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## EDITORIAL

### SPOILED CHRISTIANS

Beware lest any man spoil you. Col. 2-8.

After Saul of Tarsus, who became Paul the Apostle had met and come to know Jesus, he became a man with one theme and one purpose. His theme was Christ crucified and his purpose was to glorify Him. He wrote to the Corinthians: "I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." That was the theme of his preaching everywhere which he considered would take care of all of man's spiritual needs. He also wrote to the Colossian Christians the foregoing warning, "Beware lest any man spoil you." You will notice that he is not warning them here of the danger of yielding to temptation, or of going into sin and backsliding as he did warn them and other churches in other places in his writings; but this seems to be a unique warning, lest while they kept on professing to love and serve Christ, they might be spoiled, or as we understand it, they might be rendered unfit for the best service to Christ. Reliable manufacturers of all kinds of goods have their standards of quality and workmanship which their goods must meet before they can have the companies' stamp of approval.

All goods that do not come up to these standards are marked seconds, or substandards, and must sell on the markets at a lower price, because they cannot give the wear or service that the best quality goods give. The great apostle desired that these to whom he wrote at Colosse as well as in all other churches should become first quality Christians, so he wrote, "In Christ dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him." He would have them know that all the attributes of God were in Jesus Christ. Hence He was more than a good man, as many teach. He was God. And as such He was able to save them to the uttermost and make of them first quality Christians "Complete in Him". God has a standard of Christian character and service. That standard we find written in the Book. From the days of Moses, the lawgiver, all down across the years until the revelation of Jesus Christ to His servant John on the isle of Patmos, God has inspired His prophets, apostles and preachers to lift up this standard which He requires and has made possible through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself in the sermon on the mount lifted up this standard in a few words when He said, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect", Mat. 5-48. Also in Paul's epistle to the Ephesians in the fourth chapter, the apostle lifts up this standard in his remarkable exhortation to that

church. Read it, beginning at verse 11: "And he gave some apostles and some prophets: and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Does it not seem strange that so many professing Christians can be content to live beneath their privileges in grace, or be substandards when God has so clearly revealed His will in His word. The apostle's warning to the Colossians here suggests to us the reason that many Christians are spoiled or live below God's requirements.

He says, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men," etc. In other words, be careful what you accept and believe of the teachings of men: Because what we believe is sure to affect our religious experience and life. Many good people are spoiled when they lose sight of God's standard, which is holiness, heart purity, perfect love inwrought in the souls of men by God's regenerating grace, and the baptism with the Holy Spirit. When men place the emphasis on those scriptures which are not vital to the salvation of the soul, they run into error and cause divisions among the people of God, and weaken the church. In the churches in Paul's day there seemed to be a Jewish element which taught that all Christians ought to keep the law of Moses: be circumcised, keep the Jewish Sabbath and abstain from eating certain kinds of meat, or they could not be saved. Others, especially in the church at Corinth, were emphasizing the gifts of the spirit such as tongues, and power to work miracles, etc. These all gave the apostle much trouble, and he wrote to them stressing the need of the grace of perfect love, without which a man would be a substandard and useless to the cause of Christ, see I. Cor. 13: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling symbol. Though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge: and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love) I am nothing", etc. Then he goes on in this chapter and describes the spirit of charity or perfect love which is humble, self-sacrificing, unfailing, longsuffering and kind. When a Christian fails to go on and receive this experience of perfect love, or if he loses it after he has received it, he is likely to manifest a harsh or driving spirit in his preaching or teaching or he may become soft and compromise with evil, and be a "Spoiled Christian of which, let us all beware."

### SELF-PITY

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Christian. These and other excuses are made by those who pity themselves in excuses they make for their sinning.

6. Then, self-pitying preachers are usually quitters. When money doesn't come in, when persecution gets hot, and things don't just go so well, the self-sympathizing preacher will decide that he had better quit the ministry and sell insurance, or go farming, or perhaps join some other large denomination, where he can get a large salary, even though he has to compromise to do it.

7. Self-pitying is carnal, and if carnal it is enmity against God, and therefore, unchristian-

like and unchristian. If so, then, why harbor this enemy of God in your breast? As long as it is in us, then there is something in us that belongs to the devil. Let us confess it to God, and forsake it like any other sin; let us resist the temptation to pity ourselves, as we would resist the devil, because it makes us childish, disgusting, spoiled, hard to deal with, commandment breakers, quitters and un-Christlike. You never saw Christ sitting around pitying Himself—"He that saith he abideth in Him, ought to so walk, even as He walked." Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Was the mind of Christ a self-sympathizing mind? Neither should ours be.—Rev. Thomas Hermiz in Church of Christ Advocate.

### THE JEWISH MOTHER OF GENERAL BOOTH

The following quotation from the "American Hebrew" reveals the little-known Jewish descent of the founder of the Salvation Army.

"The hallelujah slogan of the Salvation Army is Hebraic. 'Praise be to Jehovah', even if it has undergone a linguistic transformation, is in keeping with the life of General William Booth himself. The new two-volume biography, 'God's Soldier', reveals anew his Jewish maternity. Little is known of Mary Moss, the daughter of Joseph Moss, of humble circumstances, and not much more about Samuel Booth whom she married. Certain it is that the patriarchal mien of General William Booth, as portrayed in the frontispiece, gives him the aspect one conceives for the Hebraic prophets. And perhaps the hormones of the Jewish-born mother were at the roots of the strong, religious urge of the Christian son."—Selected.

### IN A SEA OF ENEMIES

"Palestine stands like a pyramid upon its apex", writes Hillaire Belloc in "Universe", "only prevented from falling if the natural effect of gravity is counteracted by some one holding up the sides. The only reason of this situation is mainly the attitude of all Islam towards the Zionist experiment. . . . Though all Palestine were made Jewish tomorrow, and all its native inhabitants deported, the new State would still be a little island drowned in a sea of Islam. For hundreds of miles in every direction there is a Mohammedan world which regards the Zionist movement as temporary, and is determined to destroy it. The quarrel is not to be appeased."

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle . . . Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations". Zech. 14: 1, 2.—Pentecostal Evangel.

### HOW MUCH LAND DOES A MAN NEED?

Tolstoi tells a legend of Pakhom, a rich peasant who was never satisfied. He always wanted more. He heard of a wonderful chance to get land cheap. For a thousand rubles he could have all the land he could walk around in a day. He arose early at dawn and set out. He walked on, and on, and on, and went so far that he realized he must walk very fast if he was to get back in time to claim the land. He quickened his pace, he ran, and ran, and ran. As he came within sight of the starting place Pakhom exerted his last energies, plunged over the line, fell to the ground, and collapsed. A stream of blood poured out of his mouth and he lay—dead. A native took a hoe, dug a grave, made it just long enough, and wide enough, and buried him. And this was all the man really needed.—Anon.