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**HINTS TO FISHERMEN -- OR HOW TO WIN SOULS**  
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"Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15").

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**INTRODUCTION**

This little book is written to help young people, and others, to become earnest, aggressive, and intelligent soul winners, and also to incite to careful and prayerful study of the Bible. Even though there are multiplied agencies for the study of the Bible in this day, there is woeful ignorance on the part of many as to the essential truths contained in the Word of God, truths that must be known to insure salvation, as well as to guide to holy living. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psa. 119:11. It is not intended as a substitute for the use of the Bible, but to help you use your Bible. It is the only small,

vest-pocket, ready reference book the writer knows of, treating the "Double Cure" -- regeneration and entire sanctification -- so fully, and giving so much clear, useful, and practical information concerning altar work, the Bible view of eternal punishment for the wicked, "Helps for young converts," and "How to retain and enjoy perfect love." Under these two latter topics my loving friend, the Rev. Jas. S. Reager, writes most advisedly.

I send it forth trusting that God will use it to equip, instruct, and inspire thousands to undertake "great things" in the name of the Holy Child Jesus.

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01 -- HELPS FOR YOUNG CONVERTS

By Rev. James S. Reager

(a) The Shield of Faith: There is an enemy, and he must be prevented from wounding. For this purpose The Shield is provided and is adequate. Use it.

(b) Go on: Progress is safety and victory. To stop is to stagnate, which is death.

(c) Keep in the Old Path: Tangled grass, weeds and briars are in the unbeaten way. Millions have made the goal over the old route. Thousands have perished in the attempt to make a way of their own.

(d) Choose Your Own Company: Heart fellowship with holy people is not only safe but delightful. How can two walk together unless they be agreed? Sin is contaminating, contagious.

(e) Don't be Afraid of Overzeal: Not many backslide that way. Lukewarmness is nausea to God. Christianity is intensity, earnestness at white heat. Fire is always hot.

(f) Use Your Wits: Opportunities are all about you. See them, seize and use them. Every faithful effort increases the power and pleasure. The "Don't sees" are a class of stumblers who fill the same ditch with the "I cant's"

(g) Watch: Not your neighbors but yourself. Keep a vigilant eye on your enemy, hold no parley with him; his every movement is to betray. His tail and hoofs he cannot hide under a sheep's skin. Note his tracks.

(h) Fight: Not folks but sin. Use your sword, the Word of God; learn to thrust and strike as well as parry. Practice sword exercise. Don't be sentimental about sin; it's aim is to kill you. Kill it.

(i) Pray: Not selfishly, with a heart full of covetous desires after things you think you want, but heroically, with the spirit of sacrifice, desiring above everything the triumph of the Kingdom in you and through you.

(j) Cultivate the Graces of courtesy, gentleness and patience. They are highly ornamental and much admired. They lend weight to influence. Then they are healthful and joy-giving. Do not leave them off for a moment.

(k) Use Your Mouth for the Kingdom: Talk is the greatest agency among men for producing good will. Sin is never silent. Salvation needs advocates. The more you talk about it the more you will enjoy it. Testimony strengthens faith and holds experience.

(l) Live Your Every-day Life in Jesus' Name: He wants a representative of His kingdom, a good sample piece just where you live all the time.

(m) Be Intelligent: Knowledge is power. Know Jesus, the Word, the world, people. Use your leisure in profitable reading. Be watchful for Satan's tracks in modern fiction. Read along the line of your experience.

(n) Be Cheerful: Bury your sorrow; the world needs sunshine. Only cheerful ministries can help lift folks Christward. Groaning becomes a habit both disagreeable and bad.

(o) Attend All the Means of Grace: They are streams that make glad the City of God. Neglect them, and your heart becomes a desert; improve them, and it flourishes like a watered garden.

(p) Be Loyal to Your Church: Church disloyalty dishonors Christ. The Church stands for Jesus in the world. Help make it all it ought to be by fidelity to all of its interests. Holy living is better than carping.

(q) Search for the Good in Folks and Things: Flowers are sweeter than garbage.

(r) Keep Alive: Only dead things decay.

(s) Make Your Imagination Spiritualize Your Senses, not Sensualize Your Spirit.

(t) Live in Open Fellowship with Jesus by the Spirit: Let the world know that you are proud of your comradeship with the Son of God. While you thus honor Him on earth He will so honor you before His Father and among the angels.

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## 02 -- HOW TO RETAIN AND ENJOY PERFECT LOVE

By Rev. James. S. Reager

Prize It, if you will retain it. Count its cost, and estimate its value. That which is lightly valued is already lost. When the heart knows this as its chiefest treasure and its brightest ornament, it will guard it with all diligence.

Use It. Like light it cannot bear confinement. The selfishness of fear that would hide it is the testimony to its absence,

Know What It Is. Perfect love, not judgment, knowledge, or personal goodness, but love, in sentiment, word and deed. Cheerful love, helpful love, holy love, love of God and all

goodness; not sour, impatient, selfish love, but pure, fresh, joyous, hopeful love, that shines in the face and glows in words and deeds.

Tell where and how you obtained it, so that others may know the way. To try to keep it a secret is to lose it. God loves open dealing and does not want His love "cornered," for speculation. Your experience never rises above your honest testimony.

Love is the one thing that brightens every pathway, lightens every burden and makes all duty joy. It is the only source of human blessedness. When the heart is full of it there are no ills.

Perfect love is God revealed in us. This we must know before we can enjoy it. Consciousness is the witness of love.

It cannot be enjoyed by rule.

Perfect love is never stagnant; it moves, sparkles, lives.

Perfect love is enjoyed by being lavished -- squandered. We dare not try to horde it.

Perfect love is enjoyed most when it is being poured out on unworthy objects-sinners, enemies.

It can never be enjoyed apart from its source; it is not a lake, but a river flowing from God. Love is peace with God and man, peace -- rich, deep, perfect peace.

It is to be retained and enjoyed as indicated above, but by neglect and disobedience may be lost and the heart left a desert.

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### 03 -- A WORKER'S TOOLS

Provide yourself with a good, well-bound Bible. Buy one with paper that will take ink, and not show through, and margin wide enough for notes. Mark your Bible with pen and ink, systematically and carefully. Do not begin marking harum-scarum like, for in after years you will wish you had taken more pains. Use some simple system of Bible marking you will understand. The writer simply uses marginal notes, underscoring with pen and ruler, and going over certain important Scripture verses, with a sharp pen and ink to make them stand out boldly. A cheap copy of the revised version of the Bible is handy for comparison. You should get a good Bible Concordance. Strong's Concordance is the most comprehensive in print. There are others cheaper like Cruden's or Young's. A Bible dictionary is also very useful. Smith's is a good one. Also a dictionary of the English language. The Standard I consider par excellent. Then I would suggest that you procure and read the following books:



Half Hours with St. Paul, Daniel Steele (Methodist). Holiness and Power, A. M. Hills (Cong.). Perfect Love, J. A. Wood (Meth.). Faith Papers, S. A. Keene (Meth.). (Can be secured from Christian Witness Co.. Chicago, Ill.)

With this library, an ordinary amount of common sense, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, you ought to turn many to righteousness.

"You need not count your resources, they are limitless. You need not measure your strength; it is measureless. You need not calculate difficulties. Is anything too hard for the Lord? You need not tremble for results. God's results are all successes. He stands with you beside a dead world, and promises its resurrection."

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

"He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." Jas. 5:20.

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#### 04 -- FISHERS OF MEN

"I can win no soul for Jesus by being pious on Sunday and worldly on Monday.

"My mock humility is as powerless to draw souls to the Son of God as your pride can ever be; my levity is no more successful than is another's long-faced cant.

"No one who sees in me a revengeful or unforgiving spirit will ever be won by me to Christ. My tones which are harsh to my servant or impatient in my home have lost much of their persuasive power to speak effectively the name of Jesus. Neglect of home duties will give me no added strength in pulpit or pew.

"Singing of Christ in the choir is well,  
But walking for Christ in the mire will tell.  
And dreaming about the heavenly plan,  
Will bring no Saviour to sin-stained man."

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#### 05 -- THE SECRET

Mark Guys Pearse says: "God could not have used Philip in the city of Samaria if there had not been a putting down of self which made him ready at a moment's notice to be off to the desert.

"I watched an old man trout-fishing the other day pulling them out one after another, briskly.

"You manage it cleverly, old friend,' I said. 'I have passed a good many below who don't seem to be doing anything.'

"The old man lifted himself up and stuck his rod in the ground.

"Well, you see, sir, there be three rules for fishing, and 'tis no good trying it if you don't mind them. The first is, keep yourself out of sight; and the second is, keep yourself further out of sight; and the third is, keep yourself further out of sight still. Then you'll do it.'

"Good for catching men, too,' I thought, as I went on my way."

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## 06 -- BAITING THE HOOK

"In seeking to win men for Christ," The Sunday-School Times says, "we must have regard for their point of view. A wise fisherman does not make unreasonable demands of the fish he would catch. He does not throw a bare hook into the water with the remark that if they will not bite it bare they will not bite it baited, or, if they will not bite it bare they are not worth catching. Nor does the wise fisher of men insist on fishing with the hardest and most unattractive truths of the Word, on the ground that the man who will not accept the naked truth, however unattractive it may be, is not worth saving. We cannot do better than our Lord, who 'spake the Word unto the people as they were able to hear it.'"

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matt. 4:19. Mark 1:17.

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## 07 -- QUALIFICATION

"Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18) is a command as imperative as any in all the Word of God. To disobey is to reject God's command, stultify your own experience, and avoid God's method of equipment for life and service. Every Christian is duty bound to be at his best for God, the best mentally, physically and spiritually. However, one's mental qualifications may be meager, the body cumbered with disease, but, spiritually, any one can be sound -- healthy. Soul-health is to be desired, so that God may do His best work through you. Therefore, He proposes to burn out all sin, and fill men with the Holy Ghost, leaving the individual untrammelled by sin's pollution of any kind, and perfectly free to engage in the blessed work of helping to save this lost world. Purity is power, hence to be filled with the Holy Ghost means (1) heart purity and the enjoyment of God's "Blessed" (Matt. 5:8); (2) the soil of love (Eph. 3:17) out of which the heart life shall grow swiftly and develop in all faculties; (3) the baptism of Jesus or "the Holy Ghost and fire" (Matt. 3:11), God's spiritual dynamite (power) in the soul (Acts 1:8).

Anything less than this, my dear reader, and you are below the New Testament standard of experience and life, and have not on the "whole armour of God." Eph. 6:11.

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## 08 -- HOW AM I TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Note briefly the following points: (1) Make sure you are clearly converted, for the Holy Spirit in His fullness is only given to believers (see John 14:16, 17; also John 7:38, 39). There are some Scriptural evidences by which you can measure yourself as to whether you are now a Christian believer. Take your Bible and read the following:

1. Peace with God. Rom. 5:1.
2. Does not commit sin. 1st John 3:9.
3. Loves the brethren. 1st John 3:14.
4. Confesses with his mouth. Rom. 10:10.
5. Hath the witness in himself. 1st John 5:10.
6. Led by the Spirit. Rom. 8:14.
7. Has the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22, 23.
8. Love your enemies. Matt. 5:44, 45.
9. Keeps Christ's Commandments. John 14:15, 21.
10. Desires purity. 1st John 3:3.

If you believe your present experience harmonizes with the above Scriptural conditions you are a good candidate to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Press right on for victory. Remember this matter is not optional with you. Do not pass it by lightly; it is a most serious Christian obligation. Read carefully these impressive words from Finney, the most noted evangelist of the 19th century: "If we are not filled with the Spirit our guilt amounts to disobedience of God. It amounts to all the good we might do if we had the Spirit of God in as great measure as possible -- but good which is now all undone because we are without this power. Our guilt is farther measured by all the evil you do in consequence of not having the Spirit."

(2) Realizing the imperativeness of the command, the Christian obligation laid upon you, there should be no hesitancy in choosing this "more abundant life," and of immediately placing yourself in that attitude before God where every faculty of heart, hand, brain and life are presented to God forever. Rom. 12:1, 2.

Making a present of yourself to God is your act of consecration. It involves an absolute consignment of what you are or expect to be into the keeping of God forever, with the immediate end in view that God will "fill you with the Holy Ghost," (Acts 2:4), or in other words "sanctify you wholly." 1st Thess. 5:23, 24.

This is your "reasonable service," and anything short of this will not satisfy the divine claim upon you. While such a consecration is obligatory it is not compulsory. You do it out of the love in your heart for Jesus, and a desire to be all He would have you be in life and service. The Spirit will help you to consecrate, revealing any hidden idol or secret hindrance that you may have to put off. When you are clear in your own mind that "your all is on the altar," that your consecration is unconditional and irrevocable, you will immediately strike faith ground, where it will be easy for you to believe God's Word for your cleansing. Let your faith appropriate a promise like the following: "Whatsoever toucheth the altar is holy" (Ex. 29:37), or "The altar sanctifieth the gift" (Matt. 23:19), or "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Heb. 7:25), or "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us (me) from all sin" (1st John 1:7). A grasping of either of these promises, with a tenacity that will never let go, will bring the fire from heaven and the knowledge that God has given you a "clean heart." Psa. 73:1.

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## 09 -- THE EFFECT OF RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Soul rest. Heb. 4:3 and 9.
2. No more "hope so," "think so," "guess so," or uncertainty about our salvation, but an "assurance." Isa. 32:17.
3. Liberty to speak for Jesus. Acts 2:4.
4. All fear gone, fear of faces, fear of unkindly criticism, fear of death, fear of the judgment. Perfect love casteth out fear. 1st John 4:17, 18.
5. The "old man crucified" --electrocuted. Rom. 6:6.
6. No more unbelief, doubts, selfishness, peevishness, fretfulness, worry, hatred, anger, jealousy, pride or envy, but "love out of a pure heart." I Tim. 1:5.
7. The eyes of your understanding relative to spiritual things enlightened. Eph. 1:18, 19.
8. Boldness. Peter was a coward before Pentecost and cringed in the presence of a little maid (Luke 22:56), but after Pentecost he was as bold as a lion. His words were on fire and straight. Acts 2:53.

9. The soil of your heart is love (Eph. 3:17), out of which will grow far swifter than ever before the fruit of the Spirit-love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Gal. 5:22.

10. Happy. "Did eat their meat with gladness... "praising God." Acts 2:46, 47.

11. The Pentecostal Christian has a "fullness of joy" (John 15:11); he does not have to "work up" a praise the Lord, or a hallelujah; his is an artesian well of gladness "springing up" (John 4:14), "a flowing river" (John 7:38, 39), "waters to swim in" (Ezek. 47:5). He is in accord with the Psalmist who says, "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart." Psa. 32:11.

12. God's Holy Word magnified until scores of precious promises are "sweeter than honey and the honeycomb" (Psa. 19:10). "Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." Jer. 15:16.

13. Soul saving. This Pentecostal experience is God's method of equipping a believer for soul-winning. Soul-winning was the principal result of Pentecost. "Three thousand souls." Many added to the church dally.

14. An enlarged faith, a depth of peace and joy unexcelled, and a real "relish" for Christian work. Love is the propelling force of our lives.

15. A love slave of Jesus. A sweet picture is given in the twenty-first chapter of Exodus of the slave whose love for wife and children and the master prompted him to forfeit his freedom as long as he lived. In case he made such a choice, he was brought to the door post, and the master "shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him forever." Marked as a love slave! What a beautiful symbolism here! We consecrate our whole life to Christ now and forever, because of our love for Him. With our all upon the altar, the fire of the Holy Spirit descends; there is a peculiar sense of cleanness, a "marking" indisputable that the work of cleansing has been wrought by the Holy Ghost. Perfect love fills the heart. You are a love slave of Jesus Christ forever. Glory!

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## 10 -- HOLINESS

1. Holy Father.

2. Holy Son.

3. Holy Ghost.

4. Holy Bible, or book on Holiness.

5. Holy Pair. Gen. 1:26.

6. Holy Sabbath. Gen. 2:3.

7. Holy People (Deut. 7:6; Eph. 1:4)

8. Holy Church. Eph. 5:25, 26, 27.

9. Holy Heaven. Rev. 21:27.

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## 11 -- HOLINESS COMMANDED

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6:4, 5. (Read also 6 to 9th verses.)

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matt. 22:37.

"For I am the Lord your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy." Lev. 11:44.

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy for I am holy." 1st Pet. 1:15, 16.

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1st Thess. 4:7.

"Now the end of the Commandment is charity (love) out of a pure heart, and of good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." 1st Tim. 1:5.

Note: --God does not give an impossible command. If He did it would make Him a tyrant, commanding us to be that which we could never obtain. All God's commands are possible and can be verified in human experience. No man, however, can be holy, or love God with "all" of his heart as long as any sin remains. Sin of any kind is an obstruction to love.

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## 12 -- HOLINESS PROVIDED

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

"And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

"And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

"I will save you from all your uncleannesses; and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you." Ezek. 36:25-29.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

"That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

"That He would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear.

"In holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:71-74, 75.

"And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." John 17:19.

"Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14.

"Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12.

"But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it." 1st Thess. 5:23, 24.

Note: --The divine provision is ample. God being no respecter of persons every justified believer who will walk in the light can soon realize --yes "prove --what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2. "For this is the will of God, even you sanctification." 1st Thess. 4:3.

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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord," Heb. 12:14.

"And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." Deut. 30:6.

"In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." Col. 2:11.

Note: --No unclean thing can pass the portals of the New Jerusalem. Holiness is an absolute requirement for admittance into Heaven. But says one, does not justification guarantee Heaven? It does, providing one keeps justified. But justification cannot be maintained without constantly seeking holiness. "No man can be a Christian who does not sincerely desire it (holiness), and who does not constantly aim at it. No man is a friend of God who can acquiesce in a state of sin, and who is satisfied and contented that he is not as holy as God is holy." --Finney.

"We must either be in possession of this high state of grace, or be pressing alter it, if we would retain the favor of God, and be certain of Heaven." --Wesley.

A justified soul cannot be lost but it is God's prerogative to make it pure before entering heaven. Any believer earnestly desiring and seeking holiness will soon find it. Jer. 29:13.

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#### 14 -- A CHRISTIAN MUST BE CLEAN -- ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD AND WORLDLY THINGS

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2nd. Cor. 7:1.

"What! Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own:

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1st Cor. 6:19, 20.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1st Cor. 3:16, 17.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,



"And will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2nd Cor. 6:17, 18.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Jas. 4:4.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." 1st. John 2:15, 16.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Gal. 1:10.

"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matt. 6:24.

"Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1st Thess. 5:22.

Note: --A Christian according to the New Testament idea is a Christ-one, "who walks not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Card-playing, theater-going, wine-drinking, dancing Christians are fearfully condemned by the Bible and are in extreme danger of losing their souls. Adulterers, and fornicators because of unScriptural divorcement, swearers and nasty tobacco chewers who have their names on church records are all condemned by the word of God. The church is especially cursed with tobacco chewing Christians. Hear God speak: "It any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." "Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread?" Isa. 55:2.

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15 -- SIN

1. Original.
2. Actual
3. Sin of Commission.
4. Sin of Omission.
5. Sin of Infirmity.
6. Sin --Presumptuous.
7. Sin --Unpardonable.

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## 16 -- DEFINITIONS OF SIN (From McClintock's and Strong's Encyclopedia)

Original Sin. An inherited tendency toward evil. Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 1:13; Psa. 51:5; and Tim. 2:26. The inexhaustible source of all actual sins. Rom. 5:12-19.

Actual Sins. A violation of God's law. 1st. John 3:4; Rom. 3:10-13.

Sin of Commission. The doing of a thing which we ought not to do.

Sin of Omission --Leaving undone those things which we ought to do. Matt. 25:40-46.

Sin of Infirmity. Arising from infirmities of the flesh, ignorance, surprise, snares of the world, etc.

Sin of Presumption. Sins done boldly against light and conviction.

Sin --Secret. Done in secret through prejudice or blindness; we do not see the evil. Psa. 19:12.

The Hebrew and Greek of the Bible suggest many striking definitions of sin.

Sin. A coming short of our true destiny. "A missing the mark."

Sin. A transgression of God's law --an act of rebellion.

Sin. A perversion, distortion or wrench --a twist of our nature. Out of center.

Sin. Is unrest --a perpetual tossing. Sin. Is toil --wearisomeness.

Sin. Is ruin. Breaking in pieces -- wrecking.

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## 17 - SIN -- UNPARDONABLE

See Matt. 12:31,32; Mark 3:28, 29; Luke 12:10; Eph. 4:8, 19; Heb. 6:4-6 and 10:26-31; 1st John 5:16.

Notice there is no specific sin mentioned, but the approach and the committal may be from various standpoints. Like premeditation, willfulness, neglect, unbelief, willful resistance of the Spirit, repeated backsliding, blasphemy, refusing to repent, etc.

Seven Bible Definitions Of Sin

1. In the multitude of words. Prov. 10:19.
2. The thought of foolishness. Prov. 24:9.
3. Whatsoever is not of faith. Rom. 14:23.
4. Knowing to do good and doing it not. Jas. 4:17.
5. The transgression of the law. 1st John 3:4.
6. All unrighteousness, 1st. John 5:17
7. Pleasures of sin for a season. Heb. 11:25.

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## 18 -- THE SINNER HELPLESS

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: Who can know it?" Jer. 17:9.

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots; then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to evil." Jer. 13:23.

"For though thou wash thee with niter, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God." Jer. 2:22.

"None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: That he should still live forever and not see corruption." Psa. 49:7-9.

"Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

"Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" Micah 6:6, 7.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isa. 64:6.

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## 19 -- GOD'S GRACIOUS CALL TO A SINNER

(See the parable of invitation to the great supper. Matt. 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24.)

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

"And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6-37.

"And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

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## 20 -- REPENTANCE (COMMANDED)

"And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:15.

"I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Read Luke 13:2-5.)

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

"Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Acts 8:22.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30.

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## 21 -- REPENTANCE (EXPLAINED)

Note: --There seems to be much superficial repentance in this day. Repentance in the Greek means a "change of mind." This involves that with much sorrow and shame we acknowledge our sins, forsake every one of them entirely and turn to God.

"Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: For why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the

death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves and live ye." Ezek. 18:30-32.

"Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God." Jer. 3:13.

"For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Psa. 51:3.

"Ye were made sorry after a godly manner. Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." 2nd Cor. 7:9, 10.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isa. 5:5-7.

"He that covereth his sin shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

"Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings." Jer. 35:15.

[Some examples of true repentance: Prodigal Son, Luke 15:18-21; Publican in the temple, Luke 18:13; Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10; the penitent thief, Luke 23:40-43. Instances of false repentance, dreading only the consequences of sin, and not turning to God for mercy: Cain, Gen. 4:13; Pharaoh, Exodus 10:16, 17; Saul, 1st Sam. 15:10; Ahab, 1st Kings 21:25-29; and Judas, Matt. 27:3-5.]

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## 22 -- FAITH (DEFINED)

(1) "The assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed; belief in the testimony of God as contained in the Scriptures. (2) A divinely wrought, loving and hearty reliance upon God and His promise of salvation through Christ, or upon the Christian religion as revealing the grace of God in Christ, called justifying or saving Faith; as we are saved through Faith."

"Faith is taking God at his Word, doing His will, and asking no questions."

"Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1.

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## 23 -- FAITH (REQUIRED)

"As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." Mark 5:36.

"And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." Luke 7:50.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

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

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17.

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6. (Read all of Heb. 11.)

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#### 24 -- SEVEN THINGS GOD DOES WITH SIN

1. Pardon --forgives. Jer. 33:8; 1st John 1:9.
2. Cleanseth them all. 1st John 1:7.
3. Removes them as far as the east is from the west. Psa. 103:12.
4. Remembers them no more. Jer. 31:34.
5. Casts them into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19.
6. Casts them behind his back. Isa. 38:17.
7. Seeks for and cannot find them. Jer. 50:20.

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#### 25 -- SEVEN EVIDENCES OF A FORGIVEN SINNER

1. Peace with God. Rom. 5:1
2. Does not commit sin. 1st John 3:9.

3. Loves the brethren. 1st John 3:14.
4. Confesses with his mouth. Rom. 10:10.
5. Hath the witness in himself. 1st John 5:10.
6. The wicked one toucheth him not. 1st John 5:18.
7. Purifieth himself even as he is pure. 1st John 3:3.

Note: --Every Christian can measure his experience by the above Scriptural evidences. Anything below these and you are unsafe and in danger of losing your soul. Also read the following Scripture for additional facts concerning experience: Psa. 73:25; John 14:21; Rom. 5:5; Rom. 8:14; 1st John 2:3; John 13:35; Rom. 8:15, 16; Gal. 5:22, 23.

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## 26 -- FOUR IMPORTANT FACTS TO KEEP IN MIND

(a) All men are lost through sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

"Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psa. 51:5.

"But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin." Gal. 3:22.

"For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all." Rom. 11:32; also 1st Cor. 15:22.

(b) Salvation alone through Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." John 10:1.

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9.

"He that believeth on the Son hath life, and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Jno 3:36 and John 3:14-22; Rom. 5:18.

"Ye must be born" (from above-margin). John 3:7; also Acts 4:12.

(c) Regenerated by the Holy Ghost. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but cannot tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 3:8.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Titus 3:5, 6.

(d) Sanctified by faith.

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18.

"And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:8, 9.

Note: --Nowhere do the Scriptures state we are sanctified by works, growth, death or purgatory, but by Faith. It is the privilege of every believer to exercise faith now. See 1st Thess. 5:23, 24. Rom. 15:16.

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## 27 -- SUGGESTIONS IN DEALING WITH THE UNSAVED

They are everywhere. At home, on the street, in the store, office, workshop, factory, school room, on street cars, railway cars, steamboats, steamships, are many precious souls that Jesus came to save. They are hastening to an unending eternity. Many will perish, perish, yes, be lost forever, unless you hasten to tell them about Jesus and lead them to repentance. Hurry, hurry, my brother, my sister, begin today; speak to some lost one today, and make this your chief business from now on.

Pray much for divine direction.

The servant of the Lord must not strive, but, be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient. 2nd Tim. 2:24.

Show you are desperately in earnest. Remember a human soul is at stake.

Plead as though your own life depended upon it.

Select some one person and deal with that person alone if possible.

Diagnose the case before you undertake to give the medicine.

Don't fear to be thorough.

Keep praying to God inwardly to help you.



Use tact, skill, common sense.

Don't be put off too easily.

Meet objections by the word of God, but do not argue.

If inquirers seem in earnest, get them on their knees, or to an altar, and there urge them to pray for themselves.

Remember, a seeker must repent, forsake every sin, before he can be saved.

"Offer Jesus as an immediate remedy for every shade of want or doubt or sin." Push hard for immediate results. Leave your denomination out.

Do not urge seekers to join church, but to join Jesus. Then it is time enough to join some church.

In fact a truly converted person will want to get in some church and go to work.

Conversion is not feeling.

There are no two experiences just alike.

Never tell a seeker "you are saved." That is the Lord's business.

Always be courteous, never discouraged.

If a sinner acts out of humor it is very often a good sign he is under conviction.

If two or three persons are standing together you can often get them all to an altar or inquiry room, by first getting the consent of one and then using that as a leverage to get the others.

Know your Bible well enough to find a verse quickly if you desire to do so.

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## 28 -- SUGGESTIONS IN DEALING WITH BELIEVERS

Remember every true Christian ought to be wholly sanctified.

Conversion is the beginning of sanctification. Entire sanctification is the completed work in the heart. Sanctification, perfect love, a clean heart, a pure heart, Christian perfection, holiness and the baptism with the Holy Ghost all pertain essentially to the same experience.

God does not expect any better living of a sanctified man than of a justified man, and vice versa, but sanctification gives one a cleaner stock, and more capital to do business on, for Jesus Christ.

You must have the experience before you can tell others.

"This is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1st Thess. 4:3.

Urge that holiness is a prerequisite to successful soul winning and an absolute requirement for entering heaven. Two of the strongest motives possible for seeking. See Heb. 12:14 R. V.

A refusal to seek holiness when one has the light will very greatly endanger the soul. See Heb. 3:12.

No doubt many persons lose their souls, not so much because they are not sanctified as because they are not justified; and they lose their justification by refusing sanctification.

A true child of God will not need much persuading to seek holiness.

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## 29 -- HOLINESS FROM FOUR IMPORTANT SCRIPTURAL STANDPOINTS.

Mark these carefully in your Bible. Also see Eph. 5:25, 26, 27.

(A) The Altar Or Inquiry Room.

When an individual has reached this point he or she has usually taken a long step toward becoming a Christian. How to deal with these earnest souls and lead them clearly into a definite and vital experience is a question for serious thought and careful study. The superficial work in the inquiry room and at the altar is appalling, largely I think because we are in too great a hurry and very often substitute human instruction when the soul should be led by the Holy Ghost. Some one asked Sam Jones why it was that quite a number of persons had to be converted every six months by an evangelist. Sam replied, "That's the trouble. When the evangelist does it, it is a very poor job, but when the Lord does the converting they will usually stick." Please note the following carefully:

(b) How To Deal With Sinners Seeking Pardon.

1. They should pray for themselves, using their voice and all the strength they have. Urge immediate and earnest prayer. If a person is deeply convicted he will not be long in praying through to victory.

2. Urge genuine repentance -- the forsaking of every sin and evil habit.

3. When a seeker has earnestly cried to God, honestly confessed and forsaken every sin and is struggling to believe, then and then only can we show such a one how and what to believe.

4. Study each case carefully and you can usually ascertain by a few questions like the following if a real surrender has been made:

1. Do you desire to be a Christian?
2. Have you asked God to save you?
3. Are you sorry for the sins you have committed, and do you now confess and forsake them?
4. As far as you know, have you fully surrendered?

If there is a ready and hearty affirmative answer to these questions one can usually lead such a soul to believe on Jesus Christ by a simple form like the following:

1. Are you willing to be saved right now?

Ans. "I am."

2. Who do you expect to save you?

Ans. "Jesus."

3. Do you believe He is able to save you?

Ans. "I do."

4. Do you believe He is willing to save you?

Ans. "I do."

5. Do you believe He will save you? you?

Ans. "I do."

5. And you are willing to let Him save you now?

Ans. "I am."

7. Tell me, do you lust now by an act of your will make free choice of Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?

Ans. "I do."

8. Then by choice what does Christ become to you?

Ans. "My personal Saviour." (It is well here to have the seeker repeat "My Saviour, my Saviour.")

9. What did the Saviour come into the world to do definitely for men and women?

Ans. "To save them from their sins?"

10. You say deliberately that you now make choice of Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and that He came into the world to save people from their sins. Then what does your Saviour do for you? Ans. "He saves me from my sins."

11. Do you believe it?

Ans. "I do."

12. What do you believe?

Ans. "I believe Jesus saves me now." Hallelujah!

13. Will you confess what Jesus does for you?

Ans. "Certainly." (Here the seeker should be given an opportunity to confess Christ either to the whole congregation or call some individual and make confession to that one. The more often a convert confesses the stronger his or her faith becomes. Very often as the soul grasps the "faith line" in answer to question 12 there will be a peculiar light strike the face and a spontaneous outburst of joy.

"As the Spirit witnesses to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God."

The above in detail may not reach the case at all, hence try another line of reasoning.

Quote John 6:37: "Him that cometh to me I will in nowise cast out."

1. Do you give yourself to Jesus?

Ans. "I do."

2. Do you believe the Bible and what Jesus says?

Ans. "I do."

3. Well, He says when you come to Him He won't cast you out. You have come, and if He don't cast you out, what does He do?

Ans. "He receives me."

4. Of course. Then if He receives you, who do you belong to this minute?

Ans. "I belong to Jesus Christ."

5. What did Christ come to do for those who belong to Him?

Ans. "He came to save them."

6. You say you belong to Him. Then what does He do for you?

Ans. "He saves me."

7. Do you believe it?

Ans. "I do." Glory!

Very often you should take your Bible and point out a verse like 1st John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

1. Do you believe what God says?

Ans. "I do."

2. Have you sincerely confessed your sins?

Ans. "I have."

3. What does God say He does (point to the verse)?

Ans. "Forgives us (me) our (my) Sins."

4. You have confessed and the Bible says, God forgives. Do you believe this statement?

Ans. "I do."

5. Then what are you at this moment?

Ans. "A forgiven sinner."

6. How do you know?

Ans. "The Bible says so."

7. And you believe it and will stick to it?

Ans. "Yes."

8. What do we call people who have been forgiven of their sins?"

Ans. "Christians."

9. In what relation do Christians hold Jesus Christ?

Ans. "As a personal Saviour."

10. You say you are a forgiven sinner, hence a Christian. Then what is Christ to you?

Ans. "My personal Saviour."

11. Will you confess it?

Ans. "I will." Amen!

Note: -- These questions and answers are only suggestive and may take some other form when dealing directly with a seeker, but the conclusion reached should be the same, the acceptance of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

Never ask a seeker how he feels. The writer has often heard these questions around an altar:

"Don't you feel saved?"

"Don't you feel blessed?"

"Don't you feel better?"

"Don't you feel happy?"

Keep feeling out of the question, for the devil makes a strong fight for every soul and as Moody says, "When the devil sees a poor soul in agony in the waves of sin, and getting close to the Rock of Ages, he just holds out the plank of 'feeling' to him, and says, 'There, get on that; you feel more comfortable now, don't you?' And while the man stands getting his breath again, out goes the plank from under him, and he is worse off than ever."

Keep well to the "faith line," lead a soul to trust, believe, and God will take care of the evidence -- "feeling" -- which will be ample and satisfactory to every soul.

(c) Other Helpful Scripture For Altar Or Inquiry Room.

The greatest sin that any one can commit is to break the "greatest" commandment. See Math. 22:37, 38. Make a man see and acknowledge this, and if necessary associate another good Scripture, John 8:34: "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." These are particularly applicable to those who may seem careless or indifferent. Ask a man, Have you loved God all your life? "No."

Well then you have been violating this great command. More, use the other Scripture and lead him to see he is the "servant of sin." Then offer Jesus Christ, the great Saviour, to save a great sinner.

Sometimes Isa. 53:6 can be used: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Every poor, lost sinner has gone far astray. Press this truth home and make a man see he is "astray" -- "lost." Then show him Jesus in His substitutional office, bearing the sins of the whole world -- his sins included. "The Lord hath laid on him 'my iniquity.'" How is a sinner to be free from the "law of sin and death?" By accepting the substitute-Jesus. Urge an immediate acceptance of Christ, and when the inquirer says "I do accept Christ" show him John 5:24: "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Emphasize "hath." Also use John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Also Isa. 55:7; John 3:16 and 3:36; Acts 16:31; Rom. 1:16, Quite often an earnest seeker can grasp 1st John 5:14, 15: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.

"And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

When the cry breaks forth from the lips of a true penitent, "O Lord, save me now!" there must be some "confidence" that Christ can save. That prayer is "according to His will" (2nd Pet. 3:9), hence, if according to His will it is heard," and if heard then, "Whatsoever we ask we know we have." Get the seeker to see, "I have asked," "I am heard," "I have." Have what? Salvation -- Christ. Acts 4:12. Faith in the word will bring an answer from the skies every time.

(d) The Backslider Who Wants To Come To Christ.

A real backslider is the most miserable individual in the world. Many are called backsliders who never had anything to backslide from. God puts no premium on a backslider. He simply wanders away from God. God does not leave him. Jer. 3:14 says, the Lord is married to a backslider. The Lord does not believe in divorces. So that whatever separation has occurred is entirely the fault of the person himself. Show a backslider Jer. 2:5 and ask him "what iniquity have you found in the Lord?" and if Jer. 2:19 is not a true picture of his condition, and how

hopeless to try and get water out of a "broken cistern." Jer. 2:13. Then when the sore has been probed to the bottom pour in the balm of Jer. 3:12, 13, 14 and Hosea 14:1-4; also Isa. 44:20-22; Jer. 29:11-13; Deut. 4:28-31; and Chron. 7:14.

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### 30 -- HOW TO INSTRUCT BELIEVERS SEEKING HOLINESS OR ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

"Entire sanctification is that act of Divine grace whereby we are made holy." It is subsequent to regeneration and of course only for believers. In fact only for those who enjoy a high state of regenerating grace.

Occasionally some one will be found seeking holiness who has lost the evidence of their justification. The altar is a good place for such persons, as they will unquestionably find justification before they reach sanctification. It is well, however, to ask a seeker after holiness some questions like the following:

1. Have you been converted?
2. Have you kept converted?
3. Do you believe you were a Christian when you came to the altar today?
4. Could you testify clearly and conscientiously that "Jesus saves me now?"
5. Have you kept up your testimony, Bible reading and secret prayer.
6. Do you desire to be sanctified wholly?

Many persons "stick" on this last question. They want "more joy," "more peace," "more love," "power" or to be "delivered from fear," but to be sanctified-they are hardly ready to swallow that seeming big word. Explain the significance of the word, that it means separation from sin, self, and the world, purification and a peculiar union with God. That it is a Bible word, found again and again in the Scriptures, and that Jesus said (Mark 8:38), "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words... of him also will the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." See also Matt. 10:33; Luke 9:26; Luke 12:9; Rom. 1:16; 2nd Tim. 1:8; 2nd Tim. 2:12; 1st John 2:23. Insist that it is both serious and dangerous to substitute some human expression or man-made term for words used in the Bible. If necessary show it was God's command to Israel (Deut. 6:4-9) and Christ's command in the Sermon on the Mount, Math. 5:48 and 22:37, 38. His prayer, John 17:17. His death, Eph. 5:25, 26, 27. That the doctrine of sanctification is the doctrine of the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:4; Rom. 15:16. God's call, 1st Thess. 4:7. His will, 1st Thess. 4:3. His original purpose, Eph. 1:4. Paul's commission from the Lord, Acts. 26:18. His earnest exhortation in all of his letters to the churches, Rom. 12:1, 2; 1st Cor. 1:30; 2:6 and 9, 10; 6:11; Chap. 13; 2nd Cor. 1:15; 7:1; 13:10; Gal. 2:19, 20; Eph. 1:4; 3:14-21; 5:18; Phil. 1:9-11; 2:5. (3:15. Paul's profession of holiness);



Col. 1:9-14; 1:27, 28; 2:11; 4:12; 1st Thess. 3:10; 4:3-7; 5:23, 24. 2nd Thess. 2:13; 1st Tim. 1:5; 2nd Tim. 1:7; 2:21, 22; 3:16, 17; Titus 2:12-14; Heb. 2:11; 4:3, 9, 11; 6:1; 7:25; 10:14; 12:14; 13:12, 20, 21.

Confirmed by James, Jas. 4:8, and Peter. 1st Pet. 1:2, 15, 16; 2nd Pet. 1:11; 1st John 1:7; 3:3; 4:17, 18; 2nd John 12; Jude. 20, 24; Rev. 1:5, 6; 2:17; 7:13-17; 22:11. The commission of every true minister, evangelist or teacher, Eph. 4:11-13.

He therefore that despiseth (rejecteth -- margin) despiseth not man but God. 1st Thess. 4:8.

When there is no equivocation concerning Bible words, no holding back a "part of the price," but when a complete consecration has been made, then the believer will strike faith ground where it is easy to grasp a promise.

The following form of instruction is suggestive:

1. The Bible states from. 15:16) that the Holy Ghost is a sanctifier. Do you believe it?

Ans. "I do."

2. Have you an intelligent conception of what it is to be sanctified?

Ans. "I think I have."

3. Have you presented "yourself" to God for time and eternity? All you are, all you have, and all you expect to be?

Ans. "I unhesitatingly say I have."

4. And you are ready to be sanctified?

Ans. "I am."

5. Do you now by an act of your will, by free choice, choose the Holy Spirit as your sanctifier?

Ans. "I do."

6. Then by choice what is the Holy Spirit to you just now?

Ans. "He is my sanctifier."

7. Certainly, what does a sanctifier do for a believer?

Ans. "He sanctifies him."

8. You state you have taken the Holy Spirit as your sanctifier, and that the Holy Spirit sanctifies. Then what does your sanctifier do for you?

Ans. "He sanctifies me."

9. Do you believe it?

Ans. "I do."

10. What do you believe?

Ans. "I believe the Holy Spirit is my sanctifier and that He sanctifies me." Amen!

Very often before the end of question 8 is reached the "refining fire" will penetrate the soul either as a deep, quiet, inexpressible peace and love, or like a "rushing wind" causing the "joy of the Lord" to break forth in exclamations of praise or glad hallelujahs! The Lord does not "cut out" two experiences just alike. There is no particular standard of feeling.

Take another view. Select 1st John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us (me) from all sin."

An earnest seeker after holiness who is wholly given up, is walking in all the light he or she has. Hence the first part of this Scripture is complied with.

1. Do you desire a clean heart ( sanctification)?

Ans. "I do."

2. Will you have it in God's way?

There is no other Ans. "I will."

3. Are you wholly and forever the Lord's?

Ans. "I am."

4. God speaks to you through His word and says, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth you from all sin." Do you believe His word?

Ans. "I do."

5. Do you believe this particular promise for your case?

Ans. "I do."

6. Do you mean to say you appropriate this promise (show the word) as yours now and forever, for all that it means?

Ans. "I do."

7. Then if the blood cleanseth you from all sin, what kind of a heart have you just now?

Ans. "A clean heart."

8. How do you know?

Ans. "God says so."

"What God says" is a million times better than feeling. Faith takes the promise, trusts it, rests upon it, stick, to it. Such persistent faith and heaven's fire will fall upon the heart sure.

Take a part of Matt. 23:19: "The altar that sanctifieth the gift."

1. Do you unhesitatingly say that you are all on the altar?

Ans. "I do."

2. Jesus is represented in the New Testament as our altar (Heb. 13:10-12). Then you have put your case in His keeping?

Ans. "I have."

3. What does the Scripture say the altar does?

Ans. "Sanctifieth the gift."

4. Who is the "gift?"

Ans. "I am."

5. Who is the altar?

Ans. "Jesus."

6. What does the altar do?"

Ans. "Sanctifieth the gift."

7. Then what has happened to you?

Ans. "I am sanctified."

8. Do you believe it?

Ans. "I do."

Heb. 7:25 can be used very successfully in some cases, where the faith of the seeker grasps Jesus as an "uttermost Saviour."

In every case when the seeker says, "I believe," definite testimony as to what is believed should immediately follow. See Rom. 10:10, 11. In fact, with the majority of persons who obtain sanctification, testimony is spontaneous and there is no need of prompting.

Usually, if a seeker after perfect love "sticks," and is not able to believe, there is a flaw in the consecration somewhere, or else a little hatred in the heart against some one, or a grudge that must be fixed up. Matt. 5:22-24.

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### 31 -- ELEVEN EXCUSES

There are many excuses given by the unsaved for not seeking Christ. It is well to meet these excuses by the Word of God. For the ready and convenient use of workers we name the excuses most generally given, and how to meet them by the Word:

(a) Not Tonight.

"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." 1st Kings 18:21.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Prov. 27:1.

"He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov. 29:1.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." Isa. 55:6.

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.

"Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

"But, he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

"Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matt. 25:10-13.

"And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12:19, 20.

"Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth." John 12:35.

"Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation. 2nd Cor. 6:2.

"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." Heb. 3:15.

(b) I Cannot Hold Out.

Read the 121st Psalm. What blessed encouragement here.

"Be strong, and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

"Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isa. 43:1, 2.

"And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me is greater than all; and none is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28, 29.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 10:38, 39.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, and will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it. I Cor. 10:13.

"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2nd Tim. 1:12.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Jude 24.

(c) I Am As Good As Lots Of Your Professors.

This is an old and very weak excuse. If they are no better than those they measure themselves by, they are far from being saved.

"Judge not that ye be not judged. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Matt. 7:1, 3.

"Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." John 21:21, 22

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." Rom. 2:1.

"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." Rom. 14:10, 12.

(d) I Can't Give Up All.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served, that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24:15.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark. 8:36, 37.

"And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Luke 18:29, 30.

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures

of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Heb. 11:24-26.

"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1st Tim. 5:6.

(e) I've Never Done Anything Very Bad. (Trusting to morality.)

"They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Psa. 14:3.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isa. 64:6.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

"Not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:9.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5.

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1st John 1:10.

(f) I Don't Believe Some Things In The Bible. (Skeptical.)

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Psa. 14:1.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant." Psa. 25:14.

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. John 7:17.

"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God." John 7:47.

"For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? Rom. 3:3.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1st Cor. 2:14.

"But if the gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2nd Cor. 4:3, 4.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." 1st John 5:10.

(g) I Made A Start Once And Failed.

This excuse stands in the way of many. In many cases, no doubt, they did not get a real grip on salvation, were not clearly and genuinely converted. Urge them to try again. If they failed, whose fault was it? Surely not God's.

"But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psa. 119:2.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5.

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:29-31. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Jas. 4:7.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1st John 5:4.

(h) I'm Too Great A Sinner.

"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions, for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isa. 43:25.

"For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Matt. 9:13.

"They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Mark. 2:17.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.



"To Him gave all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." Acts 10:43.

(i) I Can't Forgive An Injury Done Me By An Other.

"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:15.

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." (Read the whole account of the Unforgiving Servant. Matt. 18:23-25.)

"But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:26.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were ye sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:6.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1st Tim. 1:15.

(j) The Backslider.

"But if from thence thou shalt set the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, it thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29.

"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." Isa. 44:22.

"Return thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever." Jer. 3:12.

"Turn, O backsliding, children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you." Jer. 3:14.

"Return ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." Jer. 3:22.

"Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 1:3.

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. Matt. 18:21, 22.

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Rev. 2:5.

#### (k) I DON'T BELIEVE IN HELL.

The subject of eternal punishment is seldom preached about in this day, except in a casual way that alarms no one. Hence there are many who like to believe there is a Heaven, but dislike the idea that there is a hell. If there is a Bible Heaven there is surely a Bible hell. Let the Word speak.

#### (k-1) The Way To Hell.

"Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Matt. 7:13.

#### (k-2) What Is Hell?

"And a fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit." Rev. 9:1, 2.

#### (k-3) Hell For All Sinners.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psa 9:17.

The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites: who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" Isa. 33:14.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

"And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

"And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." Math. 5:27-30.

"He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

"The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

"The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

"As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

"And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 18:37-42.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

"Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

"So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

"And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Math. 13:47-50.

"Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

"Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire." Matt. 18:7-9.

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

"For I was a hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

"I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

"Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

"Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."  
Matt. 25:41-46.

(Note that these are condemned because of the sin of omission.)

"And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

"And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Mark 9:42-48.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." 2nd Thess. 1:7-9.

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

"And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:9-15.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

(All Scriptures given above refer to the affliction of pain by a powerful external agency.)

Another view of eternal punishment is:

(k-4) Outer Darkness. No Light, No Hope.

"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

"And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

"Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 22:11-13.

"And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Read Matt. 25:24-30.

"But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

"But these, as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

"And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

'Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: a heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

"Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

"But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet.

"These are wells without water, clouds: that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever." 2nd Pet. 2:10, 12-17.

Jesus himself lifts the curtain and gives us a view of the other world in the striking parable of the

(K-5) Rich Man And Lazarus.

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day:

"And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores,

"And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried:

"And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

"And he cried, and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.

"But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

"And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you, cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

"Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

"For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

"Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

"And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

"And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:19-31.

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### 32 -- WHO WILL PUT THE WICKED IN HELL?

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." 2nd Pet. 2:9.

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### 33 -- THE AWFUL FATE OF THE WICKED IS LIKENED UNTO

(a) Death.

"He that hateth reproof shall die." Prov. 15:10.

"He that despiseth his ways shall die." Prov. 19:16.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4.

"For his iniquity that he hath done shall he die." Ezek. 18:26.

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die." Ezek. 33:14.

"The end of those things is death." Rom. 6:21.

"For the wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23.

"To be carnally minded is death." Rom. 8:6.

"Sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Jas. 1:15.

"Shall save a soul from death." Jas. 5:20.

(b) Destruction.

"Is not destruction to the wicked?" Job. 31:3.

"The transgressors shall be destroyed together." Psa. 37:38.

"All the workers of iniquity... shall be destroyed together." Psa. 92:7.

"I will early destroy all the wicked." Psa. 101:8.

"All the wicked will he destroy." Psa. 145:20.

"Destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity." Prov. 10:29.

"Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed." Prov. 13:13.

"The indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction." Isa. 10:25.

"Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Math. 10:28.

"Vessels of wrath, fitted to destruction." Rom. 9:22.

"Whose end is destruction." Phil. 3:19.

"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction." 2nd Thess. 1:9.

(c) Shall Perish.

"But the wicked shall perish." Psa. 37:20.

"Let the wicked perish at the presence of God." Psa. 68:2.

"He that speaketh lies shall perish." Prov. 19:9.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

"Whosoever believeth in him should not perish." John 3:15.

"Behold ye despisers, and wonder, and perish." Acts 13:41.

"As many as have sinned without law, shall also perish without law." Rom. 2:12.

"With all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish." 2nd Thess. 2:10.

"Shall utterly perish in their own corruption." 2nd Pet. 2:12.

(d) Burned Up.



"For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble." Mal. 4:1

"He will burn up the chaff (wicked) with unquenchable fire." Matt. 3:12.

"Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them." Matt. 13:30.

"Whose end is to be burned." Heb. 6:8.

(e) Consumed.

"The enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs; they shall consume, into smoke shall they consume away." Psa. 37:20.

"Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth." Psa. 104:35.

"They that forsake the Lord shall be consumed." Isa. 1:28.

"Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." Zech. 14:12.

(f) Devoured.

"The fire shall devour them." Psa. 21:9.

"They shall be devoured as stubble fully dry." Nahum 1:10.

"Fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries." Heb. 10:27.

"Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:9.

(g) Perdition.

Meaning utter destruction: entire loss or ruin. "Which drown men in destruction and perdition." 1st Tim. 6:9.

"We are not of them who draw back unto perdition." Heb. 10:39.

"Against the day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2nd Pet. 3:7.

(h) Cut Asunder.

"Shall cut him asunder." Matt. 24:51

(i) Cut Down.

"They shall soon be cut down like the grass." Psa. 37:2.

(j) Cut Up.

"As thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire." Isa. 33:12.

(k) Cut Off.

"For evil doers shall be cut off." Psa. 37:9.

"They that be cursed of him shall be cut off." Psa. 37:21.

"But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." Psa. 37:28.

"The wicked are cut off." Psa. 37:34.

"The end of the wicked shall be cut off." Psa. 37:38.

"The wicked shall be cut off from the earth." Prov. 2:22.

(l) Cut In Pieces.

"Let them be cut in pieces." Psa. 58:7.

(m) Rooted Out.

"The transgressors shall be rooted out." Prov. 2:22.

(n) Chased Out.

"He shall be chased out of the world." Job. 18:18.

"He shall be chased away as a vision of the night." Job. 20:8.

"They shall be chased as the chaff of mountains before the wind." Isa. 17:13.

(n) Blotted Out.

"Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Ex. 32:33.

"Let them be blotted out of the book of the living." Psa. 69:28.

"Let their name be blotted out." Psa. 109:13.

There are literally hundreds of Scripture passages condemning the wicked.

"They are to be dashed in pieces like a potter's vessel." Psa. 2:9.

"They shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the herb." Psa. 37:2.

"To be consumed as the fat of lambs." Psa. 37:20.

"Perish like the beasts." Psa. 49:20.

"To pass away as a snail which melteth." Psa. 58:8.

"To be driven away as smoke is driven away, and to perish as wax melteth before the fire." Psa. 68:2.

"To be no more as the whirlwind passeth." Prov. 10:25.

"They shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water... and as tow." Isa. 1:30, 31.

"As the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust." Isa. 5:24.

"As burnings of lime, as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire." Isa. 33:12.

"The wicked shall be as nothing." Isa. 41:11, 12.

"They shall be as though they had not been." Obad. 16.

"They shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away." Hosea. 13:3.

"They shall be burned as tares." Matt. 13:30.

"As dry branches." John 15:6.

"As wood and hay." I Cor. 3:12.

"As thorns and briars." Heb. 6:8.

Note: -- I have thus given this rather full view of eternal punishment for the wicked. Christian worker, warn the careless, indifferent, the ungodly of their impending fate unless they turn to Christ and live. We need a revival of preaching on this tremendously important subject.

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(a) I Want To Wait Until I Have Some Feeling.

Note: -- Not deeply enough convicted perhaps. Show him he is a sinner and therefore needs a Saviour.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23.

"But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." Gal. 3:22.

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, is guilty of all." Jas. 2:10.

(b) I Do Not Believe We Can Know We Are Saved.

Salvation would not be worth anything if we did not know we had it. (See evidences of a forgiven sinner page 40) Then again if one had salvation and did not know it, and he should lose it, how would he know he lost it or how would he know he had it?

"We are always confident." 2nd Cor. 5:6.

"I know whom I have believed." 2nd Tim. 1:12.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life." 1st John 3:14.

"We know that he abideth in us." 1st John 3:24.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him." 1st John 4:15.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." 1st John 5:10.

(c) It Is So Hard To Be A Christian

It is a good deal harder not to be.

"The way of the transgressor is hard." Prov. 13:15.

"In thy presence is fullness of joy." Psa. 16:11.

"Happy is that people whose God is the Lord." Psa. 144:15.

"My yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matt. 11:30.

"My peace I give unto you." John 14:27.

"Your joy might be full." John 15:11.

"Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full," John 16:24.

"The peace of God... shall keep your heart." Phil. 4:6, 7.

(d) I'll Risk It.

Risk what? Your soul's eternal interest? God have mercy! (See answer to excuse No. 11.)

"The wicked shall be turned into hell." Psa. 9:17.

"The soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezek. 18:4.

"The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23.

"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction." 2nd Thess. 1:9.

"He which is filthy, let him be filthy still." Rev. 22:11.

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### 35 -- A FEW HELPS FOR WEAK CHRISTIANS

There are many who are making a determined effort to be Christians, serve Christ, and get to heaven. Their home training is against them, their church privileges limited, while there are others enjoying these advantages who seemingly do not know what to do, to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." A sure cure for much, if not all, that is called "Christian feebleness" is the "elixir" of the Holy Ghost, or the Pentecostal experience. The foundation of this experience is purity, freedom from all sin. Some say,

(a) I Do Not Like To Read The Bible.

The cause for this is usually found in Eph. 4:18 or 2nd Tim. 4:4, or in other words there is not that separateness from the world there should be. No Christian can expect to exist and develop spiritually without reading and meditating upon God's word, no more than he can hope to sustain physical life without eating proper food. The cure for this weakness is found in Deut. 6:5-9; Job. 23:11, 12; Psa. 119:18; Luke 24:45; Phil. 4:6-8; 2nd Tim. 2:15.

(b) I Can't Pray In Public.

The cause is usually fear of man, or a failure to pray in secret at home. Job. 11:13-15; Prov. 19:25. The way to do is to begin with your first opportunity, and then keep it up with every opportunity you may have afterward until you are strong. Trust the Lord, do the best you can. Psa. 56:3; Rom. 10:11; Jas. 4:10; 1st John 4:18.

(c) I Can't Testify In Public.

Are you sure you testify in private? Probably three-fourths of the Christian Church never give a public testimony to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Many say they want their lives to show it. This is always implied. God's word not only expects your life to show it, but also your mouth to speak it.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:9, 10.

A fair interpretation of this Scripture is, that the Word places as much emphasis upon "mouth confession" as a means of getting and retaining salvation as upon "heart belief."

There is much that passes for Christian testimony that has no semblance of such. There are many defenders of the character, life, and work of Jesus, but few real "I know" witnesses as to what Christ has done and is doing in and for me. As Jos. Smith puts it, there are too many, lawyers and not enough witnesses. It is one thing to exhort or make a speech, and quite another to give a clear, ringing, definite testimony as to the saving or sanctifying power of the blood as applied to my heart. The members of our various Young People's Societies are in danger of substituting comments on the topic, select reading, or a verse of Scripture for personal testimony.

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36 -- A FEW EXAMPLES OF INDEFINITE TESTIMONY THAT DOES NOT HELP THE FAITH OF THE ONE GIVING IT, OR THOSE WHO HEAR

"I thank the Lord for what he has done for me." What has He done? He has been very good to everybody.

"I did not intend to testify, but I thank the Lord I am here." You have not testified, you have simply "spoken." Every one can see you are present.

"I did not intend to speak but now I am glad I have." And that is all you have done, If you are a Christian and saved up to date no one could tell it by what you have said.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." A most beautiful Scripture, the import of which is not understood by thousands who use it, quite often in a flippant, sing-song sort of a way. If the Lord is your Shepherd, is He also your personal Saviour, and does He save you now?

"I joined church 20 years ago. Pray for me that I may hold out faithful."

But did you join Jesus? If so, are you still "joined"?

"I know God answers prayer." That is good, but do you know Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour?

"I am trusting Jesus." For what?

"I want to be more faithful, pray for me." But what is your relation to Christ now? Are you saved, backslidden or what?

"I want to do more for the Lord." How much more? But that is not the question. What has Christ done for you, and what is He to you personally?

"I am on the Lord's side." That is much better than being on the devil's side, but could you just as freely testify before three worlds, "Jesus saves me now?"

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### 37 -- SOME EXAMPLES OF REAL, DEFINITE TESTIMONY THAT STRENGTHENS FAITH AND INSPIRES THOSE WHO HEAR

"Jesus saves me now."

"I am glad Jesus Christ is my personal Saviour."

"I was saved 5 years ago, I have kept saved, and am saved now."

"Saved, sanctified, and kept by power divine. Glory to God!"

"I was gloriously converted a few months ago and soon after I sought the Lord for a cleat, heart and found it, and His blood now cleanseth me from all sin, Glory!"

"I am glad to say to the glory of Jesus, that He saves me to the uttermost. Hallelujah!"

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." Philemon 6.

Note this Scripture carefully. "Thy faith," "effectual," "every good thing in you." See Matt. 10:32, 33; Mark. 5:19; Mark. 8:38.

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### 38 -- THE TEN DOCTRINES OF GRACE, AS FORMULATED BY BISHOP VINCENT

1. I believe that all men are inclined to sin and to become sinners.
2. I believe that God the Father loves all men and hates all sin.

3. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all men to make possible their salvation from sin, and to make sure the salvation of all who believe in him.

4. I believe that the Holy Spirit is given to all men to enlighten and to incline them to repent of their sins, and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

5. I believe that all who repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the forgiveness of sin. (This is justification.)

6. I believe that all who receive the forgiveness of sin are at the same time made new creatures in Christ Jesus. (This is regeneration.)

7. I believe that all who are made new creatures in Christ Jesus are accepted as the children of God. (This is adoption)

8. I believe that all who are accepted as the children of God may receive the inward assurance of the Holy Spirit to that fact. (This is the witness of the Spirit.)

9. I believe that all who truly desire and seek it may love God with all their heart and soul, mind and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. (This is entire sanctification.)

10. I believe that all who persevere to the end, and only those, shall be saved in heaven forever. (This is the true final perseverance.)

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### 39 -- A ROW OF MEDICINE BOTTLES

If you are down with the blues, read 27th Psalm.

If people pelt you with hard words, read John 15.

If you are all out of sorts, read 12th chapter of Hebrews.

If you feel lonesome and unprotected, read 91st Psalm.

If you don't know where to look for the month's rent, read 37th Psalm.

If earthly things are taking too firm a hold, read John 14.

If there is a chilly sensation about the heart, read the 3d Revelation.

If you get discouraged about your work, read Psalm 126, and Galatians 6:7-9.

If the stove pipe has fallen down and the cook gone off in a pet, put up the pipe, wash your hands, read James 3.



If you want full directions about spiritual health, read the whole Bible, don't miss a single word.

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#### 40 -- A DOZEN NUGGETS BETTER THAN GOLD

1. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9.

2. Psa. 20:1-9 "The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions. Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call."

3. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psa. 32:8.

4. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psa. 37:4.

5. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isa. 41:10.

6. "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Isa. 50:7.

7. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

8. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Math. 21:22.

9. "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Mark. 11:24.

10. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13.

11. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2nd Cor. 9:8.

12. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ." Phil. 4:19.

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