‘Primitive Church History of the First and Second Centuries,’ we read as follows: “The Apostolic Commission: This commission, which is generally regarded as dating from the appearance of Christ to the eleven after His resurrection, as collected from the evangelists who have reworded it, reads as follows: ‘Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature, baptizing them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.’”

Matt. 28:19 stands. However, if any are not fully satisfied, the following formula, if carried out by immersion, should satisfy every objection, as the candidate is baptized in His (Jesus) Name, both in word, and deed, and baptized as He commanded, viz: “In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I baptize you (as He commanded) into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen!”

After Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, as He went up out of the water a wonderful scene takes place; the Father speaks from Heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son.” The Son sees the Heavens open. The Holy Spirit as seen by the Son descends like a dove. Matt. 3:16. In Matt. 17:5 the Father again speaks, saying, “Hear ye Him.”

Bethel Home News

By J. J. Corum

Dear Friends:

Praise the Lord for another month of health for all in Bethel Home, also for good weather.

We had our first frost September 17th, no damage. Quite a heavy frost the 24th. Late rains helped our garden some, but too late for our potatoes, and our supply will be limited for the winter.

Several of our friends have written for extra copies of March 1935 number of Word and Work and we have done our best to fill your orders, but had to cut some short, account of the demand as we only printed 500 extra. We cannot supply any more of this number, but if the demand seems sufficient we will run this story of Azusa Mission again in a revised and enlarged form with the original picture. This picture is not to be used by others by request of owner.

The shoddiest of all cheap-John goods is cheap-John religion. This reminds me of a number of conversations and communications I have had with others who print and publish for religious people who willfully ignore requests to pay their bills, but go on shouting loudly. A few have discovered their shouts are not heard very far and have mailed a remittance to cover or pay on their old accounts. Their church and Sunday school are now growing, and they are surprised at the growth and interest in the prayer-meeting. Keep on paying and praying and watch the revival grow. Honesty is the only soil that will produce the fruit of the Spirit; do not waste time planting elsewhere.

We will send Word and Work to all new subscribers until January 1937 for $1.00.

Send your offering now for Bethel Home and get Word and Work free for one year for each dollar donated: your friends will appreciate Word and Work and the old folks will appreciate the donation.

We are now in the midst of saving corn fodder for our cows and with this we expect to have enough feed of this kind to carry us through the winter. We are reducing our poultry flock to the minimum on account of high priced feed.

Nations have forgotten or are forgetting God. Political leaders usually ignore Him. Our fathers in their councils often spoke of Him and prayed to Him. Today many of them are out hunting and fishing and having what they think a good time even on the Sabbath. The present world system and would-be world leaders do not have God. Without God we are lost, and N.R.A., No Relief Ahead.

Unexpectedly a neighbor who had more apples than needed kindly donated us a few bushels and more to come. Praise the Lord!

We have just completed printing another good supply of tracts and can fill your orders. 110 pounds for $30.00 until December 31st f.o.b., this city.

New England foliage is putting on a new dress and if you want to see something beautiful see New England during October. Visit Bethel Home while seeing New England.

We had a few visitors this month and they expressed a desire to come again. They seemed quite surprised to see and know what we are doing. Quite a number of our friends were with us the last few days of the camp-meeting at Wellesley Park. Brother John W. Follette was the evangelist and we were glad to entertain him for dinner on a few occasions.

New England nights are beginning to remind us winter will soon be here. We have not yet had to start our furnace as one of the old ladies happened to be blessed with a few dollars coming from friends and bought an oil stove which has served the purpose of warming our parlor which all have used when needed.

One good brother sent us $5.00 for coal. Praise the Lord and thank you. This will furnish coal for five days if the weather is not extremely cold.

A REQUEST

After reading this magazine please pass it to others. If you have friends you want to help, send us their names and addresses and we will send them free copies. God bless you. Pray for us.

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THE PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM

By Mrs. H. R. Pannabecker, Assistant Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Toronto, Canada

Just as there is a scarlet thread running through the Bible representing the Blood of Jesus, so there is a white thread running through the Bible which is the promise of the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Of all the promises of the Bible God exalts this as "The promise" of all the ages. Of this the prophets proclaimed the advent of the King—He also told of the coming of the Holy Ghost. This incoming and indwelling and filling of the Holy Ghost was to be an epochal experience in the lives of His people.

It is a Promised Baptism
"I send forth the promise of my Father upon you" (Luke 24:49). Even the promises which found fulfillment on Calvary are no more numerous or strong than those which came at Pentecost. (John 14:16, John 15:26.)

It is a Commanded Baptism
"Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). Believers are under as great an obligation to obey this command as any other in the Bible. All who thus refuse to "TARRY" until filled, disobey God and not only imperil their own souls but those of all whom they might win if thus filled. We cannot teach obedience until we exemplify it. A citizen who disregards the supreme requirements of the government never would be commissioned to represent it. All who knowingly ignore this commandment are thus guilty.

It is a Spiritual Baptism
"John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:5). John's was with water. This is with God. This Baptist is deeper than skin and bones, blood and nerves, hence it must be spiritual. Yes, it is a glorious spiritual reality.

This Baptism is Administered by Jesus
"Being therefore by the right hand of God, exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath poured forth this, which ye see and hear" (Acts 2:33). Hence we see that all criticism of the Holy Ghost and His power is criticism of God and His power. All opposition to the Holy Spirit is opposition to Him. Just as John administered water, so Jesus administers the Holy Spirit.

It is One Baptism
Some have supposed the Baptism with the Holy Ghost to be distinct from the Baptism with fire—that is two baptisms, one with the Holy Ghost and one with fire. That this is a mistake is seen from the fact that Jesus in Acts 1:5 referring to the fulfillment of the promise made no mention of fire at all, and that when it came the tongues of fire were simply attendants of the Spirit. When Jesus came His advent was signalled by a star. When the Holy Ghost descended, His was by these tongues of fire. Yes, there is but ONE Baptism. Eph. 4:5 verifies this.

You may have many revivals of the fire already in your heart; the Greek translation of II Tim. 1:6 reads thus, "Therefore I remind thee to revive and refire the gift of God in you." Timothy had received the Holy Ghost, but here Paul admonishes him to revive and refire it. If Timothy needed showers from Heaven to revive the Divine life in him, would we not do well to profit by Paul's advice to Timothy? There is no danger of our getting too much of the power of God!

It is a Verified Baptism
When the long-looked for day of Pentecost had come and the conditions were all met, the promise was fulfilled; the power of God fell upon the waiting people and they were filled with the Holy Ghost. This experience was repeated with Cornelius and his company (Acts 10) and with the Ephesian converts (Acts 19) and with others, making the early Church pre-eminently a Spirit-Baptized one. There were thousands of witnesses to this Baptism. Thus the reality of the Baptism and its obtainability by the believers has been settled.

It is an Empowering Baptism
It is the promised "power from on High" the "Power of the Holy Ghost." It transforms weaknesses into giants. It imparts all needed power to effectively witness, work and pray, preach, give, endure, deny, suffer, sing, write, shout or die for Jesus as He may will.

It is a Liberating Baptism
All bondage is henceforth broken. The soul at last is liberated. The cage of conventionalities and opinions and preconceived notions is broken.

It is Fear Dispelling Baptism
Under its influence, cowardly Peters become bold conquerors.

It is an Exhilarating Baptism
It caused such intense spiritual intoxication that the people thought its possessors were drunk. They laughed and shouted so uproariously that it brought multitudes of people to see the strange new sight. It so planted the ecstasies of Heaven in human hearts heretofore strangers to such soul-thrilling vibrations that they could not control their transports, and evidently they did not care to. Doubtless there were those who were confused and disgusted at such a spectacle, still others who could not conceal their rage and said, "they could not see any religion in it." But the saints rejoiced, Peter preached and God took care of the consequences, three thousand were converted in a day and Heaven and earth rejoiced.

How the devil and his aids would like to persuade us that this was only for ministers and for the early days! Woe to the sham preachers who are propagating such a lie!

It is illuminating
It clarifies the spiritual vision, so that great Bible truths which before were seen only in dim outline now appear to be gigantic Rocky Mountain Ranges.

It is the Mainspring of True Liberality
"Neither was there among them any that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the price of the things that were sold and laid them at the apostles' feet" (Acts 4:34). Real Pentecostal fire consumes dry leaves. Stinginess on the part of a person professing to have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is like the spots of smallpox on a person professing perfect health. You cannot retain the experience of the Baptism of the Spirit and withhold from God that which belongs to Him.

It is a Drawing Baptism
"And when the sound was heard the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6). Yes, when Pentecostal fire falls
it will attract the crowd. The fire reals always gather a crowd but the ice wagon goes by unnoticed.

It is a Commanded Baptism

"Now when they heard this they were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). This is a startling answer to the question that the Baptism should not be preached to the unsaved. Because John Wesley taught that only believers were eligible to the Baptism many have perverted this into the error that this doctrine should not be preached in the presence of the unsaved. This is another lie of the devil. The preaching and testimony of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of the mightiest of convicting agencies not only to those who have not been filled with the Spirit but also to the unsaved. A drowning man will not slaken his efforts to board the life boat if told that there is not only life in it but clean clothes and an abundance of provisions.

It is Abiding

"That He may be with you forever" (John 14:16). The Holy Ghost comes into a temple that has been cleansed from all sin and carnality. Unless the conditions of His remaining be violated, He will abide forever. The soul-temple was created for this, redeemed for this, possessed by Him for this. He never will leave unless He is grieved away.

It is a Derided Baptism

"But others, mocked, saying, They are filled with new wine" (Acts 2:13). Derision is one of the world's favorite weapons. It accused a Spirit-baptized people of being on a drunken spree. It attributed the work of the Holy Spirit to the work of the unholy spirits. Modern formalists are guilty of the same sin. If you laugh or weep or shout or leap under the effect of this new wine of the Kingdom marvel not if false professors at once turn upon you their guns of devilish derision, but rather rejoice, dear ones, for so persecuted they the prophets before you.

Who is this Baptism for? Who may receive of the fulness of the Spirit?

It is for Believers Only

"Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto Him, and He cannot know them because they are spiritually judged" (I Cor. 2:14).

Jesus resurrected Lazarus before He liberated him. He does not propose to furnish and cleanse the devil's houses. John did not baptize corpses with water, nor will Jesus baptize dead souls with the Holy Spirit. Only believers living in the glorious light and conscious sonship of God received the Baptism at Pentecost or ever have since.

Absolute Abandonment to God

What are the conditions for receiving the Holy Spirit? ABSOLUTE ABANDONMENT TO GOD. "Given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

The Holy Spirit May Be Quenched

"Quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19). As water quenches fire, so the Holy Fire kindled by the Baptism of the Spirit may be quenched by turning upon it the cold water hose of neglect of duty, failure to confess Christ and witness for Him and disobedience to His promptings.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is indispensable else God would not have proclaimed it, provided it, and commanded it; else Jesus would not have purchased it and stand ready to administer it to all who would meet the conditions. Without it there may be love, but not perfect, unselfish love. You may have peace without it, but not perfect peace and calm in the midst of turmoil all about you. Without it you may have joy, but not fulness of joy.

Without it God is displeased. His commandments and promises are unappropriated, spiritual gold mines of opportunity have been neglected, and souls lost, that, with it, might have been won.

Believer, have you received this Baptism? Are you enjoying its glorious impartations? If not—why not?

EVANGELISM

By Dr. J. N. Hoover

Jesus, the Christ of God, whom we love and whom we serve, was an Evangelist, for He went everywhere preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. There is no work so great, so blessed and important as soul saving. An evangelist is one whose heart is on fire for the salvation of souls.

The greatest Evangelist this world has known was Jesus Christ. He knew how to sacrifice. He knew how to tell the message of His Father to dying men and women. He knew how to Rebuke the proud in heart and lead the gentle in spirit.

Blessed be God for Jesus Christ, who opened the first evangelistic campaign against Satan; who fired the first revival gun; who gave the first altar call and with the sacrifice of His own life blazed the way to the gates of heaven. Don't you want to be an evangelist? Don't you want the joybells of salvation ringing in your soul? I know you do. Then let us kneel at the altar of God, let us pray as did the Disciples of old, and we will then know something of the power and joy that filled the hearts of those in the upper room at 'Pentecost.'

Milton E. Fish

Brother Milton E. Fish, one of our contributing editors for years, has resigned as pastor at North Uxbridge, Mass., where he has been pastor for nine years, and is now taking up the work which has been his desire for many years.

No doubt God qualified and called him to the place he is to occupy in training the young people for God and service in His Kingdom who are students in The National Bible Institute of New York City where he has the chair in New Testament, which includes Greek and English interpretation.

We have greatly appreciated his answers to perplexing problems sent in by our readers and regret his new work prevents him from continuing as one of our regular contributing editors.
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world a favor by committing suicide, the thirty pieces of silver being used to purchase a burying ground for the poor.

You laugh and sneer at those who oppose your unholy and abominable business and try to make believe you are smart and broad minded, but pay day will come. "Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap: he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption." You cannot be a party to making your fellowmen drunkards and not escape the inevitable consequences for your sin; remember, God has spoken on this subject: "Woe unto the man who giveth his neighbor drink, or putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunk also." In making men drunk you are helping to enlarge hell, for God says that "No drunken shall inherit the Kingdom of God." If you are determined to go to hell, why do you want to drag the souls of others with you?

Nations and empires have been born in honesty, cradled in righteousness, grown in virtue, love and favor of God, into full manhood, strength and power; but alas, alcohol crept in. Leaders became imbeciles, national integrity dishonored, love and respect of virtue, decency and chastity, were lost or disrespected, and the love and favor of God departed: and the man or nation that is without God comes to decay or destruction and death.

The individual who imbibes alcoholic drinks cannot be 100 per cent sane, and any one partially insane is not capable of thinking intelligently, and is usually more susceptible to evil than good. God said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; (a brawler), and whosoever is deceived (ereth) thereby is not wise." Usually all who uphold this evil think themselves very wise in their own conceit, (deceit). Those who oppose the devil and all his devices, (none worse than strong drink) are usually possessed of wisdom, good judgment and a sound mind, for God also said, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and a sound mind." (Gr. Sobering).

Mr. booze seller, the only conclusion I have to offer you is that, those who engineered the deviltry of bringing this abomination before the voters, the voters who helped to legalize it, and the consumers, are all in the same ship with you, but you do not have fellowship.

Why not be honest with yourself and admit that your putrefying business is a stench in the community and a reproach on respectable society? Have you stifled your conscience, stultified your reason, and sold yourself to the devil in order to fool yourself into this business? Have you said goodbye to all sense of honor, decency, virtue and respectability?

Do not uncover your ignorance or that of your allies by trying to defend yourself or business by arguing that thousands and perhaps millions of church members are your customers; remember, church membership is not salvation or Christianity. If your purchasers are members of an organization they are pleased to call church be reasonable with yourself and be it known unto you that none of them are Christians. Read the Bible for yourself and you will no doubt soon find this to be true and flee the wrath to come.

You may not like this letter, and I do not expect you to. You may think strong language has been used but my only regret is that I do not have a stronger vocabulary and I have not taken time to consult those who have. No doubt you will be so busily engaged in the filthy conversations and dispensing your hell fire that you will not take time to consider what has been said, but never mind: don't bother about it now—you will have plenty of time in hell to think it over if your thinker is in working condition. Too late, too late. One minute of repentance now is worth more than a million years weeping and wailing in hell.

The Six Miracles of Calvary

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The Life-Story of Charles Haddon Spurgeon: Heir of the Puritans

By Richard Ellsworth Day

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THE DOGS OF WAR
WHAT SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN’S ATTITUDE?

By Donald Gee of London, England

The dogs of war are again straining at the leash as we write; and it is difficult to forecast what will have happened by the time even these words are published. The dispute between Italy and Abyssinia brings the evils of modern warfare closer to us in Europe than at any time since 1918; and it cannot be truthfully affirmed that the possibilities of Britain becoming involved are so remote as some imagine.

To our young people (how quickly the years speed by!) modern warfare is still something vaguely thrilling, somewhat terrifying, but an unknown quantity. To those of us who are over 30 it holds no illusions: we know its madness and horror and anguish, and above all we have come to realize its futility. We face a possible conflict between the Great Powers as a nightmare that is only too real, and we have good ground for uncomfortable conviction that a perverted science has only stored up vile factors that will doubly intensify the torture.

Beyond all the outward and physical elements of warfare, there are the deeper spiritual and moral issues involved; the stirring of tremendous waves of intoxication of judgment, the conscription not so much of men as of minds. The comprehensive character of modern warfare means that the individual is irresistibly swept at a great price, to lose his identity in all matters of conscience.

We ask ourselves again, what is the position in the present ominous world-situation of that body of spiritual experience, and that communion of believers, which we call “Pentecost”?

Some will quickly answer that it is no business of the Spirit-filled child of God at all. “Our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20); and our concerns are to be purely and simply with heavenly things. This we hold to be largely true, and we have always regarded it as a fundamental misunderstanding for the believer to become absorbed in political affairs.

War, however, is something which in the very nature of things today makes it impossible for the believer, howsoever spiritually-minded he may be, to preserve a complete detachable corollary in such times of national emergency. There are many deeply-spiritual Christians, whom none can accuse of worldly-mindedness, who nevertheless feel that they fail in a clear duty if they hold altogether aloof in a time of common need and general crisis. It must be always left to the individual conscience to determine to what extent voluntary, or even compulsory, participation can be entered into. We need a large toleration with one another in such matters, with mutual respect for differing convictions.

The general attitude of Pentecostal people nevertheless seems sufficiently clear, and is well expressed in one of our Constitutional Minutes of Assemblies of God:

“That inasmuch as the Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to love our enemies, we who are followers of the Prince of Peace cannot participate in war and bloodshed, but desire to render unswerving loyalty to His Majesty’s Government as far as morally possible according to Titus 3:1-2; Matt. 5:38-39; Rom. 12:14-21.”

The fruit of the Spirit is peace, and those who are led by the Spirit will always identify themselves with those things that make for peace among men. Without desiring to be critical we cannot but feel that the great majority of the churches utterly failed in the last war to give that lead in expression of the Spirit of Christ which was expected of them. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost should give power to witness for Christ in this matter, as much as in any other; and our beloved Pentecostal people do well to give these questions serious thought so that they may be ready, should a crisis arrive, to know where they feel God would have them stand.

There is a commonly accepted interpretation of the Bible among us which, as we believe rightly, recognizes that wars are inevitable until the personal return of our Saviour to set up His Kingdom upon the earth. Not only do we believe that wars are likely to increase in frequency and intensity as that Day approaches. It is this conviction which compels us to regard the League of Nations as a beautiful, but vain, dream. All the tenor of prophecy is against the fulfillment of its attempts to guarantee peace. Fundamentally it is doomed to failure on principle, because it makes no adequate recognition of the basic cause of all wars and fightings, which is sin; or of the Divine Remedy, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The blessings of peace are so indescribable that we believe all Christians should seek their extension and prolongation by every legitimate means in their power. With many of the present political methods we admit the Pentecostal believer can have nothing to do, because they involve principles to which he can never subscribe. But the method of prayer is always available, and for its use in connection with world-powers and peace we have the inspired exhortation of I Tim. 2:1-4. At such a time as this we should redouble our prayers, both in private and public, that if it be possible there may yet be given to us a further period of peace on earth.

There need be no unworthy element of mere selfishness in such intercession. There is a declared connection between our own living of “quiet and peaceable lives,” and “all men” being saved and coming to the “knowledge of the truth.” Scarcely anything hinders the propagation of the Gospel so much as war and its aftermath. For the Gospel’s sake we who know the fulness of the Holy Spirit should plead earnestly for peace to be maintained.—Redemption Tidings.

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were looking and who fulfilled their Scriptures to the very letter. Nevertheless, because He said that He was the Son of God they crucified Him. Peter, the Apostle of Christ who followed Jesus closely for three years and loved Him dearly, was given great power to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead, but failed utterly in his most trying test. For him to say that he had never known Jesus, and to curse when pressed hard about the matter, is almost unthinkable. But let us withhold our criticism for the present. Peter was human like all of us, and we too may have just such an opportunity, or a similar one, before Jesus comes, to stand for Christ and the truth. Will we fail utterly or will we be true? His grace, if we trust Him, thank God is sufficient. Peter, honest as he was, expected too much from Peter, like many of us. We lean on the flesh when all should be expected from God only. God's woe is pronounced upon all such who trust in the arm of flesh. Oh, it means much to come down from our pedestals, humble ourselves and trust God to do the seemingly impossible. But if we are going to be a success after God's order, our trust and expectation must be in and from God only. With Paul we must be able to say, "I can do all things through Christ who is my strength." A wonderful experience and position to take, but there is no other in God's plan for us. Peter the Apostle failed; it is true; but it is also true that he retraced his steps, came back to God, confessed his sin, and got filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost and became a power in the hands of the Lord. So we His people, even in these most trying days when everything looks so dark and gloomy, if we do likewise. And this is surely the need of the hour. The world is waiting to see such power manifested before they will believe. Peter preached a short sermon and three thousand were converted. He was so indwelt by the Spirit of God that the sick were healed by his shadow falling upon them. Was it Peter? No, it was God, resident in him, doing the work through a surrendered channel. God give us more of it in the ranks of the Lord! After all, this is God's only way of success in His vineyard. Not I, but Christ, in a human being, re-living His life, unhindered in word, thought and deed. This is Christ-

Word and Work

Laodicean Conditions

It is not so much what we do, but what we are spiritually, in God's hands. Activity is all right, but very dangerous if not controlled absolutely by the Lord. Has not the Church, and individual Christians as well, failed God by substituting the works of the flesh for the Spirit, as did the Jewish people, and ignoring the place that the Holy Spirit ought to occupy? For this we have the awful apostasy which is now quite in evidence everywhere and lamentably so here in America. Too much place has been given to man, until we are almost worshiping the creature instead of the Creator. The Church has drifted into Laodicean conditions mentioned in Revelation. She is rich in goods and has no need of anything, and will not repent, humble herself and come back to her God-given place. But individuals will, and are, thank God; and many are being filled with the Holy Spirit and are being prepared to be caught away when Jesus returns—which may be sooner than we think.

Will God's People Fail Him?

We must be detached from this old world, prepared, ready and waiting for Him, if we want to be a final success and in this company. If not, what is there left for us but to be shut out from the Marriage Feast as were the five unwise, foolish virgins in Matt. 25? They were failures because of a lack of preparation. They had oil, which was symbolic of the Spirit, but not the fullness, or enough to admit them. They were careless and indifferent about the whole matter as are so many Christians at present. Are we, God's people, going to fail Him now, when we have had so much light and so much is expected of us, in this the most serious hour in the world's history and the closing of the dispensation? Are we going to be true to our calling to follow Him and to herald this gospel to the whole world? This is the greatest privilege given to man. It means nothing less than to leave all in His hands and to follow Him wheresoever He leads. This must be done, irrespective of the consequences, if we want His best and to be translated when He comes. A host of God-fearing people believe it is very near. He is, we believe, rapidly closing up the age. The powers of darkness are being let loose for the Tribulation. Who among us is sufficient to stand, unless we humble ourselves, get filled with the Holy Ghost and are anchored in the Rock Christ Jesus, our only hope and safety?

What an awful thing to be left behind and to fail God, after all He has done for us, and to go into the Tribulation—which is indescribable. But God wills it that we should be at our best and to have His best. Then where He is we shall be. Therefore a wonderful prospect is held out to all who love His appearing—to all who are separated unto Him, expectant and looking for Him at any moment.

This ought to make us all the more urgent in our preparation and in heralding the good news world-wide. God grant it!

QUESTION BOX

By Milton E. Fish

Question:—Please explain John 3: 13.

Answer:—In verse 11 Jesus with John the Baptist unitedly witness to the moral qualification of repentance, and the individual personal need of the new birth from above. This testimony Nicodemus and his associates rejected. Jesus further makes a claim that excludes John the Baptist, in calling Himself the Son of Man, Who has direct unique knowledge of heavenly things. In a sense that cannot be ascribed even to John, Jesus Christ claimed heavenly experience. Because the Son of Man is more than man. He resides simultaneously in heaven and on earth. He is omnipresent. While believers have departed to be with God, and Elijah even ascended, without dying, into heaven, no mortal has ascended to have the direct knowledge of the mind and activity of God that Christ has. In other words, no saint of holy insight on earth and no glorified believer on the other side of the river has known or understood God and His glorious power as does the Christ of God.

Question:—Of whom is Paul speaking in II Cor. 12: 2-4?

It is evident that the apostle Paul is here referring to himself. Verse 1 indicates that he is writing in a mood of boasting of his experience. He naturally referred to himself in the third person, as though he viewed himself objectively.
Pandavermangatam, Kolpatiri

SOUTH INDIA

Greetings in the sweet precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ from a far off and ignorant corner of dark South India. May His all-embracing and ever attractive grace and mercy rule over this house. We all are well and happy in the Lord and wish to hear the similar news from you all.

We are regularly receiving the valuable "Word and Work" for which I thank you from the depth of my heart. Through your excellent paper I have cleared up a lot of things that were puzzling me and it suits my ideas in every way. May God bless you in your work. Especially the articles that are written by Alice Reynolds Flower give much pleasure to go through and awake my heart.

You may know all the difficulties and disappointments of the workers in heathen lands. Beloved saints, Brother Nayagan, one of our workers of the South, is now in jail for the sake of the Gospel. The people here had wantonly lodged a criminal case against him in such a way that he was not able to conduct his work under the Superintendence of this division. Please hold up this matter seriously to our great Heavenly Judge to do justice in this case. Pray for his poor family also. I can humbly say we have already tasted blessings though we are going through hard times. I am determined in His strength to continue the work, and see how they assimilate the precious truths.

Beloved saints, Brother Nayagan, our faithful and earnest students of God's precious Word. God bless you in the world. Especially the articles that are written by Alice Reynolds Flower give much pleasure to go through and awake my heart.

Coimbatore, South India

Blessed in Christ:

One scarcely realizes how rapidly time passes away. It seems but a short time since I wrote you before and yet I know it is quite a time. Much has transpired. We have opened two new stations where we have baptized 40 new converts from Hindustan.

In the one village we have already lasted 30 days. It is outlandish places to carry our belongings. On the way, two oxen were running away, and this young lad shouted out "These new Christians have great luck, for this is a very good omen." I spoke to him, and he told me he would like to become a Christian, but his family were all soothsayers (including himself), objected on account of this profession. He is such a bright little chap that I covet him for Christ. Will you please pray that God will hold on to him and so deliver him that he will become an evangelist to this people? God is able.

This week we went to another village where one of our workers has been working. These belong to the Thiev Cast. We had the great joy of baptizing 26 of them. Hallelujah!

While at this village we were given the glad news that the Thiev Cast (Landlords) had requested baptism. This is very marvellous in our eyes. We are planning to go to baptize them before the end of this month if possible. We feel this is a great victory and trust it is the beginning of a great many more among the Gowden Cast. Please pray as never before for these Gowdens. We have longed for a move in this direction and it appears that God has begun to work among them.

We are delighted too, at being able to baptize some of the Thieves, for in these days not many of the Thiev Casts are turning to the Lord. His Name be magnified!

The extension of work means the increase of evangelists in this branch. We do not feel we can allow them to be left alone to "paddle their own canoe." When they are grounded in the truth we can leave them to look after the local work, but surely not until then. If we doubt our forces we could, in a very short time, more than double our work. We have to refuse because we cannot undertake further financial responsibility. This is very hard when we recognize souls are perishing all around who need real, loving care and guidance. The Bible school is making excellent progress. We have now eleven bright students, all eager and earnest students of God's precious Word. What a joy it is to daily teach these young men, future evangelists and pastors of their own people, and see how they assimilate the precious truths. Out of the eleven we have two who are regularly supported by friends. The others, with us, look to the Lord for the supply of their needs. Will you join us in this noble work? I am very glad I had the precious privilege of studying in the Bible school before coming to this land of darkness and idolatry.

A marvelous case of healing is reported by one of our workers. One person possessed of a deaf and dumb spirit was delivered in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Hallelujah! It is good to see His Word being confirmed with signs following. At Coimbatore we yearn for the erection of our building. We feel it is very necessary since people continually go away on account of lack of accommodation. This last Sunday night people were standing in the compound as there was no room for anyone. You can help us build by very definite prayer. We are counting upon you. Yours in His great grace.—Spencer and Maud May.

Rangoon, Burma

My husband and I are Pentecostal missionaries working among the Indians and Anglo-Indians of Rangoon, Burma. We are the only Pentecostal missionaries in Burma excepting a family of Swedish brethren on the Chinese border. We have been in Pentecostal work for the past 14 years. I received my Baptism 14 years ago this month in San Jose, California. We have a Bible school in Rangoon. We receive the blessing of God on our ministry here. We are faith missionaries, but a good part of our funds are sent through a small Full Gospel Organization.—Edna Mae Anderson.

Word and Work

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