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A QUESTIONNAIRE IN RELIGION.

Q. If a man die shall he live again?
Job 14:14.

A. I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day, John 11:24.

Q. How shall we live again?

A. 1. In the spirit in hades or in paradise. 2. In the body after the resurrection in heaven or in hell. Which shall it be? Lu. 16:23.

Q. Can we hold converse with the dead?

A. The rich man could not go back to his brethren nor would Abraham send Lazarus to do it, Lu. 16:19-31.

Q. How can we in this life know where and how we shall live in the next world?

A. Jesus Christ is absolute authority on this question. He came from heaven and went back to heaven. He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Except ye be converted and become as a little child, ye can in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven." Also, "Except a man be born again he can not see the kingdom of heaven," John 3:3. If you don't go to heaven, there is only one other place to which you can go and that is hell. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Rev. 20:15.

Q. What can I do to escape this hell and gain heaven?

A. Repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, Acts 3:19. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, Acts 16:30-32. By grace are ye saved through faith, Eph. 2:8.

Q. How can I know that I am saved?

A. We are justified by faith and the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost; then we keep His commandments because we love Him, John 14:14. We know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love. He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Read entire letter of 1 John.

Q. What becomes of the bodies of the wicked?

A. They are resurrected at the great judgment day and are cast into hell, Rev. 20:12-14.

Q. What becomes of the bodies of the righteous?

A. They are resurrected at the second coming of Christ, or if living at that time they will be changed and all be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, 1 Thes. 4:14-16.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

We must ask the loving consideration of our readers at this time because of the paper being late, and being half its usual size this week. Our Linotype machine was out of order practically all of last week and so no copy could be set up. We believe that although the Evangelist is smaller in compass this week, it contains a very special message for the children of God, and that it will be worth reading through twice.

It is no small task getting out a paper of 16 pages each week from a most inconvenient office with a very small staff, and those of us who labor at 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, would appreciate the continual prayers of the saints that in the unceasing work here we may not lose for one moment the vision of Him for whom we labor, that the love of God may be unabatedly shed abroad in our hearts so that all we do may be love-constrained, and that we may unceasingly experience the joy of the Lord as our strength.

Q. Where will my spirit go when I die?

A. To Paradise if you love Jesus and serve Him with a glad heart. To Hades if you serve the devil. Choose you this day whom you will serve. If Baal be God, serve him. If the Lord be God, serve Him.

Q. How may others know where I am gone when I die?

A. By the life you live. By their fruits ye shall know them. If you live for God, you will go to God. If you live in sin, you will go to the devil.

Q. I am in distress about my soul? What shall I do?

A. Jesus said, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Him that cometh

unto me, I will in no wise cast out. He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him. Give God a chance at your life.—A. P. Collins.

OUR JESUS!

Jesus was touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Heb. 4:15). And He is continually touched. He knows every member of His body, and any one that touches any part of His body touches Him.

He knoweth the way that we take. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord will bear up and lead. On His eagle wings He can just carry you from point to point. Carried on the wings of Infinite Love!

He thinks out what He can do for His own, and what is best for them. He even took a towel and washed His disciples' feet, and if He can undertake to wash feet, will He not look after our bodies also? Fall back into the everlasting arms of Him whose heart is all compassion and say to Him, "Jesus, I will trust Thee!"

And He goeth before! He is the Good Shepherd who will lead every step of the way. His rod and staff will comfort those who follow. He is choosing out the best way, His own blessed way. He will remove the sharp stones so that they will not hurt His loved ones, and He will make the rough places plain and the crooked places straight. And He looks back frequently to see if you are following Him.

He loves to have His people trust Him, and they love to hear His voice, "Come unto Me!" Hear the cries of Jesus, "Come!" Come for salvation, come for direction. Come for caressing. Come to the place of His breast, where John loved to lean, the breast of the loving, tender, compassionate Shepherd.

His heart burst with love on Calvary and His heart bursts with love now. Get into the heart of this wondrous loving Jesus, into the overflow of this infinite love. Get thrilled through and through with the love of Jesus.

He has pledged Himself not to let His people make one false step. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." And Satan cannot countermand the order. In eternity, your steps ordered by the Good Shepherd! Fall back on Him in absolute dependence and childlike simplicity. He will lead you into green pastures and beside the still waters.

To deserve is better than to receive.

A WONDERFUL MIRACLE

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My father was an infidel, far from God, and on hearing of revival meetings in our midst, where God was pouring out His Spirit in convicting and saving power, he took me by the hand and laughingly said: "We will go over and hear the old women shout." As I was only a girl of ten, he felt it would do me no harm. When I entered the hall I was seized with such a strange feeling. I felt I was in a very sacred place and utterly unfit to be there. As God's Word was preached in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, it penetrated deep into my soul, and I felt myself a lost sinner. An invitation was given for those hungry for God to come forward. I was desperate, and made my way through the crowd as quickly as possible. I had never looked inside of a Bible and had heard very little from others, so I knew absolutely nothing about God's way of salvation. Some of God's dear children gathered around me, and as they endeavored to explain to me the story of the Cross, divine light began to shine down into my poor darkened soul. I simply accepted Jesus by faith, and the burden of sin rolled away forever. Joy and peace filled my soul instead. Glory to His dear name!

Father was looking on, and laughingly said to his friend: "Oh, I will soon get that religion out of her." At first I had a real struggle. The enemy of our souls brought before me the cross, the persecution and the separation which this stand would mean for me, but, praise God, with a real glimpse of Jesus this all faded away. I was now a new creature in Christ Jesus, old things had passed away and behold all things had become new. Jesus took away all tastes which I had inherited.

A Stranger in the Home.

My father gave my mother strict orders not to allow me to pray or attend church services. The next day I was found praying in my room, and for it received a severe beating. But God gave grace through it all. I had always been a delicate child, and much petted and humored, especially by my father. When he saw that in spite of all they were doing to prevent me I still insisted in serving the Lord, his love seemed to grow very cold towards me. In fact, I was like a stranger in the home. This was hard, for before father treated me like a princess. Praise God, His hand was upon me. For two and a half years He gave me grace to strive on, and then when father saw I was still determined to live a Christian life, he struck a final blow, threatening to turn me from home. He knew how much I loved both my parents and also my home, so thought that quite sufficient. The same day I was allowed to play with a little friend in the afternoon. Her mother was a Christian

and knew my life, therefore took this opportunity to read me God's Word. I also read for myself Ps. 27:10. I shall never forget the joy that thrilled my soul as I read this. I felt I could now more easily leave my parents, but never Him who was now my all and in all.

Outcast for Christ.

In the evening, after my return, father again accosted me about going away, and I answered him with the verse of Scripture above mentioned. He became furious and said! "All right, you go and just see how your God will provide for you and how far your religion will go." To me that was a sleepless night, but near the break of day God spoke so sweetly to my soul: "Fear not, I am with thee." He also assured me that if I was true to Him my parents and brothers and sisters would be saved also. (He has done this, praise His name! after the lapse of some years.)

WHY CAST DOWN?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Because you have been listening to him who was cast down from heaven, who will be cast down to the earth, and finally into the pit. Hope thou in God.

When father left for his work early the next morning I said, as I kissed him good-bye, that I would be leaving just as soon as I could get my clothes packed. I saw tears in his eyes, and praised God for this sign of tenderness. However, to me he was cold and indifferent. I set about my packing, having no idea where to go or what to do. I had never yet dressed my own hair, and was too frail to go into service. All the time there was such a calm in my soul. I was filled with His peace. Hallelujah! Very soon a carriage drove up and a lady asked to see me. She was one of the sisters whom God had used to point me to Christ. She said she had been unable to sleep the past night, and this morning early had such a feeling to come and bring me to her home. I was taken to her home, and for many months was cared for most tenderly and taught the way of salvation more perfectly.

Crippled Body.

While in this home I was out riding when my horse suddenly became frightened and threw me over its head. I was dragged along in this way for more than a mile with my body on the ground and my foot still in the stirrup. I was at once taken to father's home and the best doctors attended me. My body had been so wrenched that one vertebrae was dislocated and the doctors were unable to replace it. My entire spine and limbs were in such a condition that for over thirteen months I was unable to walk unassisted. Complications set in and I was rendered a cripple for life. (So we

thought.) Later on I had to undergo several surgical operations, took much medicine, and went under electrical treatment. This enabled me to walk a little bit, with the aid of a spine brace. I could also do a little light work.

Banished Again.

But I was unable to keep silent about Him who had done so much for me, and was consequently sent away from home again. This time my heavenly Father provided for me a good situation and gave me the strength to work. Praise His name!

Some years later I married a Christian man who felt sure that God had healing for me, and therefore set about to find it. Specialists were consulted and new treatments were tried, still there was no lasting benefit. Surgical operations were resorted to once more, until I had gone through seven operations. I grew worse instead of better. The condition of my spine affected my eyes and I could see very little without strong glasses. From the excessive use of strong medicines my teeth were badly decayed and the tooth structure was so soft that some teeth required filling yearly.

The Right Doctor.

At last we found the right Doctor. A dear sister visited our home who had been wonderfully healed, and as she told us of God's blessings to her, showing us the Scriptures, we commenced together to seek for healing. After one week of searching the Bible and searching our hearts, I felt there was nothing left for me to do but to trust God fully. This meant much to me. Although I was a true child of God, still there was a love in my heart for the world. I knew nothing of a life of sacrifice, having always sought my own comfort. God was now showing me a new life, a laid-down life, and He taught me that to follow Jesus means the way of the Cross. I wrestled with God an entire night, and as the morning dawned a deeper light dawned into my very soul. I could say from the depths of my heart: "Yes, Lord, I'll trust Thee!" I arose and took off my glasses and body braces, depending upon God's strength.

Perfectly Healed.

A week from then God made me perfectly whole. I can never express the deep, holy joy that came into my soul when I realized that He had touched my body. I seemed carried away for days with the sacredness of it all. I had not seen clearly for years, and in one second His divine hand had cleared my vision. I had been practically a cripple for ten years, and He had made me whole! Glory, glory to His name! Entire organs that had been taken away by the surgeon's knife were restored, and I was well! Some months later God very graciously baptized me with His Holy Spirit, and it was while waiting upon Him for this that He made my teeth whole. Six of them had very large cavities, and now they are good, strong teeth instead. Since my healing I have had my body examined by physicians who have testified to the fact that I have been truly healed. The doctor who was treating

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THE FULNESS OF GOD

By Andrew D. Urshan.

The earnest prayer of the great apostle for the most spiritual church of his time was that they might be filled with all the fulness of God. Read Eph. 3: 14-19.

Many are praying earnestly for such an experience, and the first thing that they find is that they begin to become very big hearted and tender spirited people. It brings them to the right ground, even the **ground of love.**

The deliciousness of a fruit depends very much upon whether the tree is planted on good soil. If the soil is good that tree will suck the life and sap of that good ground and bring forth good fruit, but if it is planted and rooted in a bad land, in unfertilized soil, the fruit will be small, dry and unpleasant.

The apostle Paul in this wonderful petition prayed that they may be planted in the best soil, and this is God's thought for us, that we be "**rooted and grounded in love,**" to take life from the spiritual soil of the knowledge-surpassing love of God and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, which is Love.

Many are full if harsh judgment, bitter criticism, pride and envy in their life and practice because they are planted in the evil soil of carnality, and they are so rooted in that hard, unproductive soil that it takes weeks of revival meetings to unroot them. We meet such strife and trouble creators everywhere, but some of them though they are ignorant, are honest, and when they hear of God's **fulness** they begin to seek the same. Soon we begin to find the love of God being manifested in their lives. But before anyone can experience the fulness of God they must first be rooted and grounded in love.

Herewith is the testimony of a young Christian worker who attended and helped us in revival meetings in Canada. Read it and see what a blessed change came into his life and experience since he began to seek the fulness of God as his portion:

The Testimony.

"Well, dear brother, I am glad to tell you that God has done a new work in my life and has given me a new experience. Some time ago I became very hungry for God and began to read and study His holy Word and God showed me that there was something yet I had never experienced, and that was the "fulness of God," so I again put myself as a seeker for this, not publicly, but in my room, on the street and everywhere. Suddenly I received something from God I had never received before. Such a love for Jesus filled my being. Oh my heart nearly broke. I just wept like a child, and He gave me such a revelation of the cross. God showed me that the cross was the secret of power. Such a love for His people came into my heart that I did not see a fault in one of them, but rather, I looked on them as kings

and priests. Though they were poor and unclean outwardly yet I saw them pure and clean because I looked at them through Jesus Christ, therefore I saw them perfect and blameless. Bless Him! And such a love for the unsaved! I could have carried them to Jesus. I saw

INEXHAUSTIBLE GRACE.

There is a ladder going up right into the glory. Jacob saw it and he beheld the angels ascending and descending upon it. And Jesus says, "Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels ascending and descending upon the **Son of man.**" He is the ladder to glory.

Jacob was just a fugitive and a vagabond, hated by his brother and despised by his father, with no natural comforts, with just a stone for his pillow, with wild beasts for his companions, and yet abundance of grace came down upon that head upon that stone; heaven came down and that lonely wanderer had a revelation of Jehovah. And then he began to make a bargain with the God of grace. He wanted to make God a shop-keeper. But God gave and would not take any pay. He had the revelation of the angels ascending and descending before he made his bargain.

In view of this revelation Jacob's eyes were closed to the wild beasts around. And God can close your eyes to the difficulties, the dangers, to envy and malice, and even to the coming tribulation. He is no respecter of persons and you can have heavenly visitations and heavenly solace, and also have the covenant of God's inexhaustible grace and endless favor.

Contemptible Jacob and a boundless grace-giving God! There is hope for **everyone** in the covenant of grace, for those who have gone to sleep, for those who have descended to mean things, who have come to an end of themselves and had to flee. God meets spiritual down-and-outs. And God did not exhaust His grace with Jacob at this time. It was just a commencement. And today the invitation is open to you to come boldly to the throne of grace and to come into intimate knowledge with the God of all grace.

the poor souls needed help and wanted someone to tell them of a Saviour who could lift them out of the ways of sin and put a new life into them, even the life of Jesus Christ."

The Lord is graciously working here to the same end, uniting His people by

fashioning their hearts alike, and He is rooting and grounding them in His great love. The result is great harmony and joy, the power is falling and many are being blessed from heaven. All praise to God!

Los Angeles, Cal.

CONVENTION AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

Telegram from A. G. Osterberg.

Please announce an All-Saints Pentecostal Convention, beginning February 10th for twenty days or longer, at 1041 South Broadway, Los Angeles. Andrew D. Urshan, A. H. Argue and co-workers in charge. Tremendous revival now on. Mighty signs following saints. Latter rain falling. Plan to attend. Rooms and board in neighborhood.

A TELEGRAM FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. 2472.

Nowhere in the whole of the United States is a stronger effort being made to reach the soldiers in the camp with the true Gospel appeal than in the special work being conducted by the United Prayer and Workers' League at Camp Logan at Houston, Texas. The precious fruit of answered praying is being gathered in by hundreds who have knelt at the front of the big tabernacle for many nights of the first weeks of the opening of the work. All over the City of Houston the fire is being felt. The newspapers are carrying columns of reports of the work. The individual instances of marvelous conversions and restorations are being told by the press. The testimonies in the meetings from night to night speak only of Jesus and the power of His blood to save. All day meetings for prayer and supplication are being continued from week to week.

Delegations from the churches of the city come nightly. Whole companies, battalions, and even regiments accept the invitation to attend the meetings. It truly is a work of the Holy Ghost and with power.

Evangelist Fred Bosworth and his brother, B. Bosworth, are being blessed of the Lord for the music they so finely render on their instruments. The Assemblies of God of Houston are being honored for what the Lord is doing through them in the work. Pastor E. N. Richey and the saints of the West End Tabernacle count the work the result of four years of constant praying that God would shake old Houston from center to circumference.

Prayer is especially asked that all necessary funds be forthcoming to pay the expenses of operation of the work. God will truly bless the givers as He already has blessed the work. He will give twice who gives early.

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Richey.

He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of God. Ask Jesus to clasp His hand over yours. That will prevent you from turning back.

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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Will all missionaries please take note that the Second World-Wide Missionary Conference will, D. V., take place in the Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., in the month of May. All recommendations should be sent to the chairman, Pastor S. A. Jamieson, box 1356, Tulsa, Okla., or to the Secretary, Miss Anna Reiff, 3635 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. Full details at a later date.

JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR.

"And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them." This is written of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who talked by the way. "We thought this and that, and that it would have been He that should have redeemed Israel." And the verdict of the Saviour was that they were spiritual fools. The natural man cannot comprehend spiritual things, flesh and blood cannot understand the things of the kingdom. There are lots of fools about today, fools about the method and time of the Lord's coming. Human reasonings!

But when Jesus begins to expound, they get the truth. Their hearts were right, but their heads were wrong. They loved Him, and they belonged to the right company—"our company." But they were all mixed up about the coming and the kingdom of the Lord. They looked for a king instead of a Crucified One. O fools, and slow of heart! Lots of reasoning and "we thought this and that!" Let the Lord Himself expound His own Word and all the scriptures concerning Himself. These same scriptures tell clearly about His coming.

Christ stopped when he had explained about His crucifixion and resurrection, but He did not finish the lesson, by telling them at that time about His coming again as King of Glory and as the Restorer of Israel. He wants people to enquire, and He is only too willing to reveal. The angels told a little more to the disciples as they looked up steadfastly into heaven when He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their

sight. But He wants to tell you Himself. He wants to speak to your heart, to give you the burning heart, and He will make the words concerning His coming burn within you.

Those two on the road to Emmaus were talking about Him, and He drew nigh. And in these days they that fear the Lord speak often one to another, and the Lord hearkens and draws nigh. He is so compassionate, He excuses our darkness and He draws near, explains, teaches and then reveals. Don't treat Him as a stranger. They asked Him, "Art thou only a stranger?" But they loved the Lord, and they spake of the Lord, and He hearkened. Those who talk most about Him He comes nearest to. And the more you talk about Him, the nearer He will come.

RECEIVING AND ENJOYING.

Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think! That is the way Christ wants to bless you. The measure is "according to the riches of His glory" (Eph. 3:16.) If you can measure that, you can measure what the Lord has laid up for those who love Him. There is a place where you can stop asking or thinking and just abandon yourself to the Lord and realize the wonderful flow of the love of Christ. Quit your continuous asking and thinking, and let Jesus reveal Himself and His wonderful love to you. The place beyond asking and thinking is the realm of receiving and enjoying. And you can get there now. Hallelujah!

Get acquainted with Him in time. The better you get acquainted now, the more marvellously will you know Him in the hereafter. And to those who know Him not He says, "Depart!" To those who know Him, "Come, ye blessed of My Father!" How much do you know Him? Jesus said to the Father concerning us, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." The extent of your capacity for comprehending and enjoying the glories hereafter depends on the extent of your knowing God and His Son now.

He does not mind spending His time teaching. He had not been seen of many, but to those two, who were enquiring about Him in their darkness and ignorance, He especially manifested Himself. O the condescension of love to those whose hearts go out to Him! He has many things to say to us, in public, in private and in the secret place of the heart. And here is the greatest and best secret: "Behold, I come quickly!" Ask Him to make these words life and reality to you, and all the avocations of the daily life will take their relative position in the light of the revelation of His own coming. The night cometh when no man can work.

PARDON, PEACE AND PLENTY.

While the Son was yet a great way off the father saw him, and had compassion on him, and ran to meet him, and fell on his neck and kissed him. Why did he do this? Was it for anything in the son? No, it was because of the love that was in his own heart. He fell on his son's neck because he loved to be there. It is the love of God, not any loveliness in the sinner, that accounts for the extravagant liberality of his reception through Christ.

God clothes us with Christ, and brings us into His house with nothing less than all the honor He can put upon us, as He would have us to be there. The Father's mind was, that a son of His was worth it all, and that it was worthy of Him to give it. I am loved as He loves His Son Jesus.

If the Father kisses me, the very consciousness that He is doing it, while I am yet in the rags of the far country, prove what a forgiveness it is. There is not another in the whole world who would not have thought about my rags, before he fell on my neck and kissed me.

My heart believes it, and I am reconciled to God. The peace has been "made through the Blood of His cross," and the only part I had in that which saved me was my sins.

And I am not come half-way to God. "Thou in thy mercy hast led forth people which Thou hast redeemed; Thou hast guided them in Thy strength to Thy holy habitation." "I bare you on eagle's wings and brought you to Myself." The poor thief goes straight from the cross to Paradise, made in one moment a fit companion for Jesus throughout eternity.

HELP NEEDED.

Doubtless many of you have already heard of my continued serious illness. I have for several years been in the Pentecostal ministry until about six months ago when I suffered a complete breakdown. Since that time I have been unable to do anything. Have spent much of this time in hospitals. Am at present in a very bad condition here in Dr. Yarbrough's Sanatorium. Am having to pay \$25.00 per week. I also have two little motherless girls to support. Will all the saints join me in prayer that the Lord will send in the needed means, and whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. All the Evangel family, please pray for me.

In His love,

J. M. Graham.

Care Yarbrough's Sanatorium, Columbia, Ala.

Editorial Note. Bro. Graham is well known as one of the best Pentecostal Evangelists in West Florida and Alabama. It is sad to see one of God's faithful servants in this condition. Let all the dear saints get hold of the Lord for his deliverance. The brethren in Florida and Alabama should do their best to meet his needs.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.

Greetings to thee and all the saints from Africa's sunny shores! Let peace and love be multiplied! What a sum in multiplication! And it is coming! God will have a people who are ONE! "That the world may know that Thou hast sent me."

Answered Prayers.

The past year has been full of tests and in many ways almost beyond human endurance, but He has enabled us to press on and now the answer comes and we can see His hand in it all. There is no need to detail these trials—but "He knows and loves and cares," and has brought us through the darkness! All praise and glory to His name forever!

Results.

We praise God for some reward for our labors, although we have been greatly handicapped. He has wrought a work, and scores have turned to the Lord. We have not kept an account of how many, but He knows who they are. Our altar services have been full Sunday after Sunday and our open air services have been greatly blessed of God. I could fill pages with different cases, but will only tell of one case in each nationality in which we labor. We have two mission halls. One for European (white) and Cape Dutch (colored) people. And then our native Zulu Mission by itself.

Case I. An Hindu.

Mr. Mullen is a converted native from India. He is quite well off and has a store, selling his goods to the natives (Zulus). When he came to us he had been converted at the Wesleyan Church and was a deacon in that denomination. But he was a hungry soul. He heard of us funny people and came to see what we did. He observed at first and listened and took in every word. The truth found fertile soil and the seed began to germinate and he was soon at the altar seeking for a real Pentecostal baptism. He was most earnest, and God's Spirit found a responsive heart. It was but a short time till the power fell on him, but not until he went out and threw away his cigarettes. I shall not forget the scene that night. There was a Basuto nearby seeking, a Zulu next to him, a Dutch colored sister near, and Englishman and his wife (brethren), a Scotch lady and others. As the power came on this hungry soul he shook and said, "Oh Lord I don't know what to do! I don't know what to do!" He resisted at first, but at last yielded and speedily the Comforter came, for he spoke in tongues and magnified the Lord. He returned to the Wesleyan church and there told all that God had done! They persecuted him because he spoke in tongues but still he went on and is still going on. Bless the Lord! Pray for Him that he may be used to create a revival in that church!

Case II. An Englishman.

"Joe" Farrel (Englishman) was once a lunatic and had been in the asylum. But God found his heart and saved him and healed him of his insanity. But he was a Roman Catholic, and his people persecuted him. Yet he pressed on (due to the efforts of a colored sister) and finally was gloriously baptized in the Holy Ghost. He showed some signs of weakmindedness but asked God to give him a strong mind, and since then he has shown marked improvement. He has been going on well now for six months or more and is wonderfully advancing in the Word and life of faith and trust. Pray for "Joe."

Case III. Cape Colored Dutch.

Bro. Eckstein (Cape Colored Dutch), a converted cobbler, came to our services to spy out our ways. He was hungry for reality and had delved into spiritualism, and when he came to us he was an unbeliever and a very wicked man, a leader in labor agitations and strikes, was dishonest in business, etc. God saved him and made him a soul winner from the first. He realized his condition, what he was saved from and could only tell of God's wondrous power to save. Always, everywhere, day and night, he told his tale of salvation to all he met, till people said he had gone crazy. He was at first so engrossed in his new found joy that he did not see the need of the baptism, until finally God showed him his work was fleshly. He began to seek, and after a great struggle with pride he was baptized in the Holy Ghost. A more earnest and sincere worker will be hard to find. Pray for him. He made a complete restitution, restoring stolen goods, paid bad debts and confessed various sins, and is now a bright and powerful diamond, ready for Jesus' coming. Hallelujah!

Case IV. A Scotchman.

I cannot tell you his name for he was only a passing stranger, a Scotchman by birth, and with a godly training. He came to our open air services drunk and we invited him to our mission hall. He came. We asked him to accept Christ and pray, and he said he couldn't address God in his drunkenness. We rebuked the devil and prayed for him and he began to cry and pray. We stayed on our knees about half an hour, and he arose sober, saved, and a changed look on his face. He was so happy and rejoiced over and over again that he had found what he had been seeking for (so he told us) for years. He was still going on well the last we heard of him.

Case V. Soldiers.

Our soldier boys come under this number and I should say that they number thirty or forty who decided for Christ. Some of these were Zulus, Basutos and Cape Dutch, and it was marvelous the way the power would fall on

them. Bless God, we have heard since that they are true to God away off at the scene of the battle!

Case VI. Zulus.

Our Zulu mission started through the earnest efforts of a dear colored Dutch sister. She began by holding meetings in her home till my wife and I came and opened a mission for them. Two or three of these were remarkably healed of chronic diseases and all received the light on the full Gospel. One told me, "Umfundisi, we have only known half a Gospel," for they were "Amakolwas," that is believers or Christians before.

Isaac, my native evangelist, was very sick when he came to us. God healed him and now he is not only a believer in the full Gospel but earnestly telling others about the full light. He has not been baptized in the Spirit yet.

Words fail me to tell of various other cases, but enough has been written to show you that we have been blessed of God, and God is still working in power and souls are still coming into the glorious baptism. We hope to open a school in connection with the Zulu mission and we are expecting great things, Hallelujah!—Yours in the battle for souls till He comes, Joseph K. Blakeney.

HEALED OF CONSUMPTION.

I was born and brought up in Persia, and was a Presbyterian. I came to this country in 1911. In 1914 my lungs began to trouble me, but I did not pay any attention to them until I got so sick that I could not work. I was in Cleveland at this time, away from my people, and I did not have much money to take care of myself. So I decided to go to Chicago to my people, thinking I might be better there. I became worse there, because I was out of God's will. I came back to Cleveland in a week.

I had testimonies sent to me of people who claimed they had been healed of the same trouble I had by taking patent medicine. This was quite a test to me, as I did want to be healed. But I do thank God that I did not take any medicine. My father died of consumption, and all our relations with this same disease: they all tried medical aid, but in every case it was a failure.

God healed me when I was alone in my room. I promised the Lord that I would trust Him, live or die, as the three Hebrew children did in the fiery furnace. I cried to the Lord with all my heart and God heard my cry and gave me a good sleep. In the morning I felt so good that I felt as if I had never been sick. Since that time I can say I am healed by the Blood of the Lamb that was slain on Calvary to save and keep saved, to heal and keep healed till Jesus comes.

I promised God to do all that He wants me to do and go where He wants me to go. I believe God healed me to glorify Jesus. Pray for me that God will have His way in my life, also that I may be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.—Joab Badell, Denver, Colo.

Sunday School Lesson

Feb. 10, 1918.

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE.

Lesson Text: Mk. 3:7-35.

Golden Text: He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach." Mk. 3:14.

Home Readings: Mt. 10:1-4; 12:15-50, Lu. 6:12-19; Lu. 8:19-21; 11:14-20. Time: Autumn of A. D. 28.

Place: On the shore of the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum.

I. Jesus seeks retirement first from His enemies and then from the multitude.

Our lesson of last week closed with the Pharisees plotting the death of Jesus. Jesus when He knew this, as Matthew then tells us, withdrew with His disciples to the seashore. From far and wide the multitudes gather. Some must have travelled two or three days to have been present. There were representatives in that crowd from Idumea and Phoenicia. "They had heard what great things He did" and "they came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases." No wonder that He told the disciples to have a small boat wait on Him, for "the whole multitude sought to touch Him for there went virtue out of Him and healed them all." See Lu. 6:19. On another occasion when the woman came behind Him in the crowd and touched the hem of His garment and was healed, He said to His disciples, "I perceive that virtue is gone out of me." In Him is life, and the touch of faith brings life and healing to the sick and to those who have plagues." In Jn. 10:10 we hear our Lord saying, "I am come that they (His sheep) might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." His thought, His provision is such that, through the Baptism and continual infilling of the Holy Spirit, our touch should bring life and healing to others. See Acts 5:15; 19:12. Our hearts should be solemnized as we realize how far short we are coming of the possibilities of the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

V. 11. The unclean spirits "whenever they beheld Him" recognized and confessed Him as the Son of God. He charges them as He had the multitude (Mt. 12:16) not to make Him known, but He never denied their testimony.

V. 13. We frequently find our Lord retiring at times of greatest popularity; and so it was now. Luke tells us that He went up into a mountain (Mt. Hattin) to pray and that He continued all night in prayer to God. Let us learn afresh the lesson that if our service is to gain some day the "well done" of the Master it must be steeped in prayer.

II. He appoints twelve apostles.

Vs. 13-20. "And when it was day." Lu. 6:13.

1. He calls whom He would (Oh! the sovereignty of God in Christian Service, cp. 1 Cor. 12:18, 28. "As it hath pleased Him").

2. They came unto Him.

3. He appoints or ordains twelve.

Note the four-fold purpose of this appointment.

1. That they should be with Him.

2. That He might send them forth to preach.

3. To have power to heal sickness.

4. And to cast out demons.

Cp. Mark 16:15-19, and we see what the Lord's thought is in the ministry of those who believe all through this church age. Note that a call to service and a sending forth may not immediately follow each other, there may be an interval of being at school with Christ as the teacher.

FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS.

The Word tells us that our sins and iniquities He will remember no more. The Divine sponge cleanses the slate. But always remember that though God puts away our sin, as far as the east is from the west, the memory of what it cost to put it away is still in the glory. The five wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ will tell through eternities what it cost to put it away. They do not forget it in heaven. Let us not forget it down here. Our songs of deliverance will be all the sweeter when we remember the pit from which we have been dug.

The choosing of the twelve marks about the middle of our Lord's earthly ministry and now He provides for the continuance of the work after His crucifixion. The apostles were to be witnesses, they were to tell forth what they knew. In 1 Jn. 1:3 we hear John saying "what we have seen and heard declare we unto you," and Peter tells us "we were eyewitnesses of His majesty . . . and this voice we heard when we were with Him in the holy mount (2 Pet. 1:16-18). When the eleven thought it necessary later to fill the place of Judas they chose one who had "complicated with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us" (Acts 1:15, 26). How truly we too must be with Him if He is to send us forth to be a blessing. All of life must be a "dwelling with the King for His work."

"Within the Veil: Be this, beloved, thy portion,

Within the secret of thy Lord to dwell;
Beholding Him until thy face His glory,
Thy life His love, thy lips His praise
shall tell.

"Within the veil, for only as thou gazest
Upon the matchless beauty of His face,
Canst thou become a living revelation
Of His great heart of love, His untold
grace."

Note that it is stated that John the Baptist was "sent from God." Our Lord was sent by the Father. The first missionaries were "sent forth by the Holy Spirit." For the workers needed in the evangelization of the world there is but one recourse for us, "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He send forth laborers unto His harvest." It is unutterably sad to think of the many unsent ones in the vineyard today.

In the lists given us, by the three evangelists, of the twelve apostles Peter heads the list, possibly because he was one of the first to follow Jesus and because he was older than most, and because he was a natural born leader. Judas Iscariot ends the list and the awful description "who also betrayed Him" identifies him from another Judas. Bartholomew is believed to be the same as Nathaniel of Jn. 1:46-49. The name was probably Nathaniel Bartholomew. Bar means "son of," so it would be Nathaniel the son of Tolmai. Simon the Canaanite is also called the Zealot in Luke. Thaddeus is called Lebbaeus in Matthew and Judas in Acts 1:13. He has been sometimes spoken of as the three-named apostle.

V. 16. And "Simon He surnamed Peter." V. 17. James . . . and John . . . He surnamed Boanerges which is the "Sons of Thunder." The new name given in Scripture is the expression of and fixing of a new nature. See Gen. 17:5; 32:28; Acts 4:36-37; cp. Rev. 2:17; 3:12.

V. 20. Cp. Mark 6:31, not an isolated case in the life of our Lord.

III. The unpardonable sin.

Vs. 22-30. This passage which has brought great distress of mind to many should be well understood so as to make it clear to others as well as ourselves. The key to the passage hangs by the door, see v. 30, "Because they said He hath an unclean spirit." Our Lord's life on earth was supernatural from its beginning to its close—from His miraculous birth to His death on the cross, when there was an earthquake, darkness, opening of graves and the coming forth of the dead from them. "The scribes which came down from Jerusalem" could not deny the supernatural character of the work of this wonderful man, but they hated the reality which showed their unreality. They cannot deny the facts of His ministry of healing, casting out demons, and of spiritual blessing. There is no recourse left to them, in their bitter opposition, but to question the source of His power. It is the same today, many an unyielded life is accounting for the true work of God by saying it is of the devil.

Our Lord meets this awful charge.

1. By showing the utter absurdity of Satan working against himself. To divide is to conquer (vs. 22-26).

2. By a simple illustration shows His own conflict and victory over Satan (v. 27).

3. In Mt. 12:27 asks the pertinent question, "If I cast out demons by Beelzebub (Satan) by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges." (A well known fact that there were exorcists, or those

who cast out demons among the Jews.)

4. Finally pronounces the awful and eternal judgment against these men and their successors all through this age of the Holy Spirit.

The one who acknowledges Jesus Christ as the adorable second Person of the Trinity, the One who died on Calvary for his sins is not in danger of committing this sin. The Christ-rejection stands in hourly danger of reaching a point in his rejection when this sin may be committed and the word for all such is "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."

IV. Opposition of His own family.

"We have not an High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. See Heb. 4:15, cp. Heb. 2:17-18. Perhaps the bitterest element in the cup of the one determined to have God's best, at any cost, is the failure of friends and relatives to understand and sympathize, even perhaps giving forth the explanation "He is beside Himself." Jesus understands. Hallelujah! With this incident cp. Jn. 7:5; Mk. 6:3. "His mother." Had she become a doubter? Had there been some questioning in that heart since the early days when the question was asked—"Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? And the answer—"How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not, etc." See our Lord's teaching on this subject. Mt. 10:36-38.

V. 35. Cp. Lu. 8:21. The highest relationship to Jesus results from oneness in the will of God and He would lift every human relationship to a spiritual plane. God must be first. We hear our blessed Lord say "I delight to do Thy will O my God, yea Thy law is within my heart." There is no higher life possible to any one of us than to know, do and love the will of our God. In view of v. 35 how nearly are you related to Jesus Christ?

Suggested subject for further study.

A brief history from Scripture of each of the twelve apostles.

—Susan C. Easton.

FIELD REPORTS.

Fort Smith, Ark. The McCurtain Bible School and Revival closed with victory. Twenty souls were saved and reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. God did put His seal of approval on the Word, using Bro. Fitzgerald in giving it out.—Jacob Miller.

Chicago, Ill. The Lord is graciously answering prayer. The mission was packed full last night. When we first came here very few attended, but thank the Lord, He has undertaken for us. Last night I baptized two in water according to Matt. 28:19. One sister received her baptism last week, several have been reclaimed and some are under conviction. Praise Jesus for all things. Please continue to pray for us.—Thomas Griffen.

—WATER, PLEASE!—

What for—Foot-washing? No, not foot-washing, but—Face-washing, for did He not say:—

—Wash thy Face—Matt. 6:17.

The reason of this is quite apparent, for in the previous verse we find that there were some who loved to

—Disfigure Their Faces.—

Friend, Reader, are you a Face Disfigurer? If so, "Wash thy face," "with the washing of water by the Word" (Eph. 5:26). Do not think for a moment I am belittling foot-washing, if one is so led to do it. I'm not. Howbeit, when I remember that my parents' likeness is on my face, and not on my feet: I find these oft-read words probe deep, for in my face, in your face, are revealed all the inward motives. Yes, a wonderful "weather glass" is this face of ours; and if the intents of the heart should be Love, Hatred, Cowardice, Sorrow, Joy, Contempt, Pride, Anger or Guilt, be assured this face of ours will show it

LOVERS OF THE LAMB.

The cry is going forth: "Behold the Bridegroom!" Do you know Him as such? There have been many saved ones, many sanctified ones, many baptized ones right down through the ages, but Jesus has been waiting nearly 2,000 years for a bride; for one who has salvation, plus practical holiness, plus the anointing of the Holy Ghost, plus an intense white-heated love for Himself, one who will respond fully to His great heart of love. Ask Him to make you all He wants you to be.

Have you ever thought of the things that

—Disfigure Faces?—

Uncertainty is one. "They were sad," is the comment in Genesis 40:6 of two men who were uncertain, the comment of two men in Luke 24:27. Is your face disfigured with uncertainty? —Wash it.—

Envy is another disfigurer of faces, Genesis 31:2 and 5; and so is the Air of Superior Spirituality, Romans 11:18-21 and 12:3, while an unyielding dictatorial spirit, as in John's third epistle, verses 9 and 10, will certainly fit the words of one who wrote in olden times, "Black like an oven." However, in view of the glorious fact that there is "Oil to make the face shine" (Psalm 104:15),

—Wash thy Face.—

Yours, Face-Washing,
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You've time to build houses, and in them to dwell,
And time to do business—to buy and to sell,

But none for repentance, or deep, earnest prayer:

To seek your salvation you've not time to spare.

You've time for earth's pleasures, for frolic and fun,

For her glittering treasures how quickly you run,

But care not to seek the fair mansions above,

The favor of God, or the gift of His love.

You've time to take voyages over the sea,
And time to take in the gay world's jubilee;

But soon your bright hopes will be lost in the gloom

Of the cold, dark river of death, and the tomb.

You've time to resort to woods, mountain and glen,

And time to gain knowledge from books and of men.

Yet no time to search for the wisdom of God:

But what of your soul when you're under the sod?

For time will not linger when helpless you lie;

Staring death in the face, you will take time to die!

Then what of the judgment? Pause, think, I implore!

For time will be lost on Eternity's shore.

"The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."—Ps. 1:5.

Blanche, Mo. We are glad to say that God has begun to work here at Blanche, Mo., at a little place about thirty miles from the railroad. Bro. Roy Canady and wife, myself and wife came here and began a meeting on the 27th of October last. The battle was rather hard at first as we began to preach the full Gospel as it started at Pentecost, but many people soon were convinced that we were preaching the Bible as it was and began to ask for prayer. There were five or six that were saved and three were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The prayer meeting and Sunday Bible study still goes on. Bro. Canady is staying with the work there. Wife and I are at Drury, Mo., but have no place to hold meetings, and we are waiting on God to lead us where we are needed. We would be glad to hear from anyone wanting a meeting either as evangelist or pastor. I hold credentials with the General Council.

I want to recommend "The Apostolic Faith Restored," by B. F. Lawrence to all workers and preachers who want to know more of the back history of Pentecost. It is a good book.—Elmer Snyder and wife.

Questions and Answers

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257. In answer to question 250 you say, "Catholics have no more to do with the Red Cross than other Christians." Now by saying "other" do you mean to class the Roman Catholic Society as a part of Christianity?

The editor in his answer was dealing only with the relations of the Catholic Church to the Red Cross, and it was not his intention, directly or indirectly in that answer, to deal with the genuineness of any one's profession or system, either Catholic or Protestant. If you insert "other churches" in the place of the phrase "other Christians," you will exactly get my meaning, churches being used in its every day usage and not raising the question of whether true or not.

I will go out of my way, however, now to do what the questioner evidently wants me to do, namely, to say what is my attitude towards Catholicism. As individuals, I love the dear Catholic folks, whether saved or unsaved. I believe there are now some saved souls among them and that there have been some such all down the centuries. But as a system, I believe Catholicism thoroughly unscriptural. It now looks possible that the Beasts of Revelation 13 may come out of some combination of Socialism with Catholicism. I believe the forces are now at work that will bring about soon these awful times to the saints of God. It behooves every soul to sink deeper in Christ and do it at once.

358. What does Peter mean by people "wresting the Scriptures to their own destruction?" 2 Pet. 3:16.

He means that some because poorly taught in the Word and because not fixed in right principles for God and truth in their hearts—that such people pervert the proper meaning of the Word to suit themselves and thus to their own ruin.

359. Who are the multitude that no man can number in Rev. 7:9?

Verse 14 answers, "These are they that came out of the Great Tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

In other words these are people who were not ready to be caught up to meet Jesus in the air, either because careless professors or sinners, but who during the great tribulation turned fully to God and got cleansed in the blood of the Lamb.

360. When do the times of the Gentiles end?

Some answer in 1914, others in 1917, others in 1932 or 1934. As for me, I do not see clearly that God has told us how long a time would elapse between the 69th and the 70th week of Daniel. Unless He has, then no man can figure this out from Scripture. It is clear to me that after the Jews start in as a nation again in Palestine that there will be only 7 more years till Christ comes in the battle of Armageddon. Some hold that the Times of the Gentiles end with the na-

tionally restored possession of Jerusalem by the Jews. But who knows when this will begin? The Allies taking Jerusalem does not end Gentile dominion over Jerusalem, for the Allies are Gentiles. And possession by Jews under Gentile supremacy does not mean complete control.

Others hold these Times will end at the battle of Armageddon. The fact is there may be some overlapping on each side. Israel will not be fully restored until Jesus sits on the throne of David, and the Gentile power will not fully end till destroyed in the battle of Armageddon.

AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

There was only one out of the twelve disciples had his head on the breast of Jesus. Only one responded fully to the revelation of His love. It was not the fault of Him who loved. John responded, and so he had the sweetest place. This same love of Christ is being shed abroad these days, and He wants a response from every one.

361. What does Jesus mean in John 3:5 by "born of water and of the Spirit?"

There are several ways to look at this. Two of these are as follows:

(1) That "born of" means "baptized in," and if it does, it would mean to be "baptized in water and in the Spirit." But I do not believe "born of" means "baptized in." Those who hold both water baptism and baptism in the Spirit both indispensable to salvation believe it this way and nobody else can so believe it.

(2) The second way to look at it is that the birth of the flesh, the natural birth, is referred to by "born of water," and the spiritual birth as "of the Spirit."

This has what immediately follows in the mouth of Jesus in its favor, for He at once explains it Himself by saying in verse 6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." According to this Jesus meant to say that the natural birth is necessary—necessary to existence, but this is not enough for citizenship in the kingdom. That just as natural birth is necessary to existence and citizenship in a kingdom of man, just so the birth of the Spirit is absolutely necessary to citizenship in the kingdom of God. There are other views which we will not take space to give now.

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A MIRACLE.

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me at the time of my healing was truly confounded, and said he could not understand it, but could plainly see a notable miracle had been performed. My teeth have also been examined by several dentists who witnessed to the fact that they are good, strong teeth. All glory to our wonder-working God! Although my body has since been sorely tried at times, through overwork or carelessness, yet I have been truly kept in health and strength, and have found, and still find, Him the true source of health and happiness. Glory be to Jesus!—From the South and Central African Pentecostal Herald, an excellent quarterly missionary paper, 30 cents per year, from 61 4th St., Newark, N. J.

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