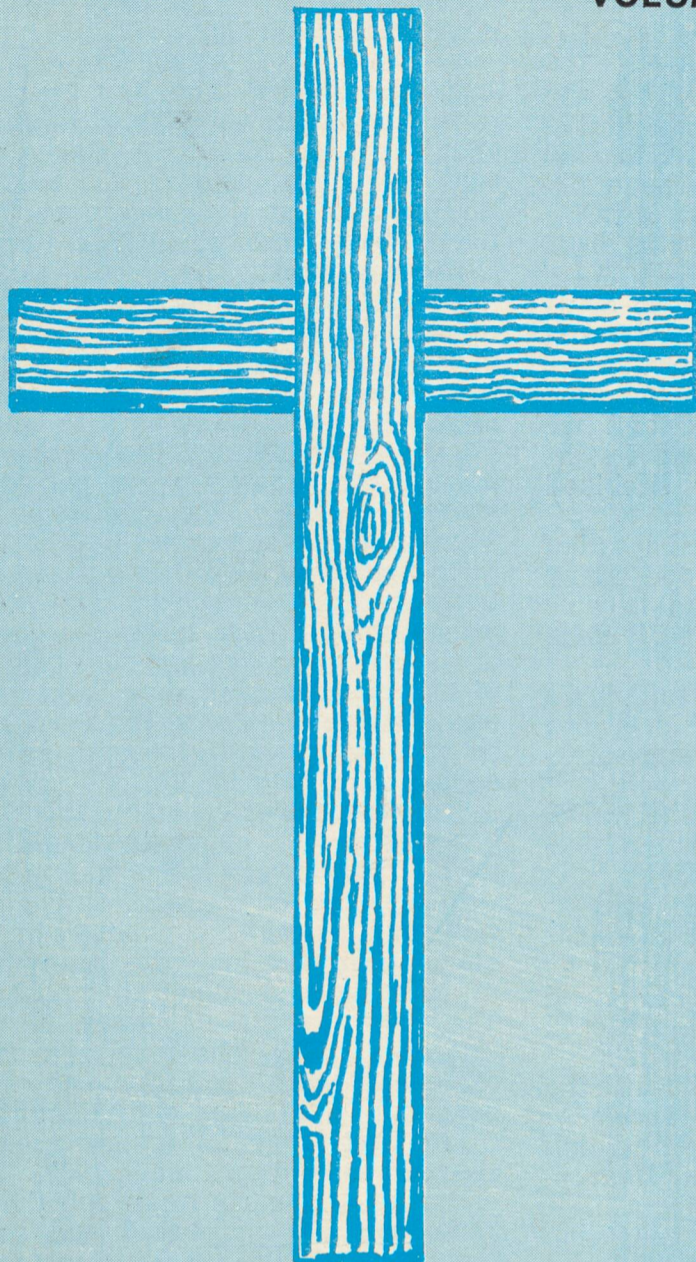


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## EDITORIAL

### WHILE MEN SLEPT

The church is asleep. We seem to remain blissfully unaware of the great issues that confront our world. In the parable of the field, the enemy sowed tares in the wheat **while men slept.**

The church is asleep when she reasons that holding services in the familiar setting is fulfilling the commission of Jesus. He said, "Go ye into all the world", not wait for the world to come to us.

The church is asleep when she depends on a yearly series of special services, and fails to propagate a continual program of visitation evangelism in the community.

The church is asleep if she expects the Pastor to do all the calling, soul-winning and counselling ministry. Active laymen outnumbered the clergy on the Day of Pentecost.

The church is asleep when satisfied with a big building program rather than a soul-winning program, although these two factors rightly related, may produce a greater evangelistic thrust.

The church is asleep if we continue to use outdated methods to reach a modern world. The bamboo curtain is closed. Missionaries are never seen in Red China, so nothing can be done to reach them with the gospel. Wait . . . a new idea is born. Soon 200,000 balloons will be launched from Formosa when the wind is right, and scripture laden messengers will be landing in Red Chinese territory. Have we ever tried a new method to reach our community?

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### DO YOU BELIEVE IN ETERNAL SECURITY?

Dr. John R. Church

I certainly do. I believe that when Christ saves a soul He intends to get it to heaven, if that person will do his part. God does not save us on thirty days trial. He saves us to get us to heaven. He has made ample provision, not only to save and sanctify us, but to keep us moment by moment.

He made provision for us to have the Holy Spirit come in and cleanse our hearts and abide with us forever. He has also provided for us a living High Priest, who ever lives to make intercession for us, and if needed, to be our Advocate. He has also provided the blood to keep us clean moment by moment.

(That is what John is saying in I John 1:7 where he speaks of walking in the light and the light cleansing us from all sin. The word "cleanseth" is in the present tense. That means it is going on all the time we are walking in the light.) God has even provided His angels to watch over us and keep us from stumbling.

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Dr. Oswald J. Smith, speaking in St. John recently made some very startling observations. 3,000,000 new people learn to read each week. What will they read? Russia spends \$600.00 on the printed page to every \$1.00 by the church. We are spending our money on new churches, while Russia spends hers to influence the minds of the masses. The Jehovah Witness organization baptized 7136 converts in one day at the Yankee Stadium in New York, every convert won by means of the printed page. They use New Testament methods and reap results that are revealing and alarming.

In the parable of the Great Supper the master commanded the servants to go into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in. While the church sleeps, the highways and hedges are invaded by the zealots of error and falsehood.

There are numbers of people who are ready to wave the banner when the words sanctification and holiness are mentioned, but fail to remember that Jesus declared, "Ye shall receive power," and . . . . "Ye shall be witnesses". The world today is calling our bluff. We must produce the dedication that demands recognition, or suffer the scorn of a generation that sees through the shallowness of a hymn-singing, church-going religion.