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“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

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Dear Friend,

My, oh my, how time flies! Here we are in June of 2017. It seems like only yesterday I was a lad on the old one-horse farm here in south Louisiana. Someone has said, “Time and taxes wait for no man” and I find this to be true.

My main concern is that I find so many are not concerned or even aware, and the Bible teaches so plainly, that we are now living in those perilous times the apostle Paul spoke of. Let me call your attention to a few. Men shall be lovers of their own selves more than lovers of God. Children shall be disobedient to their parents. You shall hear of war and rumors of war. I could go on but I believe you know the conditions that I speak of.

Our critics often call us here at Radio Missions “hellfire and damnation preachers.” Some call us “doom and gloom,” but by the grace of God, we are only bringing God’s Word as it is, to men as they are. The Pastors of this work who have gone on to be with our Lord never attempted to be popular in the world’s eye; beginning with the late Pastor L. R. Shelton, Sr. He pauperized himself to get out the Gospel. I am sorry to say, in today’s religious world, this is not the case.

I am not at all surprised at the religious world’s condition, for God’s Word is plain. My only concern is for our people, that the Holy Spirit would come and meet with us; awaken our loved ones and our friends to see their need of salvation. I tell my radio audience often, “the greatest need we face is not larger meeting houses, gymnasiums for ball playing, not great musicals and bands to entertain folks, oh no! Our need is that our Lord by His mercy and grace would send the

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SAVING FAITH

(Part 2 - Its Nature)

A. W. Pink (1886-1952)

There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness” (Prov. 30:12). A great many suppose that such a verse as this applies only to those who are trusting in something other than Christ for their acceptance before God, such as people who are relying upon baptism, church membership or their own moral and religious performances. But it is a great mistake to limit such Scriptures unto the class just mentioned. Such a verse as, “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death,*” (Prov. 14:12) has a far wider application than merely to those who are resting on something of or from themselves to secure a title to everlasting bliss. Equally wrong is it to imagine that the only **deceived** souls are they who have no faith in Christ.

There is in Christendom today a very large number of people who have

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been taught that nothing the sinner can do will ever merit the esteem of God. They have been informed, and rightly so, that the highest moral achievements of the natural man are only "*filthy rags*" (Isa. 64:6) in the sight of the thrice holy God. They have heard quoted so often such passages as, "*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*" (Eph. 2:8-9), and "*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us*" (Titus 3:5), that they have become thoroughly convinced that heaven cannot be attained by any doing of the creature. Further, they have been told so often that **Christ alone** can save any sinner that this has become a settled article in their creed, from which neither man nor devil can shake them. So far, so good.

That large company to whom we are now referring have also been taught that, while Christ is the only way unto the Father, yet He becomes so only as faith is personally exercised in and upon Him, that He becomes our Saviour only when we believe on Him. During the last twenty-five years, almost the whole emphasis of "Gospel preaching" has been thrown upon faith in Christ, and evangelistic efforts have been almost entirely confined to getting people to "believe" on the Lord Jesus. Apparently there has been great success. Thousands upon thousands have responded - have, as they suppose, accepted Christ as their own personal Saviour. Yet we wish to point out here that it is as serious an error to suppose that all who "believe in Christ" are saved as it is to conclude that only those are deceived (and are described in Proverbs 14:12 and 30:12)

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"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

- Philippians 4:4

The Sinner's Concern for His Soul

L. R. Shelton

Are you concerned about your soul? There came a man to Christ one night who said, "I want to know the way of life; I want to know the way of righteousness." Then there fell down at the feet of Paul and Silas at midnight one night a man, a jailor, who cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" He was concerned about the way of righteousness. Then one day when Peter was preaching, three thousand cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter turned to them and told them the way of righteousness. A rich young ruler once came to Christ and said, "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" There have been anxious sinners down through all ages who have been concerned about their souls. Just let an individual become concerned about his soul, and it scares those around him to death. They can't get over it. No, they can't! They don't know what to do with an awakened sinner who cries out, "I am lost - lost; I'm condemned to die and on the road to Hell. I want to know Christ." So I am addressing these words to you, my awakened sinner.

In the first place, let me make this statement, every awakened sinner should be deeply concerned about his soul's salvation. There isn't an awakened sinner, but who should be deeply concerned about your soul's salvation. The tragedy is, so few are concerned about their soul's condition. So few who claim to be saved seem to be concerned about you, and how many will stand at the judgment bar of God saying, "Nobody ever told me about the Lord Jesus who died for sinners!" My friend, I am concerned about your soul. The Lord God of Heaven is concerned about your soul.

The Lord Jesus Christ is concerned about your soul. The Holy Spirit is concerned about your soul. Therefore, you should let nothing interfere with your concernedness, your anxiety about your soul - not a thing, friends or foes. You should condemn all indifference and everything that stands in your way of coming to Christ. Let me say this to you, don't you let anything interfere; you condemn every friend, every enemy, everything, anything, no matter what it is, that stands or interferes with your coming to Christ. I don't care how Satan may whisper to you and tell you that you have crossed the deadline, condemn his whispering, damning voice in your heart, my friend! That's one of his chief weapons he continually uses throughout all centuries on every awakened soul.

Awakened sinner - you are an immortal creature. Did you ever stop to think about it, that you are born to live forever, and every day brings you nearer to death, nearer to Hell, nearer to judgment and nearer to eternal damnation and eternal torment! Did you ever stop to think about it? How Satan would like to lull your heart and your mind into a state of indifference and carelessness this very moment! Oh, may the Spirit of God stir up your heart, that you will condemn everything that would interfere with your coming to Christ. Awakened sinner, Listen to me - you are a sinner. Have you ever stopped to think that you are a sinner? Listen again. You have broken God's Law; you have rebelled against His authority, and you are under the wrath of a sin-avenging God. Did you ever stop to think of that? I'm talking to you sitting there in your chair, my boy, my man, my

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BIBLE PROPHECY EXPLAINED AND EXPOUNDED

God's Bible Book of Prophecy

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A. R. Copeland

Bible scholars refer to the last things in scripture, including most prophecy, as eschatology. It comes from the New Testament Greek word, "Eschaton." The principal meaning "the last" like as in Matthew 20:16, "*The last shall be first.*" However, eschatology generally refers to the last days, to the end of the age, like as in John 6:39, Jesus said of the dead, "*Would raise it up again at the last day.*" We read in Acts 2:17, "*the last days,*" and in 2 Timothy 3:1, Paul uses the words "*in the last days*" of which he said "*perilous times.*" Now the Bible is a book of prediction, and keep this in mind, as there are many prophetic utterances. When you speak of the prophecies of the Bible just keep in mind that many have been fulfilled like as in Isaiah 53, the story of Jesus and in Micah 5:2, states that He will be born in Bethlehem. We are told, "*The things which God had shown by the mouth of all the prophets that Christ should suffer, he has so fulfilled.*" – Acts 3:18. Thus, we see – that many of the Bible prophecies have already been fulfilled. Some prophecies are being fulfilled, like as in Matthew 13:24-30, the parable of the wheat and the tares. In Matthew 24:5-14 Jesus describes the course of this age. Some have been fulfilled, some are being fulfilled, and there are a great many prophecies both in the Old and in the New Testaments yet to be fulfilled.

SOME GREAT PROPHECIES TO BE FULFILLED. For example in Isaiah 11, we see a picture of the millennial reign of Christ. In Ezekiel 38 and 39, we see what is called the War of Armageddon. The war of Armageddon is between nations and

the battle of Armageddon is between earth's nations and Christ. In Matthew 24:15-31 we see a definite picture of the great tribulation period, the coming of the Antichrist and the coming of Jesus Christ and many other prophecies. As we look at the future, let us note the words (1) "prophet", (2) "prophecy," (3) "prophesy." "Prophet" as a noun occurs 315 times in the Old Testament and 156 times in the New Testament. "Prophecy," in the verbal form occurs 110 times in the Old Testament and 28 times in the New. All these prophecies we call, "prophecy," which word occurs 22 times in the Old and New Testaments. So the three words, "prophet," "prophesy" and "prophecy" occur 631 times in the Old and New Testaments, and are worthy of our study. Some Old Testament characters who were called prophets did not utter predictions of far off events but foretold God's messages like as did Elijah in 1 Kings 17:24. Some of the prophets had a wider ministry than of mere foretelling like as Elisha, but ordinarily a prophet was one who foretold the future. We have a precious word connected with the word "prophecy" and it is most important because the word is "promise." God always has a promise with His prophecies, especially in the New Testament when related to believers. Note in Acts 13:23 it speaks of God, "*According to his promise.*" This prophecy refers to the series of prophecies in Genesis 12-13-15-22-26-35 when God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they would have a great seed and possess the land of Palestine.

PALESTINE OCCURS ONLY FOUR TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND

COMES FROM THE WORD "PHILISTINE." Yet this land is referred to as "*the land of promise*" and you will find it in Hebrews 11:9 and not in the Old Testament. Some of God's promises connected with prophecy are for all of us, that is, both Jews and Gentiles, as we read in 2 Peter 3:13, "*According to his promise we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*" You can put great emphasis on the word "righteousness" because we see such worldwide wickedness under man's rulership. You will note when Paul addressed the Athenian philosophers in Acts 17, he told them when Christ would come "*he would judge the world in righteousness.*" With a world wave of sweeping criminal unrighteousness and dishonesty, one thing will be stamped on the civilization during Christ's reign and the millennium, will be the word "righteousness." Having looked at two words, "prophet" and "promise," let us note the third word is "the end." This term is particularly of a prophetic nature especially in the book of Daniel to the time of the end, in chapter 8:17, 19 and 11:27, 35, and our Lord Himself referred to the "end" in Matthew 24:14. Also related to these two references you will see in 1 Cor. 15:24 "*Then cometh the end.*" "*The end*" is related to "*the times*" and "*the last days.*" There is a significant reference to this in Genesis 49 when Jacob reviewed the future of his twelve sons (Vs. 1) "*the last days.*" We also have this same phrase in Joel 2:28-31 which Peter quoted on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

OUR LORD USED THE PHRASE "*THE LAST DAYS*" OFTEN. You will notice His use of it in John 6:39-40 and other places. The apostle Paul also

used the phrase "*The last days*" in addressing Timothy in his second epistle in Timothy 3:1. You will find it also in 1 Peter 1:5. Other terms relating to the New Testament writer predicting future events are such words as "foretell" – Mark 13:23; 2 Peter 3:2, or to "testify beforehand" – 1 Peter 1:11. Let us note again the apostle Paul when he addressed the Athenian philosophers, when he used the phrase, "*God hath determined the times before appointed*" – Acts 17:26. How much more comfort would you want than this? Not Hitler, not Mussolini, not Stalin, not Communism, not Antichrist, nor anyone else, because it is God "*who hath determined the times appointed.*" Galatians 3 suggests words all beginning with the letter "R." Verse 8 "*And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*" Note the words (1) Restitution – Acts 3:21 "*In the times of restitution,*" (2) Refreshing – Acts 3:19 "*Times of refreshing,*" (3) The reformation – Heb. 9:10 "*Time of reformation,*" and (4) Regeneration – Matt. 19:28 "*in the regeneration.*" You will note the little syllable of RE always means "again," the second time that is. (1) restitution, (2) refreshing, (3) restoration, and (4) regeneration. This shows you what God will bring about. Two things about God that must be true if His word is fulfilled, He must know all things that are yet to come, and must have the power to bring them to pass or somebody might thwart His purpose and prevent some prophecy from being fulfilled.



Eternity to the godly is a day that hath no sunset; eternity to the wicked is a night that has no sunrise.

– Thomas Watson

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woman, my girl. I'm talking to you! My heart is going out to you, who are condemned; you are in the prison of death, you are under the sentence of death, you are an immortal creature, you have been born to die. You are going to spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. Listen to me, will you? Don't turn that dial! You listen to me!

Every awakened sinner should consider **WHAT THE LOSS OF HIS SOUL INCLUDES**. Yes, sinner, consider what the loss of your soul includes. It means the loss of Heaven. To lose Heaven is to lose everything. It means that God becomes your enemy. It means the loss of happiness - you have no happiness now; there is no happiness as you go about your home duties, or your church duties, as you go about this or that or the other, your business, and so on. There is no happiness out yonder in the future, because to lose Heaven means that you have lost all God's favor. To miss Christ means you have lost all happiness. To miss Christ means that you have the loss of all hope, and you have the endurance of God's wrath forever, the curse of Almighty God resting upon you. I'm pleading for your soul, my friend. *"What [will] a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Mark 8:37) Did you ever stop to read that scripture, *"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"* (Matt. 16:26) May the God of all the earth stir up your heart right now, as the eagle stirs up her nest, and may He as it were blast you out of that indifference that you are in. May there come such an anxiety, such a care, such a concern in your own heart about your soul's salvation. Oh, may your cry be, as you face the awfulness of eternity, "What must I do to be saved?" Oh, may there come such a cry from the depths of your

heart, "Oh, where may I find Him? Oh God, be merciful to me the sinner." May there come such an anxiousness from your heart, my awakened sinner. I'm pleading for you there in Michigan, I'm pleading for you all over the Midwest, I'm pleading for you there in the eastern states, on the Gulf Shore, out in the West, wherever this message is going over the air and in print around the world. I'm pleading for your soul, my man; may God stir up your heart so that you can't rest until you rest in Christ Jesus, my Lord.

Yes, my friend, every awakened sinner should **GIVE THE MOST EARNEST HEED**, lest you fall away, because the eternal loss of the soul is not a rare thing, but a very common occurrence. Oh, if only those who have said to me, "Brother Shelton, I want to be saved," had turned to Christ, if they had become anxious about their souls, we would have had a tremendous audience today! But how many hundreds and thousands have written to me, or spoken to me personally, or called me over long distance telephone, and said, "I want you to pray for me, I'm lost," and then after a while have turned away, and I have never heard from them again! I'm pleading for you today. Yes, *"Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto (eternal) life, and few there be that find it"* (Matt. 7:13-14). You say, "Well, there's such a few." But, do you know what I'd do? I'd make up my mind, that I'd be one of those few. I would! Do you know that over 90% of people who go in business fail, but they still go in business, don't they, year after year? I know, when I left the seminary, I lacked about twelve hours finishing my Th.M.

degree. I felt constrained to do it, but one of the professors said to me, "Well, Brother Shelton, do you know that only one out of a thousand succeed who leave the school before they finish?" I said, "I'll take that chance of one out of a thousand. I'll let you know whether I succeed in Christ Jesus my Lord." And today I am speaking to millions around the world.

When God awakened me to my lost condition, I looked around and saw so few who seemed to know Christ, and I said, "Yes, just a few." The Lord was asked that question one day, "*Are there few that be saved?*" (Luke 13:23) I said, "I'll be one of those few by the grace of God." And I was; I entered in. It cost me everything in the world that I had or ever hoped to have, but today after almost thirty years I would not go back to that old life. I would not want what I had back there for anything; there is nothing in the world I would exchange my blessed Lord for. God help you, sinner, to flee to Christ.

Salvation IS possible to every awakened sinner. You may be struggling hard with sin, and faith may be wrestling with lust; it may be wrestling with some sin, some demon that has gotten hold of your life. You may be wrestling with old Satan himself, as he has come to you and told you there's no hope for you because you are such a sinner; but listen, salvation has come to many others, and why may it not come to you? You may reason, as I did, "Christ died for sinners, why did He not die for me? He did, because I'm a sinner. Others came to Christ, and He didn't turn them away, why should He turn me away?" Yes, salvation is possible to every individual who is awakened.

Let's notice that SALVATION IS A BLESSING. Oh, salvation is such a blessing! I know that the infidels, the atheists, the skeptics, the modernists, and a great group of preachers today tell you it's impossible to know God. They tell you that from the pulpit;

they tell you that in high educational circles; they tell you in classes of philosophy, science, and others, that no individual can know God. A man said to me the other day, "You know, we are such little creatures, such little worms of the dust – why should God be so mindful of us that He would make Himself known unto such creatures as we are?" Oh, in their blindness they do not understand that God condescends to make Himself known to the hearts of men through the Lord Jesus Christ. Why not to your heart? Why shouldn't He make Himself known to your heart there? And He will. He will! You just look to Him.

Let's notice WHAT A BLESSING SALVATION IS. Salvation includes all the riches of God's eternal GRACE and the riches of His glory. To think about the great eternal riches of the grace of God that planned salvation, that brought salvation down to man, and the mighty gulf between a Holy God and a lost sinner that God did span at Calvary. Salvation is a DELIVERANCE from sin; salvation is a deliverance from eternal death. Salvation is a deliverance from the judgment of a sin-avenging God. Salvation is a deliverance from the wrath and the curse of Almighty God. Salvation is a deliverance from Hell, but, greatest of all, salvation is a deliverance from self. Salvation is a translation into the Kingdom of the Son of God (Col. 1:13-14). Salvation is a present possession.

Salvation is a pardon from the guilt and penalty of sin. Salvation is a peace that passes all understanding; that peace is Christ. You know, my friend, when the Holy Spirit makes real to that heart Christ as your Lord and your Saviour, He sets you beyond the penalty of the Law. He sets aside the penalty of the Law and pardons you; then there comes a peace in that heart, a quietness, a silence before God. Oh, when the terror of the Law leaves, the sinner sits quietly at the feet of the Son of God! You can rest

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who have no faith in Christ.

No one can read the New Testament attentively without discovering that there **is** a “believing” in Christ **which does not save**. In John 8:30, we are told, “*As he spake these words, many believed on him.*” Mark carefully, it is not said “many believe **in** him.” But “*many believed **on** him.*” Nevertheless, one does not have to read much farther on in the chapter to discover that those very people were unregenerate and unsaved souls. In John 8:44, we find the Lord telling these very “believers” that **they** were of their father the devil, and in John 8:59, we find them taking up stones to cast at Him. This has presented a difficulty unto some, yet it ought not. They created their own difficulty, by supposing that faith in Christ necessarily saves. It does not. There **is** a faith in Christ which saves, and there is also a faith in Christ which **does not** save.

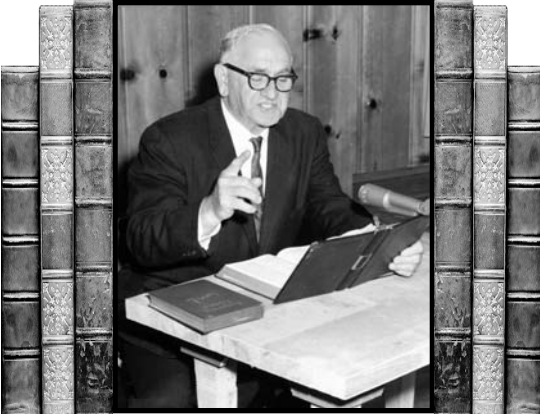
“*Among the chief rulers also many believed on him*” (John 12:42). Were, then, those men saved? Many preachers and evangelists, as well as tens of thousands of their blinded dupes, would answer, “Most assuredly.” But let us note what immediately follows here, “*but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God*” (John 12:42-43). Will any of our readers now say that those men were **saved**? If so, it is clear proof that you are utter strangers to any saving work of God in your own souls. Men who are afraid to hazard for Christ’s sake the loss of their worldly positions, temporal interests, personal reputations, or anything else that is dear to them, are yet in their sins – no matter how they may be trusting in Christ’s finished

work to take them to heaven.

Probably most of our readers have been brought up under the teaching that there are only two classes of people in this world, believers and unbelievers. But such a classification is most misleading and is utterly erroneous. God’s Word divides earth’s inhabitants into **three** classes, “*Give none offence, neither to [1] the Jews, nor [2] to the Gentiles, nor [3] to the church of God*” (1 Cor. 10:32). It was so during Old Testament times, more noticeably so from the days of Moses onwards. There were first the “Gentile” or heathen nations, outside the commonwealth of Israel, which formed by far the largest class. Corresponding with that class, today, are the countless millions of modern heathen, who are “*lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.*” (2 Tim. 3:4) Second, there was the nation of Israel, which has to be subdivided into two groups, for, as Romans 9:6 declares, “*They are **not** all Israel, which are of Israel.*” By far the larger portion of the nation of Israel were only the nominal people of God, in outward relation to Him. Corresponding with this class is the great mass of professors bearing the name of Christ. Third, there was the spiritual remnant of Israel, whose calling, hope and inheritance were heavenly. Corresponding to them this day are the genuine Christians, God’s “*little flock*” (Luke 12:32).

The same threefold division among men is plainly discernible throughout John’s Gospel. First, there were the hardened leaders of the nation, the scribes and Pharisees, priests and elders. From start to finish, they were openly opposed to Christ, and neither His blessed teaching nor His wondrous works had any melting effects

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POINTED ARROWS

(Selected quotes from L. R. Shelton and other early Baptist, Puritan, and Reformed writers)

He who adores himself will have no heart to adore the Lord.

The Bible is, to many a man, God's unopened letter.

Apologies for disobedience are mere refuges of lies.

Continued delay of duty is a continuous sin.

Every ungodly man may have his life-lease run out tomorrow.

God suits men's punishment to their sins.

Self-esteem is a moth which frets the garments of virtue.

The arrows of calamity are aimed at your sins.

The Lord is never voiceless except to the earless soul.

All evils flow from one fountain, from the very nature and life of fallen man.

Many are poor because they have given so little away.

If we forgive in word only, but not from our hearts, we remain under the same condemnation.

Great outward religiousness may consist with the meanest spirit.

The Sadducees' words were smoother than butter, yet war was in their hearts.

Many today have words softer than oil, yet they are drawn swords.

He is not the most loving who speaks the smoothest words.

All our names are either in the Lamb's Book of Life or in the Judge's Book of Death.

A man may get very near to Christ, even dip his hand in the same dish with the Saviour, and yet betray Him.

Judas sold himself to Satan before he sold his Lord.

There are many who make high professions of godliness, who would soon give them up if they did not pay.

When you compare yourself with others you think are worse than yourself, you may seem to yourself to be an angel; yet comparing yourself with the Word, you will find yourself to be like the devil.

Sin is not only fault, but folly.

A soul bewitched with sin will stand it out with God even though He strike and wound, as Pharaoh, Balaam and Judas.

Self-complacency is the mother of spiritual declension.

It is not he who receives most of the truth into his head, but he that receives most of the truth into his heart that shall not be deceived.

Riches were never true to any that trusted in them.

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there. Do you want to? Would you rather sit there than to sit in a ball game? Would you rather sit there than to sit yonder looking at the television? Would you rather sit at the feet of Christ than to sit yonder in the company of friends? If not, you are not saved. Oh, may there come such an anxiety about your soul! Yes, salvation is a PRESENT POSSESSION. It's a possession of holiness and Heaven in and through Christ.

Now let's notice some of the THINGS FAVORABLE TOWARD YOUR SALVATION. Do you know the reason I love that song, "The Love of God"? Because if you could realize that God loves you, it would melt your heart down in the dust of repentance. Woman, sitting there in your home under the burden and guilt of sin, God loves you! Let me tell you again, God loves you! Listen to the last verse of that song,

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment
made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the
whole,

Tho' stretched from sky to sky."

Yes, if the whole canopy of heaven were a scroll, if all the waters of the ocean were ink, if every tree on earth were a quill, and every man a scribe by trade, that man, that artist, would take that quill and drain the ocean dry, and yet not write the love of God on the canopy of the skies. He couldn't! No human voice, no language that man knows, can adequately express the great love of God for a sinner like you, a sinner like me. God loves you! When I hear that song, I want to shout to the top of my voice

around the world and say to you, awakened sinner, "*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) God loves you.

Then CHRIST PAID THE PRICE FOR ALL YOUR SINS and finished your salvation on the cross, and THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES YOU and has opened your heart and mind to the truth of your salvation, and He has the POWER to deliver you. My friend, the Holy Spirit is the greatest Friend you have on earth. One day Christ hung on that cross as your Substitute; now He is at the right hand of the Majesty on High. The Holy Spirit came and brooded over you, opened that heart and that mind, and let you see that you are lost. Oh, sinner, become anxious about your soul, will you? I'm pleading that you become anxious at this time. Oh, may the God of all grace lead you on, and may you follow!

Then God is WILLING to save you. You know, very few believe that God is able to save you, but how few believe that God is willing to save you! Yes, God's willing to save you. Oh, the willingness of God, and the faithfulness of God! God is just as willing as He is able. Then Christ INVITES you to come to Him. Christ said, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matt. 11:28). "COME TO ME." Don't come to the church; don't come to the preacher: come to Christ, sinner-friend; come to Him. Look to Him – He invites you to come. "*ALL that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out,*" says the Lord Jesus Christ (John 6:37). Oh, that those words should fall so definitely on your

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upon them. Second, there were the common people who “*heard him gladly*” (Mark 12:37), a great many of whom are said to have “*believed on him*” (see John 2:23; 7:31; 8:30; 10:42; 12:44; 12:11), but concerning whom there is nothing to show that they were saved. They were not outwardly opposed to Christ, but they never yielded their hearts to Him. They were impressed by His divine credentials, yet were easily offended (John 6:66). Third, there was the insignificant handful who “*received him*” (John 1:12) into their hearts and lives, received Him as their Lord and Saviour.

The same three classes are clearly discernible (to anointed eyes) in the world today. First, there are the vast multitudes who make no profession at all, who see nothing in Christ that they should desire Him. People who are deaf to every appeal and who make little attempt to conceal their hatred of the Lord Jesus. Second, there is that large company who are attracted by Christ in a natural way. So far from being openly antagonistic to Him and His cause, they are found among His followers. Having been taught much of the truth, they “*believe in Christ*,” just as children reared by conscientious Mohammedans believe firmly and devoutly in Mohammed. Having received much of instruction concerning the virtues of Christ’s precious blood, they trust in its merits to deliver them from the wrath to come, and yet there is nothing in their daily lives to show that they are **new** creatures in Christ Jesus! Third, there are the “*few*” (Matt. 7:13-14) who deny themselves, take up the cross daily, and follow a despised and rejected Christ in the path of loving and unreserved obedience unto God.

Yes, there is a faith in Christ which

saves, but there is a faith in Christ which does not save. From this statement probably few will dissent, yet many will be inclined to weaken it by saying that the faith in Christ which does not save is merely a historical faith, or where there is a believing **about** Christ instead of a believing **in** Him. Not so. That there are those who mistake a historical faith about Christ for a saving faith in Christ we do not deny. But what we would here emphasize is the solemn fact that there are **also** some who have **more** than a historical faith, more than a mere head-knowledge about Him, who yet have a faith which comes short of being a quickening and saving one. Not only are there some with this non-saving faith, but today there are vast numbers of such all around us. They are people who furnish the antitypes of those to which we called attention in the last article – who were represented and illustrated in Old Testament times by those who believed in, rested on, leaned upon, relied upon the Lord, but who were, nevertheless, unsaved souls.

What, then, does saving faith consist of? In seeking to answer this question, our present object is to supply not only a scriptural definition, but one which, at the same time, differentiates it from a non-saving faith. Nor is this any easy task, for the two things often have much in common. That faith in Christ which does not save has in it more than one element or ingredient of that faith which **does** vitally unite the soul to Him. Those pitfalls which the writer must now seek to avoid are undue discouraging of real saints, on the one hand, by raising the standard higher than Scripture has raised it, and encouraging unregenerate professors, on the other hand, by

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so lowering the standard as to include them. We do not wish to withhold from the people of God their legitimate portion, nor do we want to commit the sin of taking the children's bread and casting it to the dogs. May the Holy Spirit Himself deign to guide us into the truth.

Much error would be avoided on this subject if due care were taken to frame a scriptural definition of **unbelief**. Again and again in Scripture, we find believing and not believing placed in antithesis, and we are afforded much help toward arriving at a correct conception of the real nature of saving faith when we obtain a right understanding of the character of unbelief. It will at once be discovered that saving faith is far more than a hearty assenting unto what God's Word sets before us, when we perceive that unbelief is much more than an error of judgment or a failure to assent unto the truth. Scripture depicts unbelief as a virulent and violent **principle of opposition to God**. Unbelief has both a passive and active, a negative and positive side, and therefore, the Greek noun is rendered both by "*unbelief*" (Rom. 11:20; Heb. 4:6, 11), and "*disobedience*" (Eph. 2:2; 5:6) and the verb by "*believed not*" (Heb. 3:18; 11:31) and "*obey not*" (1 Pet. 3:1; 4:17). A few concrete examples will make this plainer.

Take first the case of Adam. There was something more than a mere negative failing to believe God's solemn threat that, in the day he should eat of the forbidden fruit, he would surely die – by one man's **disobedience** many were made sinners (Rom. 5:12). Nor did the heinousness of our first parent's sin consist in listening to the lie of the serpent, for 1 Timothy 2:14 expressly declares, "*Adam was not*

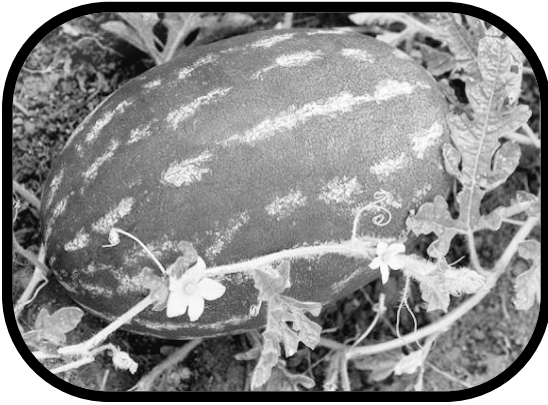
deceived." No, he was determined to have his own way, no matter what God had prohibited and threatened. Thus, the very first case of unbelief in human history consisted not only in negatively failing to take to heart what God has so clearly and so solemnly said, but also in a deliberate defiance of and rebellion against Him.

Take the case of Israel in the wilderness. Concerning them it is said, "*They could not enter in [the promised land] because of unbelief*" (Heb. 3:19). Now, exactly what do those words signify? Do they mean that Canaan was missed by them because of their failure to appropriate the promise of God? Yes, for a "promise" of entering in was "left" them, but it was not "*mixed with faith in them that heard it*" (Heb. 4:1-2) – God had declared that the seed of Abraham should inherit that land which flowed with milk and honey, and it was the privilege of that generation which was delivered from Egypt to lay hold of and apply that promise to themselves. But they did not. Yet that is not all! There was something far worse. There was another element in their unbelief which is usually lost sight of nowadays – they were openly disobedient against God. When the spies brought back a sample of the goodly grapes, and Joshua urged them to go up and possess the land, they would not. Accordingly, Moses declared, "*Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God*" (Deut. 1:26). Ah, **there** is the positive side of their unbelief. They were self-willed, disobedient, defiant.

Consider now the case of that generation of Israel which was in Palestine when the Lord Jesus appeared among them as "*a minister*

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Children's Story Hour



AN ARCHITECT BEHIND EVERY WATERMELON

The late William Jennings Bryan told the following story:

"I was passing through Columbus, Ohio some years ago," said Bryan, "and stopped to eat in the restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden."

"That night a thought came into my mind. I would use that melon as an illustration. So the next morning when I reached the city of Chicago, I had enough seed weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimated the watermelon to weigh about forty or so pounds."

"Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon. A few weeks before, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of the sunshine and showers that little seed had taken off its coat and gone to work. It had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem and built a watermelon. On the outside it had put a covering of green, within a rind of white and with-

in that a core of red, and then it had scattered through the red little seeds, each one capable of doing the work over again."

"What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring extract and its coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the work of the Almighty, or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it."

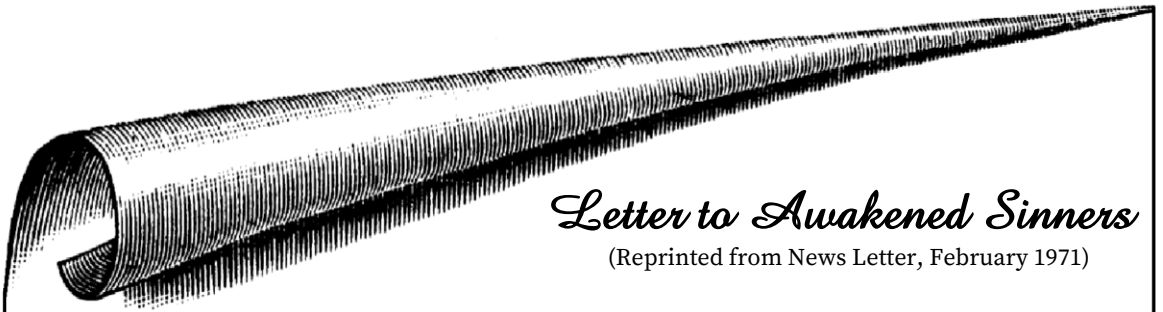
"The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can get a watermelon and enjoy it. God has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us."

"So with Christianity. If you ask me if I understand everything in the Bible, I must answer no. I understand some things today that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure. But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible. It is this: if we will only try to live up to the things that we do understand, we will never have to worry about the things that we do not understand."

From *The Baptist Examiner*,
September 16, 1972



Williams Jennings Bryan (1860-1925) was a lawyer, orator, politician, devout Presbyterian, supporter of prohibition, and an opponent of Darwinism (evolution) on religious and humanitarian grounds.



Letter to Awakened Sinners

(Reprinted from News Letter, February 1971)

My dear friend:

“Do you want to be saved?” is a question I’ve asked thousands. Many pretend to want to be saved, but at heart there is no response to the Gospel message.

There came to church one day a man who said he wanted to be saved, and week after week, while I would preach, he would cry and whine with great tears rolling down his cheeks, praying and pleading for salvation, and saying “Amen” to everything I said from the pulpit.

The problem that faced me was, how could I get him to HEAR the messages I was preaching! One morning, during service the Lord suddenly impressed me what I should do; and quick as a flash I jumped over the railing of the pulpit and slapped him on his bald head, saying, “Sir, you don’t want to be saved. You’re not hearing a word I’m saying. Your tears are just crocodile tears; there’s nothing serious about them. Shut up! Come clean and come clear, or go to Hell!”

I went back to the pulpit and continued preaching. He left the service that morning very angry, and walked the levee of the Mississippi River for several hours, swearing vengeance on me. Suddenly the Lord stopped him and whispered to his heart, “You are lost! You don’t want to be saved! You are not honest and sincere! And you are on the road to Hell!” His mouth was shut, and after some months the Lord saved him. He is now one of the greatest mission workers we have in the distribution of the printed page and personal work among sinners, as well as saints. One of his statements in dealing with sinners is, “Come clean and come clear, or go to Hell.”

Let me ask you, sinner, are you really sincere? Do you want to be saved? Do you want Christ? If not, ask God to make you willing and break that will of yours. Do you hear the Word of God as coming from His lips? “*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*” (Rom. 10:17).


There are many reasons why sinners are not saved. Not only do they not hear the Word, but they think they know a great deal. They know certain doctrines of the Scriptures; they know the way of grace, but they do not know Christ, and when their wills are crossed, they get angry. I know when I was under conviction, I overheard a group one day talking, “I don’t believe Brother Shelton will ever get saved – he knows too much. He knows the plan of salvation; he knows the doctrines of the Word. He knows the Scriptures, etc.” I didn’t fly back at them: it sent me to the corner in deep thought, wondering how I could ever get to Christ. The Lord called a Scripture to my mind, “*Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3). Yes, I knew too much. I was proud of what I knew. I was proud that I could stand and explain the Scriptures, and that was far from being a little child. Then my cry became,

“Lord, make me a little child. Lord, make me a little child.” I knew that a little child knows nothing, a little child is nothing in his own estimation, a little child has nothing, and a little child has simple faith in his parents. In making me a little child, the Lord had to unteach me, and I came to know nothing but that I was a sinner, a Hell-deserving sinner. I deserved to go to Hell. At this time He taught me the Lordship of Christ, and that was: if it would bring more glory to Christ for me to go to Hell than to be saved, I would say “Amen” to my own condemnation; if He should save me, it would be because of His mercy. And He chose to grant me mercy as a little child, as a sinner not worthy of the grace of God. I am still a little child in His presence. He’s my Father; I am His child. In the secret closet, He takes me in His arms and loves me as His little child. I’m glad this group saw that truth and brought it to my heart.

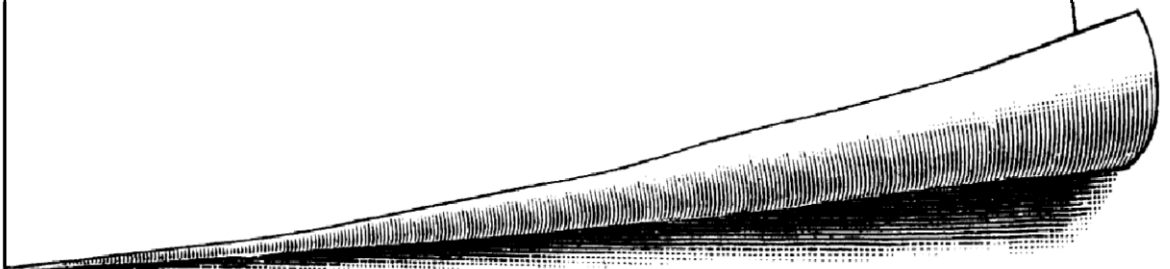
Reader, are you in that condition? Do you know too much? Are you proud of what you know? Are you jealous of the Lord saving somebody else ahead of you? Ask God to make you as a little child, because He saves little children.

There is one other thought I want to call your attention to; and that is, every individual who ever gets saved must become a sinner before God. Let the world shut its mouth and become guilty before God (Rom. 3:19). Have you become a sinner before God? Has God shown you that you are a sinner? Christ came to save sinners; He was a Friend of sinners. He died for sinners; He prays for sinners. God calls sinners to repentance and gives them faith to lay hold of Christ. Let these thoughts roll over in your heart and mind until your will is broken, and you are resting at the feet of Christ crying, “My Lord, and my God!” Please don’t fight back at Him. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God until you find yourself crying, “My Lord, and my God!”

Your Gospel Preacher,



L. R. Shelton



STORIES BEHIND FAVORITE HYMNS

It is Well with My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

This beloved hymn was written after traumatic events by a Presbyterian layman from Chicago named Horatio G. Spafford. As a young man Spafford had established a successful legal practice in Chicago. Along with his financial success, he always maintained a keen interest in Christian activities. He enjoyed a close and active relationship with D. L. Moody and other evangelical leaders of that era. He was described as a “man of unusual intelligence and refinement, deeply spiritual, and a devoted student of the Scriptures.”

His trials began in 1870 with the death of his son at the age of 2. Some months prior to the Chicago Fire of 1871, Spafford had invested heavily in real estate on the shore of Lake Michigan, and his holdings were wiped out by this disaster. Then his business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873. Desiring a rest for his wife and four daughters as well as wishing to assist Moody and [his musician Ira] Sankey in one of their campaigns in Great Britain, Spafford planned a European trip for his family in November of 1873. Due to unexpected last-minute business developments, he had to remain in Chicago, but he sent his wife, Anna, and four daughters on ahead as scheduled on the SS (steamship) Ville du Havre. He expected to follow in a few days. On November 22 the ship was struck by the Loch Earn, an English vessel, and sank in twelve minutes, breaking into two pieces as she went down. Anna was picked up unconscious by the crew of the Loch Earn, but the four children had drowned. Anna was one of 87 passengers and crew rescued, but, sadly, 226 people perished in the shipwreck. Several days later the survivors were finally landed at Cardiff,

Wales, and Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, “Saved alone...”

Shortly afterward Spafford left by ship to join his bereaved wife. It is thought that on the sea near the area where his four daughters had drowned, Spafford penned this text whose words so significantly describe his own personal grief – “When sorrows like sea billows roll...” It is noteworthy, however, that Spafford’s hymn does not dwell on the theme of life’s sorrows and trials but focuses attention in the third stanza on the redemptive work of Christ and in the fifth and sixth stanzas anticipates His glorious Second Coming. He wrote to Rachel, his wife’s half-sister, “On Thursday last we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe, folded, the dear lambs, and there, before very long, shall we be too. In the meantime, thanks to God, we have an opportunity to serve and praise Him for His love and mercy to us and ours. I will praise Him while I have my being. May we each one arise, leave all, and follow Him.” Humanly speaking, it is amazing that one could experience such personal tragedies and sorrows as Horatio Spafford did and still be able to say with such convincing clarity, “It is well with my soul.”

The Spafford’s had three more children, a son who died of scarlet fever and two daughters. In 1881, the Spafford’s fulfilled a life-long interest in the Holy Land. They left Chicago and settled in Jerusalem. There they established a group that for years engaged in philanthropic work among the people of Jerusalem.

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Praise in Poetry

It Is Well with My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford (1873)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,^a
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well [it is well]
with my soul, [with my soul]
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
3. My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! –
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
5. But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!
6. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
A song in the night, oh my soul!^b

a “know” (at the end of the third line) was later changed to “say”.

b “A song in the night, oh my soul” (last line) was later changed to “Even so, it is well with my soul”

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of the circumcision for the truth of God” (Rom. 15:8). John 1:11 informs us, “*He came unto his own, and his own received him not,*” which the next verse defines as “they believed” Him not. But is that all? Were they guilty of nothing more than a failure to assent to His teaching and trust to His person? Nay, verily, that was merely the **negative** side of their unbelief? Positively, they “hated” Him (John 15:25), and would “not come to” Him (John 5:40). His holy demands suited not their fleshly desires, and therefore, they said, “*We will not have this man to reign over us*” (Luke 19:14). Thus, their unbelief, too, consisted in the spirit of self-will and open defiance, a determination to please themselves at all costs.

Unbelief is not simply an infirmity of fallen human nature, it is a heinous crime. Scripture everywhere attributes it to love of sin, obstinacy of will, hardness of heart. Unbelief has its root in a depraved nature, in a mind which is enmity against God. Love of sin is the immediate cause of unbelief, “*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil*” (John 3:19). “The light of the Gospel is brought unto a place or people. They come so near it as to discover its end or tendency, but as soon as they find that it aims to part them and their sins, they will have no more to do with it. They like not the terms of the Gospel, and so perish in and for their iniquities” (John Owen). If the **Gospel** were more clearly and faithfully preached, fewer would profess to believe it!

Saving faith, then, is the opposite of damning belief. Both issue from the heart that is alienated from God, which is in a state of rebellion against

Him – saving faith from a heart which is reconciled to Him and so has ceased to fight against Him. Thus, an essential element or ingredient in saving faith is a yielding to the authority of God, a submitting of myself to His rule. It is very much more than my understanding assenting and my will consenting to the fact that Christ is a Saviour for sinners, and that He stands ready to receive all who trust Him. To be received by Christ, I must not only come to Him renouncing all my own righteousness (Rom. 10:3), as an empty-handed beggar (Matt. 19:21), but I must also forsake my self-will and rebellion against Him (Ps. 32:3-5; Prov. 28:13). Should an insurrectionist and seditious come to an earthly king seeking his sovereign favour and pardon, then, obviously, the very law of his coming to him for forgiveness requires that he should come on his knees, laying aside his hostility. So it is with a sinner who really comes savingly to Christ for pardon. It is against the law of faith to do otherwise.

Saving faith is a genuine **coming to Christ** (Matt. 11:28; John 6:37; etc.). But let us take care that we do not miss the clear and inevitable implication of this term. If I say, “I **come** to the U.S.A.” then I necessarily indicate that I **left** some other country to get here. Thus it is in “coming” to Christ. Something has to be left. Coming to Christ not only involves the abandoning of every false object of confidence, it also includes and entails the forsaking of all other competitors for my heart. “*For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the shepherd and bishop of your souls*” (1 Pet. 2:25). And what is meant by, “Ye **were** [note the past tense – they are no longer doing so] *as sheep going astray*”? (Isa. 53:6 tells us, “*All we like*

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ears, and you could hear that great invitation, "*Ho, [- ho! - 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.*" (Isa. 55:1) You are spiritually bankrupt, aren't you, sinner? You have nothing to offer God, so come; you are the sinner He wants to come because He has salvation to give you. Come sinner, come.

And now let's notice some UNFAVORABLE THINGS TOWARD YOUR SALVATION. You have a corrupt heart. Then, my friend, no doubt, many of you have lent an ear to the whisperings of Satan. Satan has tried every way in the world to get you to listen to him, as he says that there's no hope for you. That's Satan's voice. I know there is everything around you to draw your attention away from Christ. You become concerned as you sit there before your radio, but twenty minutes later something comes up, company has come in, or something else, to call your attention away from your poor, lost, wretched soul. Isn't that so? And Satan blinds your mind and fills your imagination and heart with other objects. That's his business! He's a good old devil, isn't he? He fights for his own interest, but why should you cooperate with him? Let's not cooperate with him.

My friend, again, you must be anxious because you cannot be saved without an anxiousness of soul. You must be anxious! The soul must come to want Christ and His righteousness above everything else, otherwise why should God stoop to give you salvation? Do you want it? Have you sat down and counted the cost? Do you want God's salvation more than you want anything else? I did, and God gave me Christ. He wants to give you

Christ, my sinner-friend, you to whom I'm talking this morning. I am pressing on your heart man's responsibility, that you will become anxious about your soul's salvation. Listen, eternal salvation is the great end of life. Get what you will, if you lose your soul, you have lost everything. Turn aside from everything else and desire God's salvation above everything else! God wills to save you, and He wants to save you more than you want to be saved. If not, why should He have died for you, my friend?

Now, you listen to me! As you become more anxious about your soul, your friends are going to become alarmed about you, your enemies are going to taunt you, but, my awakened sinner, let me give you this word of warning in closing. When your friends, no matter who they are, would persuade you that you are too anxious, point them to the bottomless pit; say, "Sister, look; brother, look; husband, look; wife, look; look yonder at that bottomless pit that's yawning for me; I must escape Hell. Christ died for me. I am alarmed." Then ask them if anyone can be too anxious to escape the torments of Hell. Point them to Heaven, and ask them if one can be too anxious to attain the glories yonder with the Lord Jesus Christ. Point them to eternity, and ask them if anyone can be too anxious to secure immortal life. Point them to the cross of Christ, and ask them if anyone can be too anxious to secure the object for which Christ died.

Sinner, don't let your friends stop you; don't let your enemies slow you up. Don't let anything come between you and the anxiousness of your soul about your salvation. Let folks call you crazy, let them call you beside yourself, let them call you mad - no

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*sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to **his own way.***”) Ah, **that** is what must be forsaken before we can truly “come” to Christ – that course of self-will must be abandoned. The prodigal son could not **come** to his father while he remained in the far country. Dear reader, if you are still following a course of self-pleasing, you are only deceiving yourself if you think you have come to Christ.

Nor is the brief definition, which we have given above of what it means really to “come” to Christ, any forced or novel one of our own. In his book, *Come and Welcome to Jesus Christ*, John Bunyan (1628-1688) wrote, “Coming to Christ is attended with an honest and sincere forsaking all for Him [here he quotes Luke 14:26-27]. By these and like expressions elsewhere, Christ describeth the true comer. He is one that casteth all behind his back. There are a great many pretended comers to Jesus Christ in the world. They are much like the man you read of in Matthew 21:30, that said to his father’s bidding, ‘I go, sir: and went not.’ When Christ calls by His Gospel, they say, ‘I come, Sir,’ but they still abide by their pleasure and carnal delight.” C. H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), in his sermon on John 6:44, said, “Coming to Christ embraces in it repentance, self-abnegation, and faith in the Lord Jesus, and so sums within itself all those things which are the necessary attendants of those great steps of heart, such as the belief of the truth, earnest prayers to God, the submission of the soul to the precepts of His Gospel.” In his sermon on John 6:37, he says, “To come to Christ signifies to turn from sin and to trust in Him. Coming to Christ is a leaving of all false confidences, a renouncing of all love to sin,

and a looking to Jesus as the solitary pillar of our confidence and hope.”

Saving faith consists of the complete surrender of my whole being and life to the claims of God upon me, “*But first gave their own selves to the Lord*” (2 Cor. 8:5).

It is the unreserved acceptance of Christ as my absolute Lord, bowing to His will and receiving His yoke. Possibly someone may object, “Then why are Christians exhorted as they are in Romans 12:1?” We answer, All such exhortations are simply a calling on them to **continue as they began**, “*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him*” (Col. 2:6). Yes, mark it well that Christ is “received” as **Lord**. Oh, how far, far below the New Testament standard is this modern way of begging sinners to receive Christ as their own personal “Saviour.” If the reader will consult his concordance, he will find that in **every passage**, where the two titles are found together, it is **always** “Lord and Saviour,” and never vice versa. See Luke 1:46-47; 2 Peter 1:11; 2:20; 3:18.

Until the ungodly are sensible of the exceeding sinfulness of their vile course of self-will and self-pleasing, until they are genuinely broken down and penitent over it before God, until they are willing to forsake the world for Christ, until they have resolved to come under His government, for such to depend upon Him for pardon and life is not faith, but blatant presumption. It is but to add insult to injury. And for any such to take His holy name upon their polluted lips, and profess to be His followers, is the most terrible blasphemy, and comes perilously nigh to committing that sin for which there is no forgiveness. Alas, alas, that modern evangelism is

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matter what it is – you look to Christ. Look to Christ! As you look yonder and see from whence God brought you, look at the pit from which God hewed you, thank Him for bringing you to this place. Then plead the mer-

cies of God through the death, burial and resurrection of the Son of God. Sinner-friend, I have pled with your soul, and may you not linger.



Spiritual Sustenance

**Spring
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*“God is faithful, by whom ye were called
unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord.” (1 Cor. 1:9)*



Singing Praises



Nourishment and Fellowship

IN LOVING MEMORY

Norma Dupre Chaisson

July 22, 1940 – April 26, 2017



A native of Plaisance and resident of Baton Rouge, Ms. Norma, 76, recently entered into eternal rest. Around 1960, she began attending the Baton Rouge Mission at the invitation of Ms. Walls, with whom she worked, and she faithfully attended ever since. Over time, the Lord caused her to see her depraved, sinful nature and then showed her that He died for her. She never ceased to praise Him for His mercy and grace unto her. Ms. Norma would always greet you with a welcoming “Hello, cher!” which is a term of endearment commonly used by Cajuns. Displaced by last year’s flood and battling illness for some time, the Lord took her to be with Him.

Gladys Marbleline Bartlett

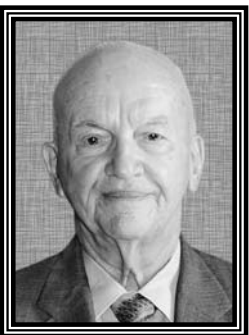
June 10, 1932 – March 24, 2017

After several years of declining health, Ms. Bartlett, 84, a member of the Arley (Alabama) Mission, entered into everlasting liberty with her Lord. “Monk” was kind-hearted and brought out the best in others around her. Her parents were listeners of Pastor Shelton beginning in 1962, and she heard the gospel truth from a young age. Never one to be idle, she enjoyed tending to her flowers and garden. She also loved to sing and even when she could not speak anymore, her lips would mouth the words of songs others were singing. Shortly before her death, she was asked if she remembered when the Lord saved her...she smiled and said, “I do. This world is not my home, and I’m ready to go home.”



John Thomas Vise

December 21, 1925 – May 10, 2017



A resident of Petal, Mississippi, Bro. J. T. “Papa Jake,” 91, was taken home by the Lord as a result of a tragic car accident. He served in the U. S. Navy, and afterwards as a supervisor at the Hercules Plant for 46 years. Around the late 1950’s, he began attending the Hattiesburg Mission at the invitation of Bob Strange, a friend. He loved to sing and led the song service at the mission. He later served as the mission leader for many years. He spoke often that a guilty, Hell-deserving sinner needs the atoning blood of Jesus Christ to make him acceptable to God. Amazed that the Lord had mercy upon his soul, he cried for the salvation of his family members. He now rejoices with the heavenly throng.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Marcelline Hebert Trahan

March 3, 1935 – June 4, 2017



Mrs. Trahan, 82, a native of New Iberia and resident of Gonzales, Louisiana, passed away peacefully at her home with family. In the 1960's, she was awakened and saved under the Radio Missions ministry. To her, each day was another day to praise her Lord for His goodness and mercy. She liked to listen to the choir sing and said that hymns are like prayers of the heart going up to God, praising His Holy name. She longed for her family to come to the Lord and taste that He is precious and for Him to create a new heart in them. The Lord was her help, her hope, and her refuge through many trials and heartaches. She can be remembered as saying, "God saved me, He can save anybody. What love!"

Minnie Dva Jenkins McNabb

December 19, 1924 – June 13, 2017



Ms. Minnie, 92, a gentle soul is now and forever will be with her Lord and Saviour. As a child, she remembered her father listening to Bro. Shelton's fifteen minute broadcast on the radio. As a single parent, she put her boys into a day nursery run by our church. In the 1960's, Ms. Minnie resigned work with the Civil Service and became a full-time employee of the church. Over the many years she was with Radio Missions, she filled positions in the Bookstore, the Storehouse for the Needy, and as a teacher at the Grand Bayou Mission School sponsored by the church. Recently, she endured her long confinement to her bed with a patient spirit and occasionally a little wit. She fondly remembered her church family and never failed to ask how they were doing. Not long before her homegoing, she quoted 1 Timothy 1:15 as one of her favorites, "*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*"

English Proverb **1678**

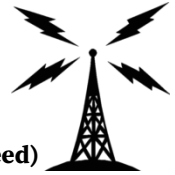


As a tree falls, so shall it lie;
As a man lives, so shall he die;
As a man dies, so shall he be;
Through all the aeons of eternity.

(With allusion to Ecclesiastes 11:3)



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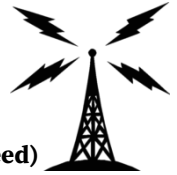
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ALABAMA				INDIANA			
Mobile	WIJD-AM*	1270 AM	7:00 a.m.	South Bend	WHME*	103.1 FM	11:00 a.m.
Mobile	WIJD-FM*	97.9 FM	7:00 a.m.	South Bend	WHME* (b)	103.1 FM	Noon (Saturday)
Montgomery	W220DS*	91.9 FM	6:00 a.m.	IOWA			
Saraland	W223BX*	92.5 FM	6:00 a.m.	Le Mars	K206ED*	89.1 FM	6:00 a.m.
ARIZONA				Ottumwa	K218EA*	91.5 FM	6:00 a.m.
Phoenix	KXXT*	1010 AM	9:00 a.m.	Sioux City	K240DE*	95.9 FM	6:00 a.m.
Sierra Vista	KNXN*	1470 AM	8:30 a.m. (Saturday)	KANSAS			
Tucson	KGMS*	940 AM	8:30 a.m. (Saturday)	Chanute	K216GA*	91.1 FM	6:00 a.m.
ARKANSAS				Kansas City	KCNW*	1380 AM	9:30 a.m.
Dequeen	K210DV*	89.9 FM	6:00 a.m.	KENTUCKY			
El Dorado	KDMS*	1290 AM	Noon	Bowling Green	W203BI*	88.5 FM	6:00 a.m.
Fort Smith	KBHN	89.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	Lexington	W219DM*	91.7 FM	7:00 a.m.
Hot Springs	K204DI*	88.7 FM	6:00 a.m.	Morehead	W219DI*	91.7 FM	7:00 a.m.
Little Rock	KAAY*	1090 AM	7:30 a.m.	LOUISIANA			
CALIFORNIA				Arabi	K208FC*	89.5 FM	6:00 a.m.
Richmond/ San Francisco	KDIA*	1640 AM	9:30 a.m.	New Orleans	K248BB*	97.5 FM	6:00 a.m.
GEORGIA				(Downtown/CBD)			
Albany	W232BI*	94.3 FM	7:00 a.m.	New Orleans	WVOG*	600 AM	7:30 a.m.
Atlanta	WAEC*	860 AM	4:00 p.m.	MARYLAND			
Atlanta	WAEC* (b)	860 AM	8:30 p.m. (Wednesday)	Cumberland	WCBC*	1270 AM	6:00 a.m.
Augusta	W287CG*	105.3 FM	7:00 a.m.	MICHIGAN			
Brunswick	W212BY*	90.3 FM	7:00 a.m.	Manistee	W219DK*	91.7 FM	7:00 a.m.
Buford	W209CD*	89.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	MISSISSIPPI			
Columbus	W259CA*	99.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	Gulfport	W209CF*	89.7 FM	6:00 a.m.
Cusseta	WJEP*	91.1 FM	7:00 a.m.	Hattiesburg / Laurel	WMXI*	98.1 FM	7:30 a.m.
Cuthbert	W259CA*	99.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	Hattiesburg / Laurel	WMXI* (b)	98.1 FM	8:00 p.m.
Douglas	W201DJ*	89.1 FM	7:00 a.m.	Jackson	WTWZ-AM	1120 AM	9:00 a.m.
Dublin	W206BP*	89.1 FM	7:00 a.m.	Jackson	WTWZ-FM	102.5 FM	9:00 a.m.
Macon	W200AO*	105.9 FM	7:00 a.m.	Winona	WONA	95.1 FM	8:30 a.m.
Marietta	W209CG*	89.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	MISSOURI			
Savannah	W214B2*	90.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	Maryville	K219KS*	91.7 FM	6:00 a.m.
Vienna	WHHR*	92.1 FM	7:00 a.m.	Saint Louis	KXEN* (b)	1010 AM	3:00 a.m.
Warner Robins	W258AP*	99.5 FM	7:00 a.m.	Saint Louis	KXEN-AM*	1010 AM	2:30 p.m.
Waycross	W204CM*	88.7 FM	7:00 a.m.	Saint Louis	KXEN-FM*	104.5 FM	2:30 p.m.
IDAHO				MONTANA			
Idaho Falls	K239BN*	95.7 FM	5:00 a.m.	Lewistown	K212FU*	90.7 FM	5:00 a.m.
Kimberly	K228FL*	93.5 FM	5:00 a.m.	NEVADA			
Twin Falls	K228FL*	93.5 FM	5:00 a.m.	Lovelock	K208EW*	89.5 FM	4:00 a.m.
NORTH CAROLINA				Belmont	WCGC*	1270 AM	6:30 a.m.
NORTH CAROLINA				Charlotte	WHVN-AM*	1240 AM	6:30 a.m.



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NORTH CAROLINA (continued)

Charlotte WHVN-FM* 104.3 FM 6:30 a.m.
Mount Olive WDJS 1430 AM 1:00 p.m.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City KTLR-AM* 890 AM 10:00 a.m.
Oklahoma City KTLR-FM* 103.7 FM 10:00 a.m.

PENNSYLVANIA

Markleysburg WLOG* 89.1 FM 7:00 a.m.
Pittsburgh WPIT-AM*(b) 730 AM 5:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh WPIT-AM* 730 AM 10:00 a.m.
Pittsburgh WPIT-FM* 96.5 FM 10:00 a.m.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken W285FJ* 104.9 FM 7:00 a.m.
Charleston W285DV* 104.9 FM 7:00 a.m.
Mount Pleasant W285DV* 104.9 FM 7:00 a.m.
Summerville W286AY* 105.1 FM 7:00 a.m.

TENNESSEE

Benton WTSE* 91.1 FM 7:00 a.m.
Chattanooga W224AZ* 92.7 FM 7:00 a.m.
Cleveland W235AO* 105.9 FM 7:00 a.m.
Falling Water W268AA* 101.5 FM 6:00 a.m.
Knoxville WITA* 1490 AM 10:30 a.m.
Lawrenceburg WZXX* 88.5 FM 6:00 a.m.
Memphis W292EL* 106.3 FM 6:00 a.m.
Nashville WNQM* (b) 1300 AM 7:00 a.m.
(Saturday)

TEXAS

Beeville K226AV* 93.1 FM 6:00 a.m.
Big Spring K209DK* 89.7 FM 6:00 a.m.
Dallas KKGm* 1630 AM 8:00 a.m.
San Angelo K213EW* 90.5 FM 6:00 a.m.
San Antonio KDRY* 1100 AM 5:00 a.m.
Victoria K282AR* 104.3 FM 6:00 a.m.

VIRGINIA

Lynchburg WKPA* 1390 AM 8:30 a.m.
Lynchburg WKPA* (b) 1390 AM 11:00 a.m.
(Saturday)
Norfolk WKQA* 1110 AM 9:30 a.m.
Roanoke WKBA* 1550 AM 8:30 a.m.
Roanoke WKBA* (b) 1550 AM 11:00 a.m.
(Saturday)
Smithfield WKGM* (b) 940 AM 6:30 p.m.
Smithfield WKGM* (b) 940 AM 6:30 p.m.
(Saturday)

WASHINGTON

Walla Walla K220JL* 91.9 FM 4:00 a.m.

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington WRVC-AM 930 AM 7:30 a.m.
Huntington WRVC-FM 94.1 FM 7:30 a.m.

WYOMING

Laramie K213EL* 90.5 FM 5:00 a.m.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Radio North* 846 AM 7:00 a.m.

SHORTWAVE

Worldwide WWCR* See ☆ below

OTHER BROADCASTS

Bible School of the Air (Sunday)

New Orleans, LA WVOG* 600 AM 10:00 a.m.
Jackson, MS WTWZ-AM 1120 AM 10:00 a.m.
Jackson, MS WTWZ-FM 102.5 FM 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Hour (Sunday)

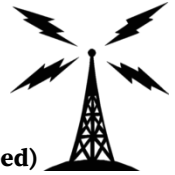
New Orleans, LA WVOG* 600 AM 11:00 a.m.
Jackson, MS WTWZ-AM 1120 AM 11:00 a.m.
Jackson, MS WTWZ-FM 102.5 FM 11:00 a.m.
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ALABAMA

Huntsville	WBXR-AM*	1140 AM	7:00 a.m.
Huntsville	WBXR-FM*	101.3 FM	7:00 a.m.
Mobile	WIJD-AM*	1270 AM	7:00 a.m.
Mobile	WIJD-FM*	97.9 FM	7:00 a.m.
Montgomery	W220DS*	91.9 FM	8:30 a.m.
Saraland	W223BX*	92.5 FM	8:30 a.m.

ARIZONA

Sierra Vista	KNXN*	1470 AM	5:00 a.m.
Tucson	KGMS*	940 AM	5:00 a.m.

ARKANSAS

Dequeen	K210DV*	89.9 FM	8:30 a.m.
El Dorado	KDMS*	1290 AM	8:30 a.m.
Fort Smith	KBHN	89.7 FM	10:15 a.m.
Hot Springs	K204DI*	88.7 FM	8:30 a.m.
Little Rock	KAAY*	1090 AM	5:45 a.m.

CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield	KERI*	1410 AM	6:00 p.m.
Richmond / San Francisco	KDIA*	1640 AM	6:30 a.m.

FLORIDA

Pensacola	WNVY*	1070 AM	6:45 a.m.
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GEORGIA

Albany	W232BI*	94.3 FM	9:30 a.m.
Atlanta	WAEC*	860 AM	7:15 a.m.
Atlanta	WAEC* (b)	860 AM	11:15 p.m.
Augusta	W287CG*	105.3 FM	9:30 a.m.
Augusta	WFAM*	1050 AM	7:00 a.m.
Augusta	WFAM* (b)	1050 AM	7:15 p.m.
Brunswick	W212BY*	90.3 FM	9:30 a.m.
Buford	W209CD*	89.7 FM	9:30 a.m.
Columbus	W259CA*	99.7 FM	9:30 a.m.
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Warner Robins	W258AP*	99.5 FM	9:30 a.m.
Waycross	W204CM*	88.7 FM	9:30 a.m.

IDAHO

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Kimberly	K228FL*	93.5 FM	7:30 a.m.
Twin Falls	K228FL*	93.5 FM	7:30 a.m.

INDIANA

Indianapolis	WBRI-AM*	1500 AM	11:15 a.m.
Indianapolis	WBRI-FM*	96.7 FM	11:15 a.m.

IOWA

Le Mars	K206ED*	89.1 FM	8:30 a.m.
Ottumwa	K218EA*	91.5 FM	8:30 a.m.
Sioux City	K240DE*	95.9 FM	8:30 a.m.

KANSAS

Chanute	K216GA*	91.1 FM	8:30 a.m.
Kansas City	KCNW*	1380 AM	9:15 a.m.

KENTUCKY

Bowling Green	W203BI*	88.5 FM	8:30 a.m.
Lexington	W219DM*	91.7 FM	9:30 a.m.
Lexington	WCGW-AM*	770 AM	9:15 a.m.
Lexington	WCGW-FM*	93.3 FM	9:15 a.m.
Morehead	W219DI*	91.7 FM	9:30 a.m.

LOUISIANA

Alexandria	KWDF-AM*	840 AM	Noon
Alexandria	KWDF-FM*	99.7 FM	Noon
Arabi	K208FC*	89.5 FM	8:30 a.m.
New Orleans	K248BB*	97.5 FM	8:30 a.m.
(Downtown/CBD)			
New Orleans	WVOG*	600 AM	8:45 a.m.
Shreveport	KIOU-AM*	1480 AM	7:30 a.m.
Shreveport	KIOU-FM*	94.9 FM	7:30 a.m.

MARYLAND

Denton	WKDI*	840 AM	7:15 a.m.
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Denton	WKDI* (b)	840 AM	8:15 p.m.

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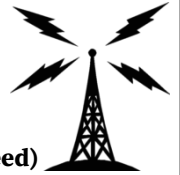
Grand Rapids	WFUR-AM	1570 AM	8:15 a.m.
Grand Rapids	WFUR-FM	92.9 FM	8:15 a.m.
Kalamazoo	WKPR-AM	1440 AM	9:00 a.m.
Kalamazoo	WKPR-FM	105.1 FM	9:00 a.m.
Manistee	W219DK*	91.7 FM	9:30 a.m.

MISSISSIPPI

Gulfport	W209CF*	89.7 FM	8:30 a.m.
Hattiesburg / Laurel	WMXI*	98.1 FM	5:45 a.m.
Houston/Tupelo	WCPC* (b)	940 AM	6:30 a.m.
Houston/Tupelo	WCPC*	940 AM	12:45 p.m.
Jackson	WTWZ-AM	1120 AM	10:45 a.m.
Jackson	WTWZ-FM	102.5 FM	10:45 a.m.



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MISSOURI

Maryville	K219KS*	91.7 FM	8:30 a.m.
Saint Louis	KXEN* (b)	1010 AM	3:00 a.m.
Saint Louis	KXEN-AM*	1010 AM	6:30 a.m.
Saint Louis	KXEN-FM*	104.5 FM	6:30 a.m.

MONTANA

Lewistown	K212FU*	90.7 FM	7:30 a.m.
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NEBRASKA

Omaha	KLNG*	1560 AM	7:45 a.m.
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NEVADA

Lovelock	K208EW*	89.5 FM	6:30 a.m.
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NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville	WSKY*	1230 AM	8:15 a.m.
Asheville	WSKY* (b)	1230 AM	7:30 p.m.
Belmont	WCGC*	1270 AM	1:45 p.m.
Charlotte	WHVN-AM*	1240 AM	1:45 p.m.
Charlotte	WHVN-FM*	104.3 FM	1:45 p.m.
Mocksville	WDSL*	1520 AM	1:00 p.m.
Mount Airy	WPAQ* (b)	740 AM	6:15 a.m. (Sunday)
Mount Airy	WPAQ*	740 AM	11:15 a.m.
Mount Olive	WDJS	1430 AM	8:45 a.m.

PENNSYLVANIA

Markleysburg	WLOG*	89.1 FM	9:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh	WWNL*	1080 AM	10:00 a.m.
York	WYYC-AM*	1250 AM	6:45 a.m.
York	WYYC-FM*	98.1 FM	6:45 a.m.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken	W285FJ*	104.9 FM	9:30 a.m.
Charleston	W285DV*	104.9 FM	9:30 a.m.
Greenville	WELP*	1360 AM	7:15 a.m.
Mount Pleasant	W285DV*	104.9 FM	9:30 a.m.
Summerville	W286AY*	105.1 FM	9:30 a.m.

TENNESSEE

Benton	WTSE*	91.1 FM	9:30 a.m.
Chattanooga	W224AZ*	92.7 FM	9:30 a.m.
Chattanooga	WLMR-AM*	1450 AM	8:45 a.m.
Chattanooga	WLMR-FM*	103.3 FM	8:45 a.m.
Cleveland	W235AO*	105.9 FM	9:30 a.m.
Falling Water	W268AA*	101.5 FM	8:30 a.m.
Knoxville	WITA*	1490 AM	10:30 a.m.
Knoxville	WITA* (b)	1490 AM	6:15 p.m. (Saturday)
Lawrenceburg	WZXX*	88.5 FM	8:30 a.m.

TENNESSEE (continued)

Memphis	W292EL*	106.3 FM	8:30 a.m.
Memphis	WMQM*	1600 AM	6:30 a.m.
Memphis	WLRM (b)	1380 AM	7:45 a.m.
Nashville	WNQM*	1300 AM	6:15 a.m.
Sweetwater	WDEH	800 AM	7:00 a.m.

TEXAS

Beeville	K226AV*	93.1 FM	8:30 a.m.
Big Spring	K209DK*	89.7 FM	8:30 a.m.
Corpus Christi	KCTA*	1030 AM	10:45 a.m.
Dallas	KKGM* (b)	1630 AM	Midnight
Dallas	KKGM*	1630 AM	8:15 a.m.
San Angelo	K213EW*	90.5 FM	8:30 a.m.
Victoria	K282AR*	104.3 FM	8:30 a.m.

VIRGINIA

Lynchburg	WKPA*	1390 AM	8:30 a.m.
Lynchburg	WKPA* (b)	1390 AM	3:15 p.m.
Norfolk	WKQA*	1110 AM	7:15 a.m.
Richmond	WDZY-AM*	1290 AM	7:00 a.m.
Richmond	WDZY-FM*	103.3 FM	7:00 a.m.
Roanoke	WKBA*	1550 AM	8:30 a.m.
Roanoke	WKBA* (b)	1550 AM	3:15 p.m.
Smithfield	WKGM*	940 AM	10:15 a.m.
Smithfield	WKGM* (b)	940 AM	7:30 p.m.

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington	WRVC-AM	930 AM	5:45 a.m.
Huntington	WRVC-FM	94.1 FM	5:45 a.m.

WASHINGTON

Walla Walla	K220JL*	91.9 FM	6:30 a.m.
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WYOMING

Laramie	K213EL*	90.5 FM	7:30 a.m.
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NORTHERN IRELAND

Radio North*	846 AM	8:30 a.m.
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SHORTWAVE

Worldwide	WWCR*	See ☆ below
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blessed Holy Spirit into our midst to stir our hearts, to prick our hearts that we as a people would come to see that we must begin to seek the Lord.”

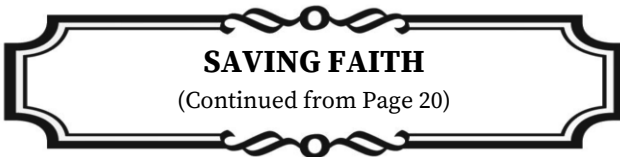
This ministry’s only motive is to preach Christ dying to save sinners. This is our only message. I know that we basically stand alone, but that makes us even more thankful to know that our Lord chose to save such as we are. What a privilege to be called to give out the Gospel.

Oh my friend, would you pray for us here, and yes, pray for your loved ones if you know the Lord? Help us with the finances if you can and tell others about all of our broadcasts. I would love to see you, but if not, write and tell me if the Lord has saved you recently. Remember our sick ones. May our Lord bless you and save you if you are yet lost.

All my love,



Albert Pendarvis



encouraging and producing just such hideous and Christ-dishonouring monstrosities.

Saving faith is a believing on Christ with the **heart**, “*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness*” (Rom. 10:9-10). There is no such thing as a saving **faith** in Christ where there is no real **love** for Him, and by “real love” we mean a love which is evidenced by **obedience**. Christ acknowledges none to be His friends save those who do whatsoever He commands them (John 15:14). As unbelief is a species of rebellion, so saving faith is a complete subjection to God. Hence, we read of “*the obedience of faith*” (Rom. 16:26). Saving faith is to the soul what health is to the body. It is a mighty principle of operation, full of life, ever working, bringing forth fruit after its own kind.

Our next article will discuss the difficulty of saving faith.

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