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**“ IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY, TOWERING O’ER THE WRECKS OF TIME ”**

**SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC NUMBER**

ONE of the most important things about missiles is the firing. We call it the *count-down*. Usually we try to get this vital phase of a missile testing into a few hours and *everything* must be right.

The last few minutes of a count-down are like walking the maternity ward when your first child is born. You wonder if everything is all right. The minutes seem like hours, and you wait, and wait, and wait. It seems like years.

A modern satellite missile or rocket is about sixty feet high, weighs from two to twenty tons, and probably has two or three engines. The second part contains the brain. At about seventy miles up, the brain tells the first part to blow itself off. It is travelling at about 12,000 miles an hour at the time. Another engine is now started, and that continues to rise until it gets about 300 miles up. Then the end pieces and other excess baggage are blown off until only a comparatively small ball or projectile is left. This is what orbits from 500 to 2,500 miles out, at about 18,000 miles an hour, and we expect it to stay up there for any time from five months to 200 years. From these orbiting spheres or projectiles we accumulate scientific information.

Some have said that the man-made satellite proves there is no God. To me it proves the exact opposite. The only reason we can orbit a satellite is that God has set up some regulations and laws. The same force that keeps the stars going keeps the satellite going when it is set in its right orbit. Only when it picks up a lot of dust and develops a draw and slows itself down does it come back to earth again.

This proves one thing: that God in the beginning created the heaven and the earth, and He did it by the word of His power. And as we have a count-down in the missile business, God also has had many count-downs in this world. Let us consider two or three of them.

In Genesis we read how God gave Abraham a son in his old age. And then one day God said to him, "Take your son to Mount Moriah and offer him to Me for a sacrifice." This truly began a count-down for Abraham.

We lost our only child, a son, at nine years of age. If God had ever said to me, "Now look, Tom, take this boy of yours and go out and offer him as a sacrifice," I am afraid I would have had to turn around and say, "I don't understand this, God. What are you saying?" But we read that Abraham took his son and started for Mount Moriah.

As they came to the last few miles, the last few minutes, the count-down was just about over. Abraham was wondering, and tense, and perhaps

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bothered—as we would be today. He did not realise that God was going to intervene as He did, but he had faith. And God met him.

As those last few seconds ticked off, Abraham raised his hand to slay his son, and then a voice from heaven said, "Stay now thine hand." Abraham had met the count-down of faith successfully. There are also times of testing in our lives, times when God is counting down for us. Let us be faithful.

Pharaoh faced a count-down because he would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt. God had dealt with him severely, but Pharaoh refused to change. Finally God said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel to put blood on the lintels and on the doorposts of their homes. Tonight the death angel is coming over." And every firstborn child in Egypt was slain that night, even to the crown prince in the royal palace, because Pharaoh had refused to listen to God; that is, every firstborn except in those families that had sprinkled the blood on their doorposts.

God had moved in on Pharaoh. There always comes a time when God moves in on Christ-rejecting nations and governments. We have seen it in the past and we will see it again. I believe that eventually God will move in on our own country unless we give heed to His Word. God is counting down.

In Daniel we read that King Belshazzar sat in his banqueting house having a wonderful party—wine, women and song. Then suddenly the king saw a hand writing on the wall. He became frightened. None of the wise men could tell him what it said. Finally Daniel was called in to read the writing for him.

"Belshazzar," he said, "you did not heed the warning of your father. You did not listen to the God of your father. The handwriting on the wall—MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN—means this: you and your kingdom are weighed in the balances and found wanting. God is counting down on you."

# COUNT -

By G. Tom Willey

Belshazzar had faced his final count-down and had failed. I believe that today God is weighing us in the balances. May He not find us wanting.

Now let us consider the most serious count-down in world history, as recorded in Matthew 27:35,36: "And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted My garments among them, and upon My vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there."

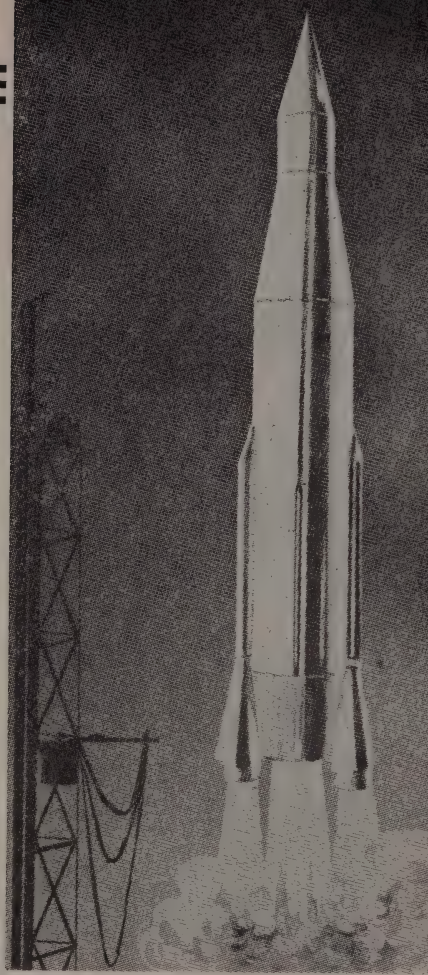
The Son of God! The One who created heaven and earth; the One who put the moon 280,000 miles out there in space; the One who set the earth up so that it travels more than 6,000,000 miles a year, more than eighteen miles a second. In perfect balance it goes around. And "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not." He walked on this earth for thirty-three years, and then men began to count down on Him. They called Him a blasphemer, and finally they arrested Him and crowned Him with thorns. Then they led Him out of the city of Jerusalem and nailed Him to a cross.

And finally we hear the last moment of the count. Then He says triumphantly, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." Salvation's work was finished; God's beloved Son had atoned for sin.

They buried Him in a borrowed tomb, and three days later God picked up the count. Jesus was raised from the dead by the same power that created the heavens and the earth—the power of God. Then Jesus went away into heaven. But that was not the end. The angel said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." He is coming again, "and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him." The count continues, and the day of His return is near.

The last few seconds in a missile count-down are very tense. You have put in many hours of work; you have tried to make everything perfect. But

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sometimes, in spite of everything, there is a failure.

When God sets up His judgment throne and begins the last count-down there can be no failure. Unless we put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, all we do and all we say to save ourselves will be useless, for "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

May God in His love and mercy help you to make your decision for Christ now.

"What will you do with Jesus?"

Neutral you cannot be;

Some day your heart will be asking,

'What will He do with me?'

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

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—Pentecostal Evangel.

## From the Editor

*This issue of the "Elim Evangel" is devoted to one supreme theme—the saving and redeeming power of our Lord Jesus Christ. What greater theme could there be?*

*If you, dear reader, have not yet accepted Christ as your own personal Saviour, we trust that through reading these pages you may come to realise the greatness of your need and the greatness of His love in dying to save you.*

*Please do not hesitate to write if you would like further help, or to seek the guidance of the minister of any Elim church. A card to us will bring the address of your nearest Elim church by return.*

*If you are a believer, please pass this "Evangel" on to an unsaved friend. Thank you.*

*The Conversion I'll Always Remember*

# MY BROTHER'S LAST CHANCE

By Harry McCormick Lintz

WHILE I was serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenville, Tennessee, Pastor Walker, a circuit rider of the Methodist Church, started evangelistic meetings in a chapel thirteen miles away.

My brother Dewey, a dissipated gambler who had sown his wild oats across America, Canada, Mexico and two high seas, had been seen at the services, listening to the singing through an open window and playing cards with pals when the preaching began. The pastor and others urged him to come inside. Finally he said, "If you will have Harry come down from Greenville and preach some night, I'll come in."

The evangelist quickly relayed the information to me and, busy as I thought I was, I yielded to his invitation to preach the next night. I was sitting in the corner of the church, selecting hymns just before the service, when I walked my tall, erect, well-dressed brother. To my surprise and the astonishment of the congregation, he came and sat down beside me. Putting his arms around me, he said, "Goodbye, Doc."

"Where are you going?" I asked.

"To hell," he replied. Then he went on to say that, though he did not know whether there was a hell on the other side or not, life had become a hell to him. He added that he had an automatic revolver on him and intended to "end it all" that night; he had only come in to bid me goodbye.

"Dewey," I said, "why don't you give Christ a chance?"

"Christ wouldn't take a chance on a hell-deserving sinner like me," he answered.

"Why, Dewey, He died for the chiefest of sinners!" I reminded him.

"Not for me," he answered, and started to get up and go out. I pulled him down again and with great difficulty persuaded him to remain until the service was over so that we could talk further.

The subject of my sermon was "Stepping over the deadline," and when I gave the invitation the first person to come forward was my gambling, dissipated brother. Kneeling at the altar, he cried out, "Oh, Doc, if you know a Saviour who will save Dewey Lintz, tell me about Him. I am hanging over the brink of death and hell!"

There beside him I repeated the sweetest story ever told—the story of Jesus, the mighty to save. He seized it as a drowning man would a plank. I prayed and he prayed. Soon he arose and asked me to pass on to his comrades in sin in the congregation and at the windows outside an invitation to join him at the altar, for he was too overcome with emotion to address them himself.

"Tell them," he said, "that I have found the peace I have longed for through the years, and if Christ can save me He can save them too!"

People began coming from all parts of the house and from outside, and soon the altar rail was more than crowded with people who were seeking God. Seventeen of his companions responded.

That was many years ago, but since then my brother has never returned to his former habits. Today he is an official in his church, loved and respected by people who once despised his name. When at intervals I meet him, a God-fearing, Christ-loving, Bible-reading and praying Christian, memory invariably brings back to me this conversion I shall never forget.

—Selected.



# Calling Boys and Girls

By Bernard Norris

Hello again!

I wonder how many of you who read this column are real Christians. Are you converted? Have you ever asked the Lord Jesus Christ to save you? Perhaps you think you are too young to be saved. Well, Jesus does not think so. He said He wanted *little* children to come to Him, so that includes the very youngest.

But let me tell you a story, a true one, about someone who was converted when he was about ten or eleven years of age.

It was Christmas morning, very early. His bed was an iron one, and through the rail at the foot he could see a parcel. Father Christmas had been already! Quietly, so that he would not wake up his parents, who were sleeping in the same room (they had a lot of guests for Christmas) he crept to the foot of the bed and undid his parcel. It was a gun, with an animal on a spring. He fitted the animal on the rail of his bed and fired. Then his father's voice said "Go to sleep. It's too early."

Later that morning the boy went to church. The speaker was a Mr. Collier—one of the two brothers who started a furniture business which has now become well known in London. The man spoke of Jesus coming as a baby in order to die on a cross for sin—including the sin of the boy in our story. The boy sat listening. It all seemed so vivid and clear. Jesus had died for *him*. Jesus had died for *his* sin. As he thought of it, the tears began to come. How much Jesus must love him.

That morning the boy was converted. He knew he was a sinner, and he now knew that Jesus had died for him. God could now forgive the boy's sin

if he would only receive Jesus as his Saviour. He did. The boy was converted that very morning. A few years later he was baptised in water, and welcomed as a member of the church.

Today? Ah, yes, you want to know where he is today. Well, he is about fifteen feet away from me, working at the Linotype machine I told you about last week, and he can remember that Christmas morning as clearly as though it were yesterday.

Can you remember when you were converted? Are you sure you are a Christian? Are you quite certain?

If you have a doubt at all, have a talk with your Sunday school teacher and make sure.

God bless you.

BERNARD.

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## WHAT I OWE TO CHRIST

By Hugh Griffiths

My wife and I are both deaf persons. My wife is also dumb.

Earlier this year I was in the depth of despair, with ill-health, constant mishaps and my wife's ill-health and dermatitis over her whole arms and hands for nearly two years.

Our little daughter of nine came in for some of the troubles too.

I decided one day to take them and myself to the City Temple, Cardiff, to the Tuesday Divine healing services. That first night began the first spiritual uplift in our lives. We came away after prayers and anointing by Pastor P. S. Brewster, feeling very much happier.

We decided to come again, then Sundays too, until we became regular attenders. My wife had made some improvement in health.

On Sunday, March 15th, we both of us received baptism. That night will long live with us. The power of God was present—the first mighty rumblings of the work about to begin.

Within a few days my wife's arms and hands were healed; the sores have not returned. On taking my first Communion, all my own pains fled away.

Two months later we were received into membership of the City Temple.

I had hoped the time was now ripe when God would reveal the purpose of our affliction, whether we should be healed or remain the same.

We both have a sensation of driving forces in our ears—something trying to penetrate, voices, rushing wind, such as never was known before. I would like to ask all members of all the churches to pray for us until God answers.

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# How great Thou art!

By Guy P. Duffield

*"The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth"*

(Isaiah 40:28)

WHAT a wonderful passage of Scripture is found in Isaiah 40:9-31! Whenever one is fearful or discouraged I know of no better passage to read than this which sets forth the greatness of our God. What a big God He is! Our question is, "How big is God?" Did you ever try to measure Him? If you were going to, what would you use? There are some tremendously large things in this world, but all of them can be measured.

## THE UNLIMITED UNIVERSE

The biggest thing we know is the universe. The earth on which we live is quite large, yet if you could bore a hole in the sun you could pour in 1,200,000 earths like ours and there would still be room for 4,900,000 moons around the inside edge. The diameter of the earth is about 8,000 miles, while the diameter of the sun is 866,000. Yet our sun, which is really a star, is just one of a hundred thousand million other suns which go to make up our galaxy. A galaxy is a swarm of thousands of millions of stars, and it has been estimated that there are some five hundred million galaxies in the universe.

Only a few years ago Dr. O. C. Wilson revealed to the conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, meeting in Pasadena, that a star had been discovered ten million times as large as our sun. If we were to think of the earth as an orange, the sun would be a big barrel and this new star, Zeta Aurigae, would be ten million times as large.

## OUTPOST OF THE UNIVERSE

According to the most recent figures, the known outpost of the universe is almost six billion trillion miles away. That would be six followed by twenty-one ciphers. We are told that light travels at 186,000 miles per second. This means, then, that light would have to travel at that tremendous speed for one billion years before it would reach the known outpost of our universe. When you think that travelling at

that speed you would pass the moon in about one second and a half, you begin to realise what it would be like to travel at that rate for one billion years. At that speed you would go ninety million miles and pass the sun in less than ten minutes, and still you would have one billion years to go—minus, of course, your ten minutes. If that trip seems too long for you, if you don't have a billion years to spare, and if you are not the pioneering type that likes to get out on the edges of things, perhaps you would rather try going first to the nearest fixed star, Alpha Centauri, which is only twenty-six trillion miles away. If you boarded the Sunbeam Express, travelling at 186,000 miles per second, it would take you four years and five months to reach the nearest star, provided you did not stop for meals.

## "WE CREATE OUR OWN HEAVEN"

We have been hearing a great deal very recently about man-made satellites, and all of the marvellous things that modern science can do, and men have become wonderfully proud and haughty. The Moscow radio has even broadcast a statement by Komsomol, the Communist youth league, saying that the satellites "prove how wrong were all religious organisations and beliefs in thinking of heaven." It added, "We materialists create our own heaven, and fill it with our own moons and stars." My, what arrogance! Just to show how foolish such a statement is, let us imagine that the earth were a four-inch ball. Sputnik I would be a microscopic pinhead revolving around the earth at a distance of one quarter of an inch. Sputnik II, at the most distant reach of its orbit, would be about half-an-inch from the earth. Then if you wished to locate our moon you would measure nine feet two inches from this little four-inch ball representing the earth. That is the distance to the moon, our nearest neighbour in the solar system. Now walk out of the building, down the street 1,041 feet (one-fifth of a mile)—that is the dis-

tance to Venus, the nearest planet to the earth. Keep walking until you are 3,806 feet—or almost three-quarters of a mile—away from our four-inch earth; that would be the distance to the sun. If you wanted to locate our nearest star, Alpha Centauri, on our small-scale universe you would have to go in a straight line from our four-inch earth 185,154 miles. This is just a little idea of our solar system in miniature, and yet God made it all with just a word.

### **GOD MEASURES WITH A SPAN**

Isaiah 40:12 says that He “meted out the heavens with a span.” Verse 22 says He “stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.” We measure the universe in light years—a distance of about six trillion miles—but when God measures the heavens He does so with a span—the distance between the end of the thumb and the end of the little finger of the hand. One of the first things I do on rising in the morning is to pull back the curtains at the windows of our home. Just as easily as I do that God has stretched out the heavens as a curtain. Perhaps many of you have put up a little pup tent. It does not take very long. Even so God spreads out the vast universe as a tent to dwell in. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said “the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee” (1 Kings 8:27). The psalmist cried, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork.” He also said, “When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, and the moon and the stars which Thou hast made, what is man that Thou art mindful of him?” How proud and haughty man is! He says, “When I consider my greatness, my armies, my nuclear warheads, my sputniks and my I.C.B.M.s, what is God that I need to be mindful of Him?”

### **“SMALL DUST OF THE BALANCE”**

The world trembles before the awesome might of man’s devices, but God says “Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance” (Isaiah 40:15). Many of you will remember the old-fashioned type of balances that the apothecary used to use in weighing out the ingredients in a required prescription. He must be very careful of his exact weights, and so before he begins his work he notices that dust has accumulated on the balances. With a soft cloth or the breath of his mouth he removes the fine dust—and there go the nations of the world as far as God is concerned. “All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted as less than nothing in vanity” (Isaiah 40:17).

All through the long night the children of Israel trembled before the might of Pharaoh’s army that had come out to pursue them as they made their escape from Egypt. Trembling, they followed the path which God had made through the waters of the sea. In his pride, Pharaoh sought to pursue these people of God. Down into the sea his chariots and his soldiers went, certain that if Israel could go through on dry land they could too. But just as the feet of the last Israelite climbed yonder bank of the Red Sea, God came down. He took off the chariot wheels so that Pharaoh’s chariots “drave heavily,” and then that mysterious power that had held the waters back as a wall was removed and the flower of Pharaoh’s host was overthrown. It is so easy for God to overcome the forces that would be arrayed against Him!

### **THE ANGEL OF THE LORD**

You will remember the occasion when Sennacherib laid siege to the city of Jerusalem. For months the soldiers encircled the walls. Emissaries from the Syrian king taunted the people of Israel, urging them not to place any faith in the promises of King Hezekiah and his prophet Isaiah that their God would deliver them. What gods of any nations in the country surrounding had delivered their people from the might of Assyria’s hosts? But Hezekiah and the people within the walls humbled themselves and prayed, casting their faith on the Lord their God. In answer to their cry the angel of the Lord went throughout the host of the Assyrians and the next morning 185,000 “dead corpses” lay round the city.

### **“BIGGER THAN YOU AND I”**

How big is God? I do not know, but I do know that He is bigger than all your needs and mine. He is bigger than the sins and habits that would defeat you. He is bigger than that affliction that has fastened itself upon your body. He is bigger than that problem. He is bigger than your financial need. He is bigger than that unsaved boy, that wayward girl, that stubborn husband. The God who made the universe is bigger than any need or difficulty that may beset us. The scripture tells us to cast all our care upon Him, for He cares for us. Bring Him your need today, whatever it may be. The great God of the universe is interested in each one who calls upon Him, for He not only dwells “in the high and lofty place” but also “with him that is of an humble and contrite heart.” Humble yourself before Him and He will surely meet your need today.

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**W**HEN Jesus died on the Cross it looked to the world like failure and defeat. I can imagine that the Devil thought he had triumphed at last. The enemies of Christ thought it was the last of Him; the disciples thought their hopes had been dashed to pieces. They went away sadly saying: "We hoped that this was He who would redeem Israel."

But in reality the death of Christ, instead of being defeat and failure, was the greatest triumph that has ever taken place on this earth in the history of man, in time or in eternity.

Calvary witnessed the greatest crime ever committed, the greatest failure ever experienced by the Devil and the greatest triumph of the Son of God (Colossians 2:15). In His humiliation He became the unconquered conqueror.

The purpose for which Jesus came into this world is declared in Hebrews 2:14, 15. The reason for Calvary was that He might destroy him, the Devil, and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

There never was a time when it was more necessary to rediscover what God has to say about the Cross. It is the central theme of the Bible. It was at the Cross that the great problem of human redemption was solved, the fountain of salvation was unsealed and the door of heaven was opened. In the Gospels we find more than one fifth devoted to telling us about the death of the Saviour. Why is this? Why all this emphasis on the death of Christ?

There are multiplied thousands who call themselves Christians who put no emphasis upon His death. It

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By John Woodhead, V.

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever should not perish, but*

is because the death of Christ is the most important event that ever took place in time or in eternity. The death of Jesus Christ is far more important in God's scheme of redemption than the beautiful life that He lived. If you tell me, as a sinner, that my only hope of salvation is in imitating the life of Jesus, then I look into that life of spotless perfection, sinless and holy. If you tell me I must live like that in order to be saved, then I am hopeless and you increase my despair, for when I behold that life and then take a look at my own sinful heart I confess I cannot attain to such heights. But when the Holy Spirit points me to the Cross and tells me there is a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness and that in His death He tasted death for every man, then my poor heart cries, "Lead me to that fountain, that I may be cleansed from my sin," for God knows that is what I need.

The reason the Bible makes so much about Christ's death is that it means death to the sin that blocked the way of man back into fellowship with God. A true conception of Calvary is only found in a true conception of sin. If sin is a trifle and its consequences are inviting rather than alarming, Jesus did very little for us in His death upon the Cross. But if sin is a terrible thing, and its effects are destructive to all that is good, the Saviour has wrought for us a great hope through His death.

Sin is the most tragic fact in the world. It caused the river of death to flow between God and man. "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Isaiah spoke a truth applicable to the human race when he said "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God."

## SIN DUG A GREAT GULF BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

"But where sin abounded, grace did much more

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*gotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him  
lasting life" (John 3:16)*

abound." Jesus of Calvary built a bridge of hope across sin's dark stream of despair. Sin is the root from which springs all the troubles which afflict the world today. Solve the problem of sin and wars will cease, class inequality will disappear, poverty will vanish and race barriers be broken down. Solve the problem of sin and suffering, sickness and strife will be no more.

Sin is a disease. It is the fever of the mind, deluding man's clean intellect and corrupting it into a breeding place of evil fancies and wicked imaginations. It is a tuberculosis of the heart, undermining, weakening the emotions and affections, sickening them with every vile corruption. It is a cancer of the soul, a terrible growth that destroys vitality, chokes spirituality and stifles beauty. It is a disease which has afflicted the whole human race, for all have sinned. You will find it in the throne room of the ruler, in the palace of the great and in the home of the poor. Wherever men gather, wherever human hearts beat, there you will find the deadly virus of sin.

## THE REASON FOR THE CROSS

was the ruin sin had brought upon the whole of mankind. The result of the Cross is that redemption has made regeneration possible for everyone. The past with all its sin, the present with all its temptations and the future with all its dangers are dealt with at Calvary. All that we need in time and eternity is provided at the Cross.

Did you ever silently and quietly in your own heart try to grasp the thought of eternity? Oh, the thought that I shall be living somewhere for ever. FOR EVER! There was a time when I was not. When Adam and Eve walked together, I was not; when Moses led Israel from Egypt, I was not; when the Romans invaded Britain, I was not. But listen

friend; there will never be a time any more but that I shall be living somewhere. When the sun has burnt itself out in the sky I will still be living on! When the stars have worn themselves out with the passing of the ages and have crumbled and gone back to nothing I will still be living on. When the whole created universe has grown weary in the cycles of the ages I will still be living on.

When I think of this I stagger at the thought. Then to know that we need not be banished from God's presence, we need not be lost in darkness and blackness for ever. It must be an unspeakable tragedy to be lost.

Sin was a terrible thing to require a remedy like Calvary. And if the Son of God was willing to pay such a great price for our salvation it must be an awful thing for a soul to be lost because of the tragedy of sin. The Cross of Jesus Christ is the one absolute necessity for a lost world.

"Oh the love that drew salvation's plan,

Oh the grace that brought it down to man,

Oh the mighty gulf that God did span

At Calvary."

When Nansen was looking at the North Pole he once found himself in deep water. He tried to take a sounding, but his line would not reach the bottom. He took his book and wrote the date and length of his line and added

## "DEEPER THAN THAT"

The next day he lengthened his line and dropped it again, and again it failed to touch, and again he wrote down the date and length of line and added, "deeper than that." After a few days he gathered all the line he could find about the ship, tied it together and dropped it down. But still it would not reach the bottom, and once more he took his book and wrote the date and length of his longest line and added the note "deeper than that."

The line of God is like that: it "passeth knowledge" (John 3:16). God loves, God gives, God saves. This is the most thrilling trinity of truths that ever fell on human ears or came to bless a suffering race. *God loves*. This is the fountain head, the first cause, the flame from which every blessing of God comes. *God gave*. A boy was walking with his father in a city in the U.S.A. when suddenly he asked: "Daddy, why is there a star in the window across the street?" The answer came solemnly from the father: "They gave a son, my boy, to die on the battlefield." While the father was explaining to the boy that each home with a star in the window had given a son, the lad looked into the dusky evening

sky and shouted: "Oh, Daddy, look! God has a star in His window. He must have given a Son too." Yes, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

*God loved. God gave. God saves.* The word propitiation means atonement, covering. In the sacrifice of God's only begotten Son there was not only satisfaction for the debt of sin. "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). But there was a covering wrought by which God covers the sinner's sinfulness. So David said: "Blessed is that man whose sins are covered, and to whom God imputeth no iniquity."

At the cost of a life God made a covering for the first sinners in the garden of Eden. At the cost of the life of the Son of God there is a robe of righteousness provided for all sinners. The Bible tells us that "being justified by His blood, we shall be saved from death by Him."

Many people think that justification simply means being pardoned from our sins. Some believe it takes a second work of grace to complete salvation. But if you study the word justification you will find that it means a great deal more than pardon. You might pardon a sinner, but he would still be guilty. Think of a man in prison—his friends appeal for his pardon, and a pardon is granted. But if he were ever guilty of the crime with which he was charged he is still just as guilty out of prison as he was in. But when God justifies a sinner he is restored to innocence in the sight of God. He now stands before God as though he had not sinned.

Like Naaman, when he dipped himself in the river Jordan at the command of the prophet. His flesh was eaten with the loathsome disease of leprosy. But when in obedience to the command of God he dipped the seventh time in Jordan he was not merely healed, but the Bible says that his flesh became like that of a child. There was not a trace of the disease on him. When God justifies a sinner he is made every whit whole. "We have

### **REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD,**

even the forgiveness of sin." Many people have a very shallow conception of what the Bible means by the forgiveness of sin. They think it is like when they have wronged a friend, and then ask for his or her forgiveness. No, that is not what God means by forgiveness. God has a far greater problem to face than our friends when He forgives our sins, for God's holiness and God's justice are involved. God cannot arbitrarily forgive sin and be just and holy. God

must not compromise with sin. God must have ground on which to stand and be just, and the only ground upon which this is possible is at Calvary.

But forgiveness of sin means more than that, it means sin must be put away. Sin has come between us and God. Sin is rebellion against God's love and grace, an insult to His holiness. Sin is trampling God's love and grace and mercy and holiness under my feet, and God has to go a long way to bring holiness and the sinner together in peace and fellowship. In order to do that, sin must be put away. That is what John meant when he said "Behold the Lamb of God, which beareth away the sin of the world." When John said that his mind went back to the day of atonement. On that day two goats were brought before the high priest. He placed his hands upon their heads and confessed the sins of the people. One goat was taken and slain; its blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat to make atonement for the sins of the people. But that was only half of the operation. The high priest laid his hand upon the head of the other goat. This one, instead of being slain, was taken out into the bleak, wild desert. Israel watched the goat disappear. Their sins had been laid upon that scapegoat. On and on it went across the trackless wilderness, where it would never find its way back again. That goat that went away typifies our Saviour, the Lamb of God, bearing away our sin.

Oh, my friend, I want you to realise: forgiveness means not only being pardoned, but that your sins have been removed "as far as the east is from the west." God says, "I will put them behind my back, and remember them against you no more." At Calvary God provided all you will ever need in this life or the life hereafter: pardon, power, peace, right now; deliverance from the guilt and penalty of sin; deliverance from the power of sin and a peace that passes understanding—a God-given peace that undergirds your life, fills your heart, puts your feet on a rock and gives you peace of mind, a peace that passes understanding. The human race can never find peace anywhere else but at the Cross.

But God's wonderful provision awaits your decision. It all turns upon whether you will or will not believe the good news: "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).

What will you do with that love? Will you yield to it? Will you believe on Jesus Christ and obtain eternal life? "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

By one resolution you can be saved.

# "What price your soul?"

By Hugh Sawyer

**A** CYNICAL world suggests that every man has his price, meaning that no matter who he is every man can be tempted to do wrong provided that the price for so doing is right. Paul, in his epistle to the Corinthians, bursts this diabolical bubble. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God . . ." A new sense of values comes into immediate operation. Things which the worldly man considers essential and imperative to his well-being are viewed in an entirely different light. Walking God's way, the scheming machinations of vanquished Satan are brought to naught.

Man's greatest possession is his soul and he must give an account of it before God at Judgment Day. What value do you place upon your own individual soul? You, by your indifference, can make it worthless. God in His great love for you can make it priceless!

John Wesley said, "The value of a thing is the price it will bear in eternity!" The few years we spend in worldly attainment cannot be reckoned in terms of eternal satisfaction. The indifference and lack of knowledge concerning the actual meaning of the soul are at times distressing. "It means me, body and soul, I suppose," some say. When pressed for a definition of this vagueness they dismiss the matter with a couldn't-care-less shrug of the shoulders.

The soul which is the real you is invisible even to your closest loved one, so that we have never actually seen each other, only witnessed the emotions and expressions as given through the physical frame. The body is not the soul, neither is the soul the body. Each is of separate and distinct composition. The flesh is of the earth and perishable; the soul is the thinking, immaterial part of man, immortal and indestructible.

Mankind can blow their fellows to smithereens, blasting their souls from their shattered bodies, but they cannot destroy the soul. Only God can do that! Matthew 10:28 says, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

It is well to remember the great difference

between immortality and eternal life. They are *not* the same. Both mean to live for ever! But note the difference: eternal life means to live for ever in rapturous glory with a risen and ascended Christ Jesus in the heavenlies, according to His promise. Immortality, on the other hand, can mean an everlasting existence under entirely different circumstances. Spare a thought and a prayer for all unrepentant sinners passing beyond mortal recall, their destiny a lost eternity; "Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." The final judgment. Both living for ever; one in eternal bliss, the other in immortal hell! Lost and dead to God for ever!

Jesus in a parable told of a very worldly man, so rich that he proposed building larger barns to house his increasing possessions, to retire from business, thereafter to spend the rest of his days at ease, winning and dining, making merry. But God said to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

Now crystal clear stands out the awful warning of Jesus: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Having realised the value of our soul we cannot remain indifferent. He who believes on Jesus is not condemned; but he who believes not is condemned already. It is a terrible thing to pass our days, to fritter away our lives under condemnation. There is no escape. We must either accept or reject the Lord Jesus and the outcome is the value of our soul! More precious than rubies, or valueless like an empty sea-shell cast upon the sands of a material shore. We must make the final choice!

Happy is the man who delights in his salvation and from a thankful heart can cry "My soul doth magnify the Lord!"

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## Reconciliation

**I**N my younger days there lived in Omaha, Nebraska, a gentleman and his wife who were enjoying a happy married life. But sin overcame the husband. He proved untrue to his wife, and she found it out. When she learned of this she said to him, "Leave, and don't ever let me see you again."

They had one little girl, Marie, and frequently she would ask her mother, "Where is Daddy? When will Daddy come home?" She must have surmised something which her mother never told her. Then she became very ill. Her rosy cheeks paled from day to day. The physician was called in.

Finally he said to the mother: "Madam, your little girl suffers from something that no human skill can remedy. Neither I nor any other doctor can do anything for her. She suffers from what we call a broken heart. Do all you can for her and give her anything she wants."

The mother was grief-stricken, but in an attempt to be cheerful she went to her little girl and said, "Marie, do you know what the doctor said? He said you could have anything you want. Just say the word and I will give you anything you may wish."

"Anything I wish?" she asked.

"Yes, anything you wish," responded her mother.

"Then I want Daddy."

There was a tug-of-war between the mother's love for her daughter and her sense of the injustice she had suffered. But what mother can deny the wish of a dying darling? So a wire was sent to the husband, and at noon the next day he sat in a west-bound train. He arrived in Omaha that evening. As he rang the doorbell, after having been away two years, the maid answered.

He was ushered in, and the nurse said, "I will get Marie ready." A minute or so later he was invited into Marie's bedroom, where the little girl was spending her last peaceful moments. As he walked in at one door his wife went out of the other. He bent

over the bed and Marie's frail little arms slipped around his neck as she said, "Oh Daddy, I am so glad that you came! I have waited and waited for you."

Then suddenly she looked around in surprise and said, "Where is Mother? Bring Mother in."

The nurse stepped out and approached the mother, saying, "Marie is calling for her mother."

She could not deny the little girl's wish and so, without speaking to her husband, she came in and knelt by the bed, saying, "What is it Marie?"

The little girl's hand fumbled around until it got hold of her mother's hand and pulled it down over the place where the little heart was beating. Then her other hand reached out and got hold of her father's hand and pulled that right down over the mother's hand. Marie did not say a word, but she placed her little hand on top of theirs and held them tightly.

The husband found his voice first and said, "Wife, I understand what our darling means. She is asking us to be reunited. I know I deserve to be cast off for ever, but for Marie's sake can't you take me back and give her joy?"

After a few moments his wife answered, "Yes, husband, you are my husband for Marie's sake. We will forget the past."

With that he leaned over and kissed his wife. The doctor had said, "Marie must not be subjected to any excitement, for she cannot stand it." But that had been forgotten at this crucial moment of reunion. The mother, whose hand was nearest Marie's heart, suddenly said, "I don't feel her heart beating." It had stopped for ever. The joy of reuniting father and mother had been too much for the little girl; it had cost her her life. She had brought them together and then passed away.

But listen friends, a greater reconciliation than this was effected nearly 2,000 years ago at Calvary. As He hung there on the Cross, the sinless one, Son of





# COMING EVENTS

(Please pray for these services)

**FINCHLEY.** September 26 and 27. Elim Church, King Street, off Church Lane. "Mainly for Women." Speaker: Gladys Gorton. Supporting programme by ladies only. Saturday 7. Also Sunday: Women's Fellowship Anniversary. Speaker: Gladys Gorton. 11 and 6.30.

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**SOUTH LONDON** District Presbytery Children's Rally. September 26. Elim Church, Clapham. Children's Choir led by D. B. Gray. Sunday school examination prizes presented by J. H. Davies. Items by Sunday schools and scholars. Musical items and special speaker. Convener: F. J. Slemming. Gallery reserved for adult friends.

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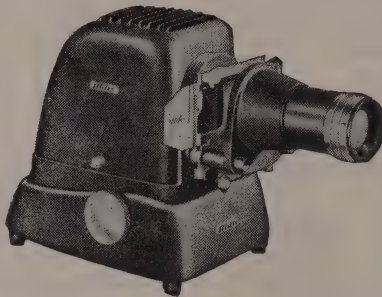
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