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EDITORIAL

A BELIEF THAT BEHAVES

The above caption is the title given to a book we once saw. The book contained brief studies in the Epistle of James, by an English writer. We are borrowing the title because it expresses the thought we have in mind.

There are those who would emphasize behaviour to the neglect of belief. They would unwisely tell us that it does not matter what we believe, that behaviour is the important thing. On the other hand, there are those, and many, who stress belief to the neglect of behaviour. Some time ago we heard a preacher say, "We are not saved by behaviour, but by grace, through faith." Of course, the statement was true, but actually what he meant was that a person could be guilty of the vilest of sins and still be saved. How unscriptural in the light of the teaching of James, who demands a belief that behaves.

James does not agree with the teaching that we are justified by and before God by our faith, and before men by our works. He teaches that we stand justified before God by faith, only if that faith is evidenced by Christian practice. He takes the firm stand that there is no such thing as true saving faith without consistent Christian character and behaviour. He says that faith without works is dead. It is like a body without a spirit; it is a corpse. He demands that we be doers of the Word as well as hearers and professed believers.

James calls this practical proof of faith "the fruit of righteousness," and teaches that it is shown in our wisdom, our words, and our works. Concerning the wisdom, he says it is "from above" and is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without wrangling, and without hypocrisy."

Concerning our words he writes much and uses some stern language. He makes the right and wrong use of the tongue a clear test of spiritual experience. The works he demands are many and include right living and consecrated service. They are the will of God as revealed in His word.

Do we have a belief that behaves? Are we really practising what we profess? James says, "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his doing."

E. W. T.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your Alliance Treasurer still has the responsibility of meeting Alliance notes and interests. At present our Treasury funds are very low so please check your General Fund allotments and pay up as soon as possible for this church year.

Alliance Treasurer,
R. H. Parks,
Calais, Maine

NOTICE

Dear Christian Friends:

Having completed my Christian Service training at Bethany Bible College, I feel led of the Lord to enter the full time work of the Ministry. I am open for a Call to do Pastoral work as the Lord directs.

Yours in His Service,
Lic. Stewart Steeves

IN BOX 277

Mrs. Clark will celebrate her 94th birthday March 9th. This paper has been a regular visitor at our home for over 55 years to my personal knowledge and I always enjoy reading it myself. Especially do we watch for correspondence from Rev. Billy Morgan, who is a second cousin of mine.

Respectfully yours,
Guy L. Clark

Have just had my birthday and rejoice in the Lord. I am well and able to go out around. Enjoyed reading your paper for many years.

Yours in Christ,
(Mr.) E. Ramsey

"I enjoy the "Highway" and wish more of our Pastors would send in news of the work. Some of our churches have been off the map for years; if they are living we would like to hear from them, and if they are dead we want to know it . . . Perhaps this year they will do better. We hope so."

FAITH

- Faith believes and obeys.
- Faith sets God to working.
- Faith overcomes difficulties.
- Faith makes unreal things real.
- Faith need not eliminate foresight.
- Faith makes cash out of God's checks.
- Faith materializes in works, Jas. 2:8.
- Faith in God is the antidote for fear of men.
- Faith is the root of the flower of assurance.
- Faith in the ultimate abolition of sin inspires confidence in God.
- Faith is the acceptance of God's mercy and grace in Christ Jesus.
- Faith is the element that transforms the impossible to the possible.
- Faith is the eye that sees, the hand that takes, the foot that walks.
- Faith is the agency through which man can use the power of God.
- Faith is persistent. Witness the efforts of four men. Mk. 2:1-12.
- Faith takes God's promises in its hand, strides up to the teller's window, and presents them for payment. Anything less is not a part of faith. —Sel.

NOTICE

Rev. Ron Morehouse, of Havelock, N. B., is open for a call for the coming church year.

HAVE YOU PRAYED?

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to shut out. Concentration is not always easy when you have self and the devil against you!

I once heard a preacher say that he didn't preach from notes because he didn't want the devil to know what he was going to preach about. He said the devil doesn't know your thoughts. But I've often wondered, if the devil doesn't know my thoughts, how can he bring so many irrelevant thoughts to my mind when I am trying to pray?

I have found, as others have suggested, that the best approach to God is with praise. If you can sincerely praise God, you will bring yourself into an attitude of prayer.

It is useless to talk about our need for revival if we are unwilling to pay the price to have one. And it is useless to talk about the blessing that used to be on the church if we are not willing to pray as they did, back there. There has never been a revival without prayer, and there never will be. If you look behind the scenes of any revival, you will find those who have sacrificially prayed until God answered.

God leads us always into closer communion with Himself. If we have not known the truth of this, it is because we have been unwilling to be led of Him.

The only way to commune with God is through prayer. Have you prayed?—Gospel Banner.

FREEDOM FROM ALL SIN

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"He breaks the power of canceled sin—
He sets the prisoner free."

This freedom is altogether complete. Jesus told the disciples to loose a colt which was tied, and bring it to Him. Mark tells us that He loosed the tongue of a dumb man, and that he spoke plainly. In other words, whom Jesus makes free is loosed from the works of the devil—unhitched from them—as fully as was the colt from the tree or post to which it was tied, or as Lazarus was loosed from his grave clothes.

It is a complete deliverance, a perfect liberty, a heavenly freedom that Jesus gives, by bringing a soul under the law of liberty, which is the law of love.

CHRIST IN ME

"Christ for me" is but the preliminary truth to "Christ in me," and all who have been redeemed by His death are so redeemed in order that He may dwell in them by the Spirit, making them His temples and their lives the sphere of His operations of blessing. The glory of the Gospel message is that God descends to dwell with the man of a contrite spirit.—Dr. John Holden.

SERVICE AND REWARD

Whatever our lot, we may still be about our Master's business. He bade us occupy till He come, and like Him we may go about doing good. There is no better antidote to self-occupation and depression than self-forgetting, loving service to others, and to occupy for our absent Lord till He come and bring with Him our reward.—George Goodman.