

into life eternal." These are the words of Jesus in Mat. 25.

The song writer says, "I dreamed that the great judgment morning had dawned, and the trumpet had blown. I dreamed that the nations had gathered to judgment before the white throne." And he tells us who were there. "The rich man was there but his riches had vanished and melted away, a pauper he stood in the judgment, his debts were too heavy to pay. The great man was there but his greatness when death came was left far behind. The angel who opened the record not a trace of his greatness could find. The widow was there and the orphans; God heard and remembered their cries, no sorrow in heaven forever. God wiped all the tears from their eyes." He tells us that the moral man was there, but his own righteousness would not do. The gambler was there, and the drunkard, and the man who had sold him the drink, with the people who gave him the license. There were the souls who had put off salvation. "Not tonight, I'll get saved by-and-by; no time now to think of religion." At last they found time to die. He tells us that in that day they prayed, but their prayer was too late.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. The song writer asks the question: "Is My Name Written There?" Can we know that our name is written there? Yes. The gospel of certainty and assurance. The writers and apostles of old cry out, "We know!"

I. John 1:13: "Those things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." There is but one way that leads unto life. Jesus said, "I am the way." Again, "I am the door. By Me if any man enter in he shall be saved." Christ lived our example. He died our sacrifice. All have sinned. All need a Saviour. "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

As we come to Him in true repentance, confessing and forsaking our sins, He applies the blood to our heart, forgives us freely, makes us a child of God, and writes our names in the book of life. This is the new birth. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again. Except a man be born again (born of the Spirit) he cannot see the kingdom of God." He did not say, "Except a man join the church—belonging to a church will not save one. He did not say, "Except a man do good works and help the poor and needy"—the Christian will do these things, but these things will not save. Jesus said, "Except a man be born of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom."

Rev. 3:5, "He that overcometh shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot his name out of the book of life." So it is possible to have our name blotted out after it has been written down. And the promise that our name will not be blotted out is only to those who overcome. To keep our name written in the book we must live a life of victory over sin, over the world and temptation. We cannot do this in our own strength but His grace is sufficient for us.

After one has become a Christian, they soon find something within their hearts that makes it hard for them to do right, a nature that is not subject to the laws of God. God has a cure for this. As the Christian, confessing his need, presents himself a living sacrifice to God, in complete consecration, the Holy Spirit purifies his heart, sanctifying him wholly and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. Not only the sins committed but

also from the sin inherited, the nature or principal of the sin in the heart. This is what the hymn writer meant when he sang, "Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure." Wherefore Jesus also that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate."

He not only will save and will cleanse but also will keep us if we will trust and obey Him. We can be overcomers in every temptation and trial and possess peace and joy that the world knows not of. Salvation never makes one unhappy for there is joy in serving Jesus, and he alone can satisfy the thirst of the soul.

Is your name written there this mornign? It can be, for Christ died for you. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

THE MESSIAH HAS COME

The noted Jewish philosopher, Albert Einstein, is quoted as saying of Jesus: "I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene." When asked if he accepted the historical existence of Jesus he replied, "Unquestionably! No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."

Here is a question for the Jewish nation to ponder: what more could they ask of the Messiah they are still looking for than is to be found in the life of Jesus when the prophecies of His return are included? There is an unbroken chain of events connecting the Old Testament and the New, with Christ as the outstanding figure. The sacrificial system of past centuries has but little of deep meaning unless we see it as leading to and fulfilled in Christ as the "Lamb of God." He is the "seed of the woman" destined to bruise the serpent's head. Jesus is the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," the promised "Shiloh" mentioned by Jacob in prophetic mood. Jesus is the suffering Messiah of Isaiah fifty-three; He is the Redeemer whose right it shall be to receive the kingdom as an eternal possession.—Wesleyan Methodist.

LIFE BY DEATH

'Tis thus we gain by losing,
And win by failure here;
We doff the gleaming tinsel,
The golden crown to wear.

Our sickness is our healing,
Our weakness is our might,
Life is but death's fair offspring,
And day the child of night.

'Tis thus we rise by setting,
Thro' darkness reach our day;
Our own ways hourly losing
To find the eternal way.

'Tis by defeat we conquer,
Grow rich by growing poor;
And, from our largest givings
We draw our fullest store.

—Horatius Bonar.

People glory in all sorts of bravery except the bravery they might show on behalf of their nearest neighbor.—George Eliot.

What fate imposes men must needs abide;
it boots not to resist both wind and tide.—
Shakespeare.

Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.—James.

CONVICTIONS AND OBEDIENCE

"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."—Matt. 18:7. Offence comes from carnality. Carnality in the heart of a man will not only cause him to offend others, but will cause him to become offended at others. Jesus said to Peter on one occasion, "Get behind me, thou art an offence unto me." Peter at this time manifested a carnal heart. On another occasion some of Christ's disciples became offended at what Christ said and they walked no more with Him. This was because of carnality in their hearts. Where carnality is there is great danger of offence coming. It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

I cannot understand how one can be justified and hire himself out to sell whisky and tobacco in a grocery store in order to obtain something to eat and clothes to wear and yet I know these things (food and clothing) to be very necessary. God has said how we should come by these necessary things. He said, "Seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness," and these necessary things would be added unto us. Seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness is to abstain from all appearance of evil and whatever you eat, drink, or do, do all to the glory of God. Just how one can sell tobacco and whisky to the glory of God and come in possession of God's righteousness by so doing evil that good might come (whose damnation is just) is beyond my comprehension. My people perish for the want of knowledge.—Sel.

INVESTING WITH GOD

It is a great honor to be invited to make investments with God. Let us look at the work of salvation in this light and see what comes of it. The invitation to be saved is the first and most essential investment we can make. God asks for our souls that we may be saved from sin; for our hearts that we may love Him and His service; for our time that we may be able to build up His kingdom here and lay up reward for the future. This is what Jesus seems to have in mind in His statement: "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it."

We cannot keep our money and invest it at the same time; its safety in other hands will depend on the quality of the venture. If the business is a good venture we stand to gain, if not we lose. But with Christ as the keeper of life's treasures there will be an eternal gain.

The way to change time into life is to invest our time with God and in His work as represented by the Church and its many institutions and departments. The value of time is not its own intrinsic worth; it is like a base metal, the value lies in its being worked into something useful. A prisoner's given time as a punishment—one year, ten years, or whatever the sentence may be. It hangs on his hands as a dead weight. But the soul winner who sees his life speeding by in the Master's service is eager to make the best use of time. His years are no longer, no shorter, the same years, but spent in a different way because they are invested with God.—Wesleyan Methodist.

In this world character is the only thing we can make that we shall take into the next; what we weave here we shall wear there.—The late Bishop J. Taylor Smith.