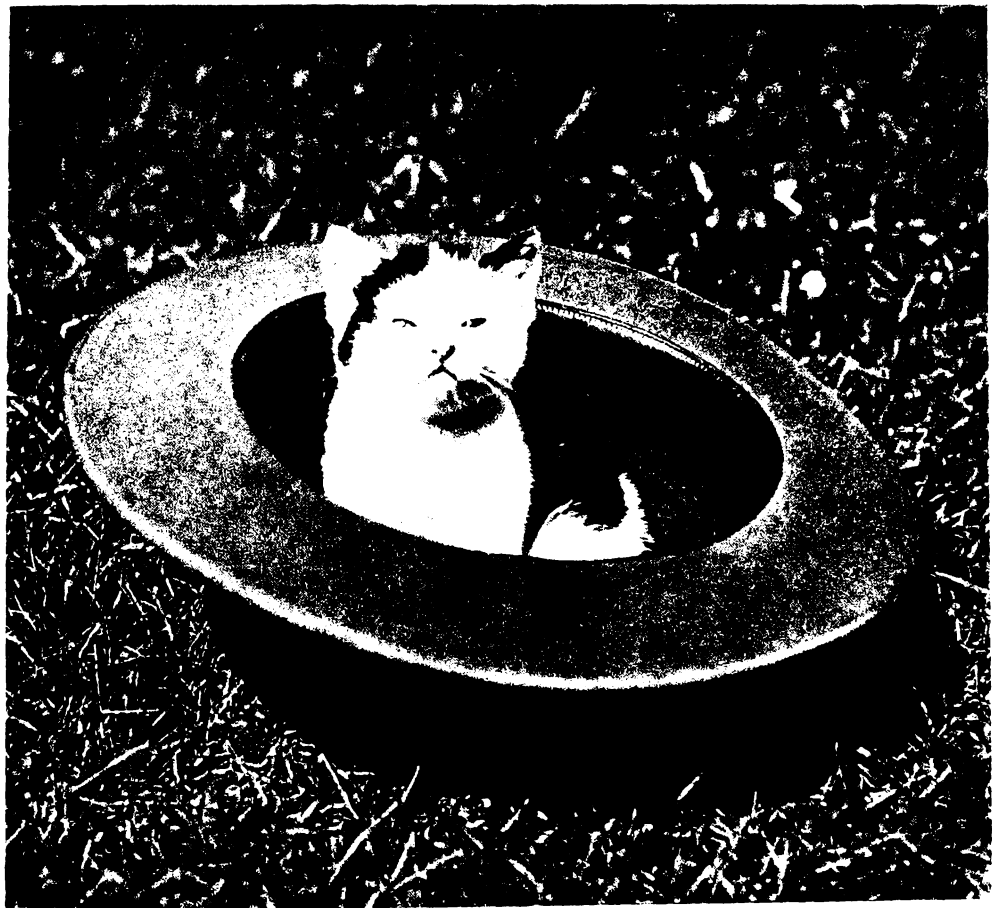


OUR CHILDREN

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WORDS OF WELCOME.



QUITE COMFORTABLE IN DADDY'S HAT.

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THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.

DOES IT CONTAIN YOUR NAME ?

HOW time flies ! Here we are commencing another New Year, and what it holds for each of us only God knows. It *may* be the last, before the Lord Jesus Christ comes for all those who truly know Him as their own personal Saviour ; and then what a sorry time is in store for this poor, sin-stricken world.

But let us be personal in this all-important matter, and allowed to face every reader of OUR CHILDREN with the question, *How would the coming of the Saviour find you ?* Well it is with your soul if you can say :—

“ I belong to Jesus—

’Twas a happy day
When His blood most precious
Washed my sins away ;
When the Holy Spirit
Changed my heart of stone,
Set His mark upon me,
Sealed me for His own.

“ I belong to Jesus—

Soon He will be here ;
Since I love and trust Him,
What have I to fear ?
Round about Him gathered
Will His people be ;
And I’m sure that Jesus
Will remember me.”

I was much touched in reading of how a dear boy who lives in the heart of Africa was brought to a confession of Christ. He, with other African boys, had been faithfully instructed in the way of salvation, and just before they were about to break up for a holiday were questioned as to whether they had trusted Jesus.

Twenty said “ No.” Some said they were not sure, and twenty were quite decided that they belonged to Him. This particular boy, whose name

is Omonombe, was undecided when questioned, but later in the day he sought out the missionary’s wife, and said to her :

“ I wish to tell you that I am saved. I have decided for Christ.”

“ When was that ? ” said the kind lady.

“ Just this afternoon,” replied the boy. “ I was thinking of the five foolish virgins who were left outside [Matthew xxv. 1-13], and I don’t want to be left outside when the Lord comes.” Then, turning to leave, he added, “ Please write it in your book.”

You can imagine how gladly the missionary would answer such a request ; but even before she could obtain either pen, pencil or book, the record had been made in another book of greater importance—THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE, from



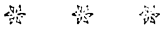
AN AFRICAN HOME.

which *no one* will ever be able to erase a name when once written.

Is your name written there, dear reader? If so, praise the Lord! but if not (Revelation xxi. 27), don't let another day of 1934 pass ere you confess your guilt before God, and trust the Saviour's precious blood to have cleansed away your sins from the eye of a thrice holy God. So will you be able to sing with real joy:

" 'Tis done, the great transaction's done—
I am my Lord's, and He is mine;
He drew me, and I followed on,
Charmed to confess the Name Divine."

J. H. R.



1. "VERILY, VERILY."

(JOHN iii. 3.)

I WAS looking through the Gospel of John recently and was surprised to find how often these two words occurred. In fact, I counted twenty-five different occasions in which they were used. Strangely enough, I have not noticed that they occur in any of the other Gospels.

Another thing I noticed was that it was the Lord Jesus Christ who always used the words, and evidently the words He had to say must have been very important. I expect you know what these two words mean: they mean "Truly, truly."

Now, I am not going to tell you of *every* place where these words are mentioned, but only a few. If you like to search through the Gospel of John and write out every verse or sentence where they occur, I will send you a little book as a reward, *but mind*, you must find the twenty-five times they are mentioned, or more if you can, and you must *not* use a Concordance. That would hardly be fair, would it? When you have written out the texts on a sheet of paper, send it to me at the London address of the Depot, on the back page. You can have up to the end of March, 1934, to do this, but

remember that Jesus may come before that date. *Would you be ready?*

The first verse we are going to look at is found in John iii. 3. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." These words were spoken to a man named Nicodemus, who was a very important man, a ruler of the Jews. He knew something *about* Jesus, but that is not enough, is it? We must know Him.

Now Nicodemus did not want to be seen coming to Jesus, so he stole up quietly one night. Then it was that the Lord uttered these words to him, and Nicodemus had to learn a lesson we must *all* learn if we are ever to see God's kingdom; and that is, we *must* be born again. We must have a new life, a new beginning altogether, and that can only come about by God's Holy Spirit working with us, because He cannot dwell in our hearts if they are sinful.

We were born in sin, and we must be born into God's family by believing on the Lord Jesus. May each one of my young readers learn this first important lesson.

L. A. A.



A WORD TO OUR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

SLOWLY
EARNESTLY
ATTENTIVELY
REGULARLY
CCAREFULLY
HUMBLY

G. D.

THE FIRST HOME AND HOW IT WAS BROKEN UP.

TO learn about the first builder named in the Bible we must take a look at the first home, which was a very happy one. It was a most lovely garden, full of flowers and luscious fruit trees; no thorns or thistles or ugly weeds spoiled it, and the sun always shone.

Two people lived in it, a man and a woman. They loved each other, and they loved God. Wonderful to relate, God Himself used to visit them and talk with them. They delighted in His presence and in listening to His voice. He only gave them one rule to obey, and that was that they must not on any account take of the fruit of one special tree.

Not a hard rule, was it, when they had such abundance of other fruit to gather?

All went happily until, one sad day, a strange being came into their garden home and persuaded the woman to take and eat of the forbidden fruit. She not only ate herself, but she gave to the man.

All at once shadows came over the sunshine, and a great fear came into their hearts. They had not known fear before, but now, when God came to talk with them, they hid themselves among the trees. Poor Adam and Eve! All the delights of the garden could be theirs no longer. Through the gate guarded by angels with a flaming sword they had to go, with no hope of return. Was it not terrible that they lost their lovely home by their own wilful disobedience? But even while God had to punish them, He gave them in His great mercy a wonderful promise—that one day He would send a Saviour through whom they and all mankind might be forgiven and brought back to His presence (Genesis iii. 15).

Outside the garden a very different life was lived by Adam and Eve. They had

to toil hard to get fruit to grow (Genesis iii. 17–19). A dear little baby boy came to gladden Eve's heart in the midst of her sorrow, and as years passed more sons and daughters were given to her, until at last there were a large number of people in the world.

One day the first baby, now grown to manhood, and busy working like his father, quarrelled with his brother Abel and killed him. Both Cain and Abel had offered sacrifices to God, but as He looked into the hearts of these brothers He saw that in Cain's heart there was pride and envy, and his offering *being without blood*, God could not accept it (see 1 John iii. 12, 15).

Again God spoke, and this time it was to Cain (Genesis iv. 6, 16), and as the result of what God said, he "went out from the presence of the Lord." Instead of confessing his sin and seeking forgiveness, he ran off to a far-off land to try and get away from the only Friend who could help him.

Here, we read, he builded a city, in which gathered crowds of men and women who, like himself, sought to find a place for themselves away from God and all the good things He would have given them, if they had only kept in the ways of righteousness. Cain chose his land and his companions. Was it not sad that he and they did not choose the *best*?

What choice are *you* making?

E. A.



The many readers of OUR CHILDREN will learn with regret that the above article is the last to be written by "E. A.," she having been called to Heaven after only a short illness.

Miss Armstrong had been a faithful contributor to these pages for over twenty-five years, during which period her articles covered a wide range of

subjects from the Book of books. She always had the spiritual interest of boys and girls on her heart, and has now passed into the presence of the Saviour whom she loved and served so well.

It seems fitting to raise with you, dear reader, the question which closes the above paper, "What choice are *you* making?" The Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of your trust, having proved His love by dying in your stead.

Satan, on the other hand, seeks only your eternal doom. Then let your choice be "CHRIST FOR ME."—*Editor*.



"E. A."

I SUPPOSE we all know what initials I are; but I wonder if children are curious as to the initials at the end of articles appearing in their Gospel magazines. For many years the initials "E. A." have been affixed to a series of papers that, with faithful regularity, have adorned OUR CHILDREN. Now the hand that wrote them is for ever at rest, and Emma Armstrong (for that was the writer's name), who loved the Lord and who loved the children, is gone to be with Him whose love for little children she shared and sought to make known. On November 9th, 1933, she fell asleep. When last the writer saw her, in late September, one of the chief subjects of their conversation was the series of articles which she had hoped, God willing, to write for OUR CHILDREN in 1934. But He willed otherwise, and in His will is our peace. Year by year she had served the Lord Jesus Christ with her pen, and also, wisely and tactfully, with the word spoken in season.

When Sir Walter Scott wrote his poem, "Marmion," he included a description of the battle of Flodden. No doubt some hardy ancestor or kinsman of Miss Armstrong fought then on the side of the

Scots. Here are four lines which describe how the ring of men round the Scottish monarch was maintained unbroken:—

"The stubborn spearmen still made good
Their dark impenetrable wood,
Each stepping where his comrade stood
The instant that he fell."

The warfare in which are engaged those who love the Lord is not one between Scots and English, but one between Light and Darkness, between the kingdom of Mammon and the Kingdom of God. Its weapons are not carnal weapons, such as the spears of the poem; they are spiritual weapons, the most important being the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Now one warrior has been gathered home, and a good warfare was hers. Perhaps some young sister who has read "E. A.'s" articles since she was a little girl, will be led to say:—

"Each stepping where her comrade stood
The instant that she fell,"

and take up this work of the pen, relinquished only with death, by our beloved sister, "E. A."—Miss Armstrong.

J. D. W. (*former Editor*).



SIN.

WHAT an awful subject! Sin. We are sure that none of our unsaved readers like to think about sin. It is indeed a black subject, and we cannot paint it too black. The effects of sin are all around us. We have not got to look far to see what havoc it has wrought in the world. The cemeteries, the hospitals, the institutions for destitute and afflicted boys and girls, the doctors, the policemen, the sickness and sadness all speak loudly that sin abounds in the world. There would be none of these if there was no sin.

God made everything bright and beautiful. He put Adam and Eve into

the Garden of Eden with all things to enjoy, but this awful thing, SIN, came in and blighted the whole scene. The stream of evil has worked itself into the whole of human history, so that to-day we live in a world which is black with sin.

Further, every heart by nature is black. The reason why you do not like to think about sin is because you know that *you* are a sinner. You know the evil of your own heart only too well.

The middle letter of SIN is "I," and this may be spelt "SELF." Self is the centre of all sin. Satan loves nothing better than to get people occupied with themselves and so to forget God.

Some children look upon sin as a very little matter. They tell lies, do wrong things, are disobedient, and they think nothing at all about it. God, however, speaks in no uncertain language about sin. He *hates* it and declares plainly that no sin will ever enter heaven.

So sin is a very serious matter and we must sound the alarm to every boy and girl. Satan is busy to-day, and his great aim is so to get people under his influence that they become indifferent to the claims of God—indifferent to the love of God—indifferent to the pleadings of the Spirit. Sin at the beginning is very fascinating and has a drawing power, and, on this account, it is to be greatly feared. From small beginnings no one can tell the end of those who indulge in sin.

Many people when young say that they will go so far and stop, but how sadly we have seen this impossible. Cases without number there are of young people who have been pleaded with when children to come to Christ, but have turned away to see a bit of the world, and now their lives are blighted.

Sin will ruin for time and eternity and no one can afford to trifle with it. A truer word was never spoken than the

record we have in God's word, "Be sure your sin will find you out." "The wages of sin is death"; and if you become the servant of sin you will truly find this to your sorrow.

These are serious days in which we live, and we cannot impress upon you too earnestly to beware of sin and flee from it as you would flee from fire. Before laying down our pen, we would remind you that although "the wages of sin is death," "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Which are you going in for, "wages" or "the gift"?

C. S. R.

Answers to November Questions.

1. "Increase our faith." (Luke 17. 5.)
2. "Have faith in God." (Mark 11. 22.)
3. "According to your faith, be it unto you." (Matthew 9. 29.)
4. "Thy faith hath saved thee." (Luke 7. 50.)
5. The faith of the Romans. (Romans 1. 8.)
6. By faith in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3. 26.)
7. Faith is mentioned 24 times in Hebrews 11.
8. Some shall depart from the faith. (1 Timothy 4. 1.)
9. "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." (Matthew 8. 10.)
10. Jude verses 20 and 21 written out.

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1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.
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Questions for January, 1934.

Subject—Sin.

1. What did Moses say about sin? (Numbers 32.)
2. "For . . . Jesus Christ our Lord." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Romans 6.)
3. How many times is the word "sin" mentioned in Leviticus 4?
4. How do we deceive ourselves? (1 John 1.)
5. What is said about every man? (Deuteronomy 24.)
6. For whose sins did Christ die? (1 Corinthians 15.)
7. "He was numbered with the transgressors." Write out the next seven words. (Isaiah 53.)
8. "Blessed are they . . ." Write out the whole text where these words appear. (Romans 4.)
9. "And Moses returned unto the Lord and said . . ." Write out the next eight words. (Exodus 32.)
10. What cleanses us from all sin? (1 John 1.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

A very happy new year to you all! Our eighth question this month gives the secret of true happiness, for "blessed" is just another word which means "happy."

I am so glad to hear that A. Clark and C. Arthur have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

B. Aldis and B. Hunter have only answered seven questions this time. I am sorry B. Aldis' name was omitted in October; she was in the 1st class.

Will all the searchers from Newcastle please remember to give chapter and verse.

I am sorry M. Storrie has had to wait for her magazine each month. All her marks have been entered, but she is second class for October as one reference was omitted.

I hope you will enjoy the new sets of questions, although our present one is not a very nice subject, is it? Still, it is a question which we all have to face, and none of us need be in any doubt as to how it is to be settled after a careful study of our first set of questions.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS.

I.

WE are going to look a little at the history of one of the best-known men in the Bible, and whose record is found mostly in the Old Testament. He began life as a little shepherd boy and grew up to be a king. I wonder if you know who it is? I am sure you do, and at once say "David."

Now, though David is so well known to all who read their Bibles, not many can tell where his name is first mentioned. Can you? Pause a little and think. It is in the book of Ruth, chapter iv., where we read first of his grandfather, then his father, then David himself. It is wonderful that he is mentioned here, really before he was born; and I think it is because he is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. I might say that our thought in looking a little at David's history is to show how wonderfully he pictures the Lord Jesus Christ as the mighty Saviour of men, women and children.

The book of Judges makes very sad reading, and shows what awful sin there was amongst the children of Israel. In the book of Ruth we have a lovely picture of devotion, and a repentant woman coming to Jehovah to be forgiven. Now Ruth was the devoted mother from whom David descended, which seems to point that David would himself have a deep desire to please God in all that he did. For a New Testament example read 2 Timothy i. 5. I wonder who you like to please best? *Have you a desire to be here pleasing to God?* If you have, God will surely bless you. Sad to say, most people seek only to please themselves. I do hope every boy and girl who reads **OUR CHILDREN** has a real desire to be here well pleasing to the Lord.

Let us think over the first mention of David, and remember he is spoken of at a time when we see the people doing what was right in their own eyes, and caring nothing at all for what was right in God's eyes. It seems as though God would say to us, "I have a man coming, who will seek to please Me when others are bent on pleasing themselves." We cannot close without thinking, too, of the One who could say, "I do always those things that please Him" (John vii. 29). May we all seek to please God more.

G. D.



A LITTLE GIRL'S PRAYER.

A LADY told a friend of mine of a strange prayer she made when a little girl: "O God, make me a Christian but not yet, for I do like to laugh and be happy; but don't let me die suddenly as some children do, but make me good a fortnight before I die."

What a strange prayer! and yet it expresses what is in the mind of many. The devil had put into that little girl's mind that to be a Christian meant to be unhappy and miserable. Why, it is the Christian boy and girl that have the best right to laugh and be happy. The people who were blessed of God in Old Testament times could say, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing" (Psalm cxxvi. 2). That does not look like being miserable, does it?

Then again, the little girl made a great mistake in her prayer. She thought if she was *good* she would go to heaven. But the Bible tells us, "There is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Romans iii. 12).

No, we have to learn that we can go to heaven, not because we are good, but because the Lord Jesus died for us and shed His precious blood to wash away our

sins. "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1. 7).

The sooner you trust the Saviour the happier you will be. Why not trust Him just now?

A. J. P.



GRANDFATHER'S STAR.

LITTLE Fanny's grandpa was very ill, but she loved to be with him and to read to him. She would sit by his bedside and say, "Shall I read my story, grandpa?" The story to which she referred was part of the "old, old story," which is ever new, in contrast to any other.

It is found in the New Testament, and the second chapter of Matthew. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, . . . there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." Fanny called it her story because she liked it so much, and she never tired of reading it.



A STARRY SKY.

One day, when she had finished reading, she said, "Grandpa, you are a wise man, but you did not have to take a long journey to find Jesus like the wise men I was reading about, did you?"

"What makes you think I didn't?" asked grandpa, with a trembling voice.

"Because Jesus is always near us and ready to accept us; we've only got to whisper to Him and He hears us." One evening, not long after this, all the family gathered round grandpa's bed to say "Good-bye" to him before he went to be at home with the Lord. Grandpa laid his hand on Fanny's head and said, "Good-bye, my dear, when I get to the Beautiful City I will tell the blessed Saviour that you were my star."

"Oh, grandpa, why?" asked Fanny, as the tears streamed down her cheeks.

"Because you led me to Jesus, just as the star you have often read about led the wise men to Him; and your light shone so steadily that I could not miss the way."

Fanny had been brought to remember her Creator in the days of her girlhood (Ecclesiastes xii. 1), and so became a blessing to her grandfather.

"Have you found the heavenly light?"

Pass it on.

Souls are groping in the night,

Daylight gone.

Be a star in someone's sky,

He may live who else would die.

Pass it on."

If you do not know Jesus, as Fanny did, I pray that God will make Him a living, bright reality to you even as you read this.

W. S. II.



"THE HAMMER IN HAND."

THIS was the name of an inn I noticed near Watford, in Hertfordshire. The sign was an arm with the hand holding a hammer in the act of striking.

A hammer speaks of at least two things: *breaking* and *making*. In Jeremiah xxiii. (you might find the verse yourself), the Word of God is compared to a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. Have you felt the power of the Gospel message? Has it broken down your stubborn will, and made you anxious to receive the Lord Jesus? Only those who submit to God can truly trust the Saviour.

Then the hammer speaks of making. The hammer and the sickle are the symbols of the present Russian Government, the sickle standing for agriculture and the hammer for industry. The "Knight of the hammer" is another name for a blacksmith.

In the Book of Proverbs, and many other places in the Bible, we are warned against laziness, and encouraged to be industrious. We may not realize it, but

work is a great blessing, and those who have nothing to do but amuse themselves are generally unhappy people.

Many things in life we can never get unless we work for them; but we can never obtain *salvation* and *the forgiveness of our sins* by working for them. "It is not try but trust." The moment you receive the Lord Jesus He receives you, and **gives** you pardon, a new life and a new start. You then belong to Christ—you are Christ's one—you are a Christian. The more He controls you the more free and strong you will be, and the more keen to live the life that is really worth while. So He will *make* you what He desires you to be.

Fix it now, and say: "Lord Jesus, take me as I am, and make me the best that I can be."

E. A—S.



II.

"VERILY, VERILY"

(John v. 24, 25).

HERE we have one of the most beautiful verses of the Bible. Let us read it together. "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."

There are five things in this verse I want you to notice. (1) Hearing; (2) Believing; (3) Hath everlasting life; (4) Shall not come into condemnation; (5) Passed from death unto life.

How well I remember several of my friends and myself starting some week-



BLACKSMITHS HARD AT WORK.

night meetings, and amongst those who came regularly was a bright young girl, full of fun, but the Gospel seemed to make no impression on her. One night, she came in her usual carefree manner, but on the meeting coming to a close she showed some anxiety about salvation.

We repeated this verse over to her several times, and as we knelt down she accepted Christ there and then as her Saviour. She had heard the words of Jesus; she believed them; and she possessed everlasting life.

Now, dear boys and girls, before you can believe anyone you must hear what they have to say. You have often heard the words of Jesus, have you not? He has bid you come to Him and you have never heard of His turning any away. Having heard, believe on God, who says, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved" (Isaiah xlv. 22). On the authority of God's Word you then HAVE everlasting life, *not feel* that you have it. God never tells us to trust our feelings.

Moreover, we shall never come into condemnation or judgment, because we *have* passed from death unto life *now*. Once we were dead in trespasses and sins, but now we should live unto God if we have believed on His Son. Some of the poor blacks in Africa are hearing His voice, and instead of being dead in sin they are living unto Him who loved and died for them. See that they do not get into heaven whilst you are left outside.

L. A. A.

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ATONEMENT.

LAST month we considered a little about sin. Sin is a terrible reality and, before we can get any blessing, we must take our place as sinners before God.

Now, this month, we have a wonderful picture of the way in which God puts sin

away. In the sixteenth chapter of Leviticus we read how God brought out a plan so that the barrier of sin might be removed in regard to the children of Israel. One day every year was to be set apart as a day of atonement. Atonement really means "a covering," and in former days it was pronounced "at-onement," which makes the meaning clear. Sin separates God and man, but through atonement the sinner is brought near to God and sin is for ever put away. The day of atonement was a very solemn day—the one thought throughout the camp of Israel was SIN.

Two things are needful if God and man are to be brought together:—

1. God's claims must be satisfied.
2. Man's guilt and need must be met.

Leviticus xvi. is very interesting and instructive, and I would advise you to read the whole chapter carefully, because therein you will find how God accomplishes these two things. You will read first how Aaron had to be clothed with the spotless, holy garments, to go into the holy place of the tabernacle. Nothing that is unclean can enter God's presence.

Then Aaron was to take two goats to the door of the tabernacle, there to present them before the Lord. One of these goats was to *die* as a sin offering and the other was to bear upon him all the sins of the people unto a land not inhabited.

The first goat was to be put to death. God's claims demanded this. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," is the judgment which hangs over the head of every unsaved soul. God, however, in His mercy provided the victim which died instead of the people. The blood of the goat was sprinkled by Aaron before the Lord, and the sin-offering was accepted. God's claims were met by the blood.

This all speaks to us of the wonderful sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ who

gave Himself, and who met the claims of God's throne by the shedding of His own blood.

After sprinkling the blood, Aaron came forth and, in sight of all the people, he confessed the sins of the whole congregation over the head of the second goat. It must have been a wonderful scene. The people look on in silence whilst the sins are told out, and each one knows that his burden is laid upon the goat. The animal is then led out by a man into the wilderness, far, far away, into a land of forgetfulness and there the man lets the goat go free. The sins gone never to be recalled.

The goat which was slain tells that God's claims have been satisfied—the scapegoat tells that the sinner's need has been met.

You may ask, "How can I get rid of my burden of sin to-day?" There is only one Person who can meet your need. When He died He became the Sinbearer. He has satisfied all the claims of God so that you need not carry the burden of sin any longer. Atonement is an accomplished fact, and all you need to do is to put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is able to remove all your sins and carry them away, never to be brought up against you again.

C. S. R.

Answers to December Questions.

1. Ephesians 4., verses 1 and 2, written out.
2. Unto all men. (Titus 3. 2.)
3. The engrafted word. (James 1. 21.)
4. With meekness of wisdom. (James 3. 13.)
5. 1 Peter 3. 15, written out.
6. The Lord Jesus. (Matthew 11. 29.)
7. A meek and quiet spirit. (1 Peter 3. 4.)
8. Patience. (2 Peter 1. 6.)
9. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (Galatians 5. 22 and 23.)
10. Acts 24. 25, written out.

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2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
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Questions for February, 1934.

Subject—Atonement.

1. What makes an atonement for the soul? (Leviticus 17.)
2. "Once in the year—" Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Exodus 30.)
3. "And the priest . . . therein." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Leviticus 6.)
4. For whom did Aaron make atonement? (Leviticus 9.)
5. Write out the verse which mentions "atonement" in Romans 5.
6. What was presented alive before the Lord to make an atonement? (Leviticus 16.)
7. Why did Aaron have to go quickly and make an atonement? (Numbers 16.)
8. "And there shall be no man—" Write out the verse where these words occur. (Leviticus 16.)
9. "And now I will go—" Write out the verse where these words occur. (Exodus 32.)
10. "Then He is gracious—" Write out the verse where these words occur. (Job 33.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

There are quite a number of names missing from the December list. I hope all who have dropped out this year will make a fresh start and send in their papers for 1934 (D.V.). One regular Searcher, Elsie Bellerby, has gone to be with Jesus. She was quite ready to go. I wonder if you would have been? I am so glad to hear from those at the Ponteland Homes who have trusted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. The Lord bless and keep you shining for Him, just where He has placed you.

Some of you would have been Prize Winners, but you leave out perhaps one reference, and this disqualifies you. Always go over your papers before sending them in.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Ezekiel 18. 20.

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NOBODY WANTS ME.

A STORY FOR THE GIRLS.

SOME time ago a pale-faced little girl walked hurriedly into a bookseller's shop, and said to the man at the counter, "Please, sir, I want to buy a book that's got 'Suffer little children to come unto me' in it; and how much is it, sir, and I'm in a great hurry?"

The bookseller took off his spectacles and, looking down at the girl, asked, "What might you want the book for, my child, and what makes you in such a hurry?"

"Well, sir," said Nelly, "you see I went to Sunday School last Sunday, when Mrs. Smith, the woman I run errands for, was away; and the teacher read about a Good Shepherd who loves little children and who said, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me'; and the teacher told us about a beautiful place where He takes care of those children who belong to Him and makes them all happy, and I want to go there. I'm so tired of being where nobody wants me, and where there's nobody to care for a girl like me. Mrs. Smith says I'm always in her way, and I'd better be dead than alive."

"But what makes you in such a hurry?"

"Well you see, sir, I'm very weak and my cough's getting so bad now, sir, and I want to know about the Good Shepherd before I die; it would be so funny to see Him and not know Him. Besides, if Mrs. Smith knew I was here, she'd take away my sixpence I've saved by running errands, to buy the book with, so please be quick."

The bookseller wiped his spectacles, and taking a Bible from the shelf said kindly, "I'll find the words you want, my dear; listen while I read them." He then turned to the 16th verse of the

18th chapter of Luke and read to her the sweet, loving invitation of the Saviour. Then he told her about the Good Shepherd and how He came down from heaven to seek and save the lost sheep; how He suffered and died for us that we might have our sins forgiven and live with Him in the beautiful home He has prepared for those who love and serve Him.

"Oh, that's splendid, sir," exclaimed Nelly, almost breathless with attention. "He says, 'Come,' and I mean to go to Him. Do you think it will be long before I see Him?"

"Not long, I think," answered the



A LITTLE BOY WHO, LIKE NELLY, SAID,
"NOBODY WANTS ME."

man, noticing how very thin and ill the girl looked. "Now you can keep your sixpence, and if you come here each day, I will read to you some more of this Book."

Nelly thanked him and hurried off. She came the next day as she had promised, but that was the last time the bookseller saw his little visitor. Nelly never came again to hear about Jesus.

Some time afterwards a rough-looking woman entered the bookshop, and said in a harsh voice, "Nelly's dead. She died rambling about some Good Shepherd and she said you were to have this sixpence to help to buy books about 'Suffer the little children' for the children at school"; and throwing the money down Mrs. Smith walked out of the shop. Little Nelly with her last breath wished to tell out to others her Saviour's message of love.

Perhaps you too feel that people don't care much about you, and you have sometimes said, like Nelly, "NOBODY WANTS ME." Well, you see, Nelly made a mistake, for although nobody on earth seemed to want her, there was ONE in heaven who did. When Jesus was on earth He wanted girls and boys to come to Him; and now that He is in heaven He wants them just as much. He is still saying, "Suffer little children to come unto Me." He wants *you*, not to make you miserable, but to blot out your sins and make you His friend to serve Him in His grand work of saving other boys and girls.

But it may be you are not lonely or friendless. People think a great deal of you and are always doing what they can for you, and so you think you can do without the Good Shepherd. But whatever your thoughts may be, YOU NEED HIM.

Neither your father nor your mother, neither teacher nor friends, can blot out

a single sin of yours; and unless every one of those sins of yours is forgiven, you will never go to the bright beautiful home of which you so often sing. The Lord Jesus wants you, and you need Him. Make this your daily prayer. "Lord, show me my need of Thee."

D. B.



"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD."

"**B**EHOLD the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John i. 29). What precious words for the multitude to hear as they stood by the banks of Jordan that day, many years ago! John the Baptist, pointing to Jesus, commanded them to look at the Spotless Lamb. Just in that day, as in ours, the sin question was raised in the hearts of the people.

True, indeed, sin had to be removed from before God, but who was to stand in the sinner's place? No sinner could, and no one was capable but the Lamb of God's providing. The Lamb, however, must be slain, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. This is the first time the Lamb is mentioned in the New Testament.

The first time the word lamb is spoken of in the Old Testament is in Genesis xxii. when Abraham's faith was tried. God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, whom he loved, and to offer him up as a burnt offering to the Lord. Abraham obeyed God, taking Isaac his son up Mount Moriah. Isaac asked his father where the lamb was for the burnt offering, and Abraham said, "God will provide Himself a Lamb."

On they went, and Abraham laid Isaac on the altar and was about to slay him when God came in and withheld his hand. Abraham then saw a ram

caught in a thicket and offered it instead of his son.

Going back to our verse in John, we trace the Lamb of God from Jordan's banks up the hill called Calvary, where He offered Himself to God as the Sacrifice for sin. No hand intervened to stay the knife upon this spotless, holy, sinless Lamb, as there Jesus took upon Himself the sin of the whole world and became the sinner's substitute. What a perfect offering! and God was so pleased that He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His right hand in glory.

Dear young reader, does this mean anything to you that Jesus the Holy Lamb of God should die in your room and stead? Ponder over it, and see Jesus laying down His life on the Cross for you; then "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Some years ago in the town of Archangel, there was a spire being built some hundred feet high, when one of the workmen slipped and began to fall.

At that moment there was passing the building a flock of sheep with many little lambs among them, and just as the workman was nearing the ground to be dashed to death, one of the little lambs came under him and was crushed to death. The man escaped being hurt, and after a little rest was able to resume work. He at once got permission to cut out from a large stone the statue of a lamb. After it was finished he placed it on the spire just at the place where he had fallen, and I believe it can be seen there to-day.

Now, my friend, it cost Jesus His life that He might have you for Himself. He died in your room and stead! Wont you come to him now? Trust this wonderful Saviour, that you may be able to say from your heart, "Thou art worthy . . . for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood" (Revelation v. 9).

J. D. S.



A FLOCK OF SHEEP FEEDING WITH THEIR LAMBS.

III.

“VERILY, VERILY”

(John viii. 34).

NOW, dear young folks, we have a rather solemn verse this month. “Whosoever committeth [or practiseth] sin is the servant of sin.” Nevertheless the words are just as much true as the others we have been considering, for they were uttered by Jesus Himself.

Does it ever occur to you, I wonder, that every time you commit sin it proves that sin has had the mastery over you? Satan is so pleased if he gets us to do what is wrong; and the temptations to sin now are so many that, unless we are constantly on the watch, we can soon fall into bad habits. The sad fact is that sin has such small beginnings, and it grows and grows on us as we practise it, until we thus become the servant of sin.

Some years ago, in the office where I worked, there was a boy who got amongst bad companions. One day, instead of posting a parcel, he hid it and kept the postage money. It was only about ninepence, but having once started on the downward path he found it easy to go on, but not quite so easy to stop. As the weeks went by, so he nearly always pocketed the postage money of the weekly parcel, and as the parcels were for abroad his sin was not found out for quite a long time. Then, all of a sudden, the sin he had practised was discovered. He refused to admit it and was dismissed from his situation. You see, the bad practice started with one small sin.

Always remember that no one can serve two masters. It must be that we either serve God or Satan. Whose servant would you rather be? I know what your answer is; but then if we do what we like and please ourselves we are in reality serving Satan; in other words,

as our text says, we are the servants of sin. We cannot get away from this fact, even if we would like to do so, because the words are those of the Lord Jesus, and so as to make us quite sure of their truth He said, “Verily, verily.” Therefore believe His words and see that you are on the Lord’s side, and serving Him as your Master.

By-the-by, I hope all our readers are making a very diligent search in order to find *every* verse in the Gospel of John where the words “Verily, verily” occur. You only have till the 31st of this month to complete your list and send it in.

L. A. A.



REDEMPTION.

A STORY is told about a certain man who, walking the streets of London, saw a bird-hawker displaying a number of singing birds for sale in small cages. He approached the dealer and offered a sum of money for all the birds. This was readily accepted. What do you think this man did with so many birds? He had bought them and could have taken them home to be his own. Instead, however, he opened all the cages and allowed the birds to fly free.

This incident illustrates our present subject. Redemption means “to purchase or to rescue in order to set free.” You have heard how the slaves in the West Indies were set free long ago! Boys and girls, as well as men and women, were stolen from their homes and sold to the traders who owned the plantations away in the West Indies.

The slaves were forced to work very hard and were often cruelly treated. Noble men in this country of England could not endure the thought of the awful trade going on, and for twenty-five years they appealed for the liberation of

the slaves, until at last, nearly 100 years ago, the Government of Great Britain was induced to buy all the slaves. Millions of pounds were spent for this purpose and the slaves thus bought were all set free. It cost a very great sum of money, but what a change it must have produced in the lives of these people.

You, unsaved reader, are a slave to sin and to Satan; but in order to set you free, the Lord Jesus Christ has paid the redemption price. This was not paid in silver or gold, but by **HIS OWN PRECIOUS BLOOD**.

There is a very important lesson to be learnt from Exodus, chapter xiii, verse 13. Look this verse up in your Bibles and you will there see two things—**REDEMPTION** or **DESTRUCTION**. "Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck."

The little ass would probably mean very much to the owner, because in those days there were no trains or motor-cars. The ass might prove to be a great help to his business when it became older and stronger. But it had to be redeemed with a lamb, and if the owner was too poor to get a lamb it would have to be destroyed. Of course, someone who was rich might have pity upon the poor man and provide a lamb for him. Then the lamb would die instead of the ass.

So it is with every one of us. We are all condemned to die because of our sins and, as we are too poor to meet the claims of God ourselves, God Himself has provided a Lamb for our redemption. The Lord Jesus Christ died so that we might go free.

May none who read these lines turn their backs upon God's way of salvation, but accept the Lamb of God as their Saviour.

C. S. R.

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Answers to January Questions.

1. Be sure your sin will find you out. (Numbers 32. 23.)
2. Romans 6. 23 written out.
3. "Sin" is mentioned twenty-five times in Leviticus 4.
4. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves" (1 John 1. 8).
5. Every man shall be put to death for his own sin. (Deuteronomy 24. 16.)
6. Christ died for our sins. (1 Corinthians 15. 3.)
7. And He bare the sin of many. (Isaiah 53. 12.)
8. Romans 4. 7 written out.
9. "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin" (Exodus xxxii. 31).
10. "The blood of Jesus Christ" (1 John 1. 7).

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Questions for March, 1934.

Subject—Redeemer, Redeemed, Redemption

1. He sent . . . His Name. Write out the verse where these words occur. (Psalm 111.)

2. Neither . . . for us. Write out the verse where these words occur. (Hebrews 9.)

3. And with Him is . . . redemption. Write out the missing word. (Psalm 130.)

4. Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things. Write out the next verse to this. (1 Peter 1.)

5. "Oh Israel, fear not." Write out the rest of the sentence where these words occur. (Isaiah 43.)

6. "Being justified freely by His grace." Write out the rest of this verse. (Romans 3.)

7. What did Job say he knew? (Job 19.)

8. "They sung a new song." Write out the rest of this verse. (Revelation 5.)

9. What is precious? (Psalm 49.)

10. "His dear Son." Write out the next verse to where these words occur. (Colossians 1.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am so glad to welcome all the new Searchers, and trust you will all continue through the year. Many of you have forgotten to put chapter and verse, and hence are only in second class.

As it is too late now to qualify for certificates, I will send a nice text to all those who are in first class for the next five months. This will encourage you to go on, but please first read the rules again very carefully and then all of you read 2 Timothy 3. 15 and 16. B. Graham only did seven questions. D. Britton was in first class for November. I am sorry her name was omitted.

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forgivenesses,
though we have
rebelled
against Him.

Daniel IX. 9.

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A BIBLE HERO.

MOST of us have our heroes and heroines. They may be people that we know, or those of whom we hear at school; perhaps some of whom we read in our books of history; or, it may be, some missionaries of whose experience we learn from the beautiful prize books we receive at the Sunday School. We are all agreed, however, that the most wonderful persons are those of whom we read in the Bible. One of these is Daniel, and we feel quite sure we all claim him as our hero.

When quite young, Daniel, who had been born and brought up among God's people, and who himself was a lover of God, was carried away with them into a foreign country, and found himself amongst people who did not know anything about his God, but who just did what they pleased. Let us notice a few things about Daniel.

First. As we have remarked, he loved God. He decided that though he was in a strange land, he was going to show his colours, and be true to God. He got the chance of getting a good position, but it seemed as if in order to get it, he must do something that he felt was wrong, and he made up his mind that he would not do it. *He did not do it, and he got the position.* When we are tempted at school to hide our colours, and to do something that we know those who love God should not do, let us remember Daniel and read the first chapter of the book that bears his name.

Second. He loved good companions. Some time after Daniel got the position, the king had a dream one night. Next morning he was very miserable, and the strange thing was he could not remember the dream. He called for his wise men and commanded them to tell him his dream, and then say what it meant, but

not one of them could do it. The king was angry and said they must all be slain. Daniel heard about it, and told the executioner to give him time, and he would tell the king his dream. Then he got hold of his three companions, and told them to pray to God. God answered their prayer, revealed the dream to Daniel, and he told the king all about it. That is one benefit of having good companions. Sometimes boys and girls want to chum up with us at school. They do not love God, they laugh at those who desire to follow the Lord Jesus, and they try to make us do naughty things.

Now read the second chapter, and, like Daniel, *choose good companions.*

Third. Daniel loved prayer. We have just had an example of that; now we shall have another. Because Daniel loved God, and because the king promoted him, some men did not like him, and they said they must get rid of him, so they made a plot. They went to the king and asked him to make a rule that if any one prayed to any person except himself for thirty days, he should be put into a den of lions. When the king had signed the rule, they said, "Now we have got Daniel." Though he knew all about it, Daniel, just as usual, opened his windows toward Jerusalem, kneeled upon his knees, and, three times a day, prayed to God. His enemies went and told the king, who was very sorry, but he had to carry out his own rule. Daniel was cast into a den of lions, and there he spent a night.

The king was wretched, he could not sleep. Early next morning he went to the den, called to Daniel and asked him if his God had been able to deliver him, and how glad he was when he heard Daniel's voice and knew that he was safe. So angry was the king with the wicked men, that he ordered them to be put in the lions' den, and they were all

slain. What a lesson this is for us. Let us read chapter vi., and be encouraged to *Pray!* and PRAY!! and PRAY!!!

Fourth. Daniel loved good books. There are such a lot of books printed to-day that are not good. Some look very nice, but they tempt us to doubt God's Word, and to think that it does not mean what father and mother and Sunday School teacher have told us that it does mean. Some books fill our minds with evil thoughts and evil desires.

Thank God for all the good books.

The best book to read is the Bible. It is full of the most interesting stories, and every story is perfectly true. Then there are so many fine books that tell us about men and women who lived for the glory of God, and who died a cruel death rather than deny the precious name of Jesus. Chapter ix. and verse 2 tells us what Daniel understood from books. Now we must finish, or our kind Editor will be saying "*Stop!*" Let us

open our Bibles, read about Daniel, and then sing:—

"Dare to be a Daniel!
Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose true!
Dare to make it known!"

W. B. D.



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS.

II.

NOW, boys and girls, I want you to open your Bibles and read 1 Samuel xvi. down to verse 13, as this is the scripture we are going to look at this time. In February we noticed the first mention of David in the Bible, and saw how God brought in his name at a time when Israel was very disobedient. Now in 1 Samuel xvi. we read how David was chosen of God to be the king who would rule



GENERAL GORDON, THE HERO OF KHARTOUM.

in His way, and not like king Saul, who ruled to please himself.

If you read chapter xv., you will see that Saul, who was then king, was sent by God to destroy the Amalekites, but he disobeyed and did what *he* thought right, with the result that Samuel the prophet told him that God would take the kingdom from him and give it to another (verse 28). How sad to read of this king who disobeyed the word of God; but let me ask, have *you* always obeyed the voice of God? As you read this, does *your* heart tell you that *you* do not obey His voice? Listen to what Samuel says in verse 22. He tells us that to obey God's voice is better than anything else we can do. The Apostle Paul tells us that obedience for us must begin by having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour (Romans i. 5). Let me ask you then, each one, have you believed the Gospel; are you saved?

Now, as we turn to our chapter we read in verse 1 that God tells Samuel to take a horn of oil and go to the house of Jesse at Bethlehem and anoint the king whom He had provided for Himself.

David was the youngest of Jesse's eight sons, and when Samuel arrived they all seemed to be at home except David, who was in the field looking after the sheep. Ah! what a difference. David the *youngest* looking after the sheep, and the seven all at home. How like the One who at twelve years of age could say He must be about His Father's business (Luke ii. 49).

First, then, these seven pass before Samuel, who thought that the oldest and tallest would be God's choice; but God says it is the *heart* that counts, not the size. How often we think, like Samuel. Perhaps you think you are too young or too small to do anything for God; do you? Well, look at 2 Kings

v. verses 2 and 3, and also John vi. verses 9-11.

God refused the seven brothers in turn, and then Jesse sent for David, his eighth son. Now eight in scripture means something new and different, and would teach us here that David was quite different from his brothers. How this reminds us of the Lord Jesus who was altogether different from every other man. Even His enemies had to say, "Never man spake like this Man" (John vii. 46). Now when David entered God says, "This is he" (verse 2); so Samuel arises and anoints him king in the presence of all his brethren.

Now as I close I want you to compare in your Bibles verse 12 with Matthew iii. verse 17. Also verse 13, with Hebrews i. verse 9, and you will see that David is a wonderful likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. David means *beloved*, and this points us to the One of whom God speaks of as His beloved Son. Do you know Him?

G. D.



IV.

"VERILY, VERILY."

(JOHN x. 7).

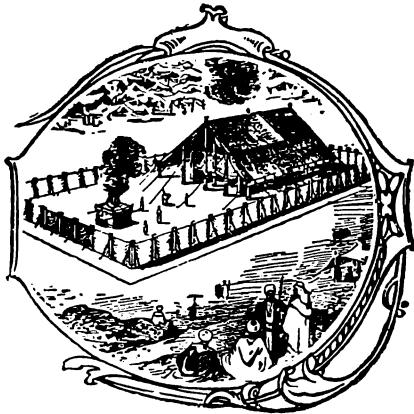
"**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." Then in verse 9 we read that Jesus said, "I am the door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

Now there are many boys and girls and grown-ups, too, who think there are many doors to safety, and that they can choose to be saved just in what way they like; but they are wrong, because Jesus is **THE** door. This surely means that there is *only one* door.

We of course understand that Jesus does not mean a literal door, but He

uses the door as a figure ; and just as we enter a room or house by the door, so we enter a place of safety by coming to Jesus, for we can only enter by Him.

If you were to read about the Tabernacle in the Old Testament you would find that there was only one entrance, and all who came to offer a sacrifice had to enter by that one entrance. No one was allowed to enter by any other means. So let us learn the lesson first of all, that Jesus is *the* door.



THE TABERNACLE

Then there is another very important thing our text tells us, and that is that *any* who enter shall be saved. It matters not what kind of people they are who come, all will be welcomed, which means that we are responsible to come, and must each see that we enter in.

You will also notice something else, and it is that all those who enter by that door *shall be saved* ; not *may* be, nor *hope* to be, but *SHALL* be saved. When you meet anyone who says that they are hoping to be saved one day, just point them to this text.

Always remember then, firstly, JESUS is the door ; secondly, that *any* may enter ; and thirdly, that those who enter *shall be saved*, for Jesus said this was truly so.

L. A. A.

SALVATION.

SALVATION is one of the grandest themes in the whole of God's Word. How good of God to plan means of salvation for lost and ruined sinners ! It is most wonderful that He should stoop to look upon rebellious creatures. Our condition was hopeless. Like a man sinking in the water beyond the reach of help, we were surely in a serious condition but the arm of the Lord reached out to save us.

The way of salvation has been made very plain. Listen to the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself : " I am the door : by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved " (John x. 9). This is simple indeed ! Let us split these words into three parts. In the first part, " I am the door, by Me," we get

THE SOURCE OF SALVATION.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the speaker, and He is our only hope of salvation. The youngest amongst our readers understands what a door is. If you want to go into a room, you go in by the door. A door has two sides, and you cannot be on both sides at the same time. If you are on the inside, you are not on the outside. If you are outside, however, you can be on the inside in a moment simply by a step. The Lord Jesus Christ in this portion of scripture likens Himself to a door, and tells us plainly that it is through Him we get salvation and entrance into life eternal.

" One door, only one,
Yet its sides are two ;
Inside and outside,
On which side are you ?

* * * *

" I am on the inside,
On which side are *YOU* ? "

The second part of our verse reads, " If any man," and gives us

THE SCOPE OF SALVATION.

Salvation is not limited to a few people : it is not kept for a select class ; it is available for all. As the sun shines in the heavens for everybody, so the gospel of salvation shines out to every soul. None are excluded here. No matter what your position be in this life, salvation is offered *you*. You are lost and you need a Saviour. The One you need is JESUS.

“Enter in . . . be saved,” shows

THE SIMPLICITY OF SALVATION.

As we have said, it only requires a step to pass from the outside to the inside of a room. This is all that is needed to get salvation. It is the step of faith. Simple trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Why trust to things which can never save you ? It is a Person we are to trust. He gave His life for us on the cross and, because He died, we can live in Him.

We are told that “now is the day of salvation.” Salvation is offered to all to-day, but it will not always be so. The gospel story now sounds all around us, but the day is coming when the door of mercy will be shut. When once the door is shut, it will never be opened. If you are then outside, you will be outside for ever. No salvation ! For ever lost ! Don’t delay to take salvation whilst you have the opportunity.

C. S. R.



THE GRAND HIGHWAY.

There’s a grand highway that is free to all,
And it leads to the home above ;
It starts at the Cross where the Saviour
died,

It is there you may learn God’s love :
Come ! come ! come ! the journey’s ending ;
Haste ! haste ! haste ! to Jesus flee ;
And the glory, wondrous story,
You shall enter, His face shall see.

A.H.L.

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Answers to February Questions.

1. It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul (Leviticus 17. 11).
2. Exodus 30. 10, written out.
3. Leviticus 6. 7, written out.
4. For himself and the people (Leviticus 9. 7).
5. Romans 5. 11, written out.
6. The scapegoat (Leviticus 16. 10).
7. Because wrath had gone out from the Lord (Numbers 16. 46).
8. Leviticus 16, 17, written out.
9. Exodus 32. 30, written out.
10. Job 33. 24, written out.

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Questions for April, 1934.

Subject—Salvation.

1. Why were the people to stand still? (Exodus 14.)
2. What shall all flesh see? (Luke 3.)
3. "Whom shall I fear?" Write out the eight previous words. (Psalm 27.)
4. "Neither . . . saved." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Acts 4.)
5. "My salvation shall be . . ." Write out the next two words. (Isaiah 51.)
6. Why did Paul say he was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ? (Romans 1.)
7. What did Jonah say about salvation? (Jonah 2.)
8. What is said about the Holy Scriptures? (2 Timothy 3.)
9. "I will joy." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Habbakuk 3.)
10. When is the day of salvation? (2 Corinthians 6.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I am very pleased to see so many new names again this month, and give you all a hearty welcome. Some of you have forgotten to give chapter and verse. Always remember to do this.

All those who have sent in late January papers have been given their marks, but I am sorry there is no room to print the names.

Two papers from Leeds and Hexham have come without names.

I am glad to hear from those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. One girl has just lost the sight of one eye, but she adds this splendid testimony to her little note—"Saved and kept by the Master." Yes, He *does* keep us through all the trials we may be called upon to bear in this life, and I am glad that she is learning this, though so young.

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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Lord are right,
and the just
shall walk in
them: but the
transgressors
shall fall therein.

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TRAINS AND THEIR DESTINATIONS.

TRAINS! Who doesn't like trains? Why, everybody likes them; and if we are not near enough to be able to go to the station to see the real ones come in and go out, we seize the opportunity of doing the next best thing, that is, to stand in front of the shop windows where models are working. We are entranced as we watch the tiny trains dashing along their tiny rails.

Have you ever asked yourself, reader, why you should be so attracted to trains? If you have, you must have realized that it is because there is something in common between us. Something within each one of us seems to tell us we are going on a journey. That is quite true. Some of us may never have made a train journey, but we are all going on a journey, nevertheless, and that is, *the journey of life*. None of us is standing still, but we are all moving on rapidly to Eternity, and our destination is one of two places. We are bound either for Heaven, with its life, light, love and joy; or for Hell, the place of death, darkness, dread and despair.

To which place are you journeying, reader? Perhaps you imagine that no one can know until we get there. But how absurd to think of anyone getting into a train without knowing where it is going to! The fact is that we can know *right now* what our destination will be, and that depends on which train we are travelling in. If we have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ and the value of His precious blood, we need have no doubt about our destination, for, to use the illustration we have started with, we are in the right train, and we are bound to reach Heaven at the end.

Those, however, who have not trusted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and who have not had their sins washed away in

His precious blood, can never reach Heaven. THEY ARE IN THE WRONG TRAIN.

It is so easy to be in the wrong train and yet to be persuaded that you are all right. I remember going to the station at K—— one morning, to catch a train for C——. I had very little time to spare, and when I arrived in the station I saw a train with steam up, just ready to leave. Near by was a porter wearing the railway uniform, so I inquired of him whether that was the train for C——. He said, "No, it goes from the platform round the corner." I hurried round to where he pointed and was in time to see another train which had just arrived. I asked the guard if it was going to C——. He, too, said, "No, your train leaves the main platform, and you will miss it if you don't hurry, for it is almost ready to go." I ran back to the very train I thought was right at first, and just dropped into a seat, when off we went. The right train—only just in time—and very soon I reached my desired destination.

Now, I have no doubt that the porter who misled me was a very kindly person and had the best of intentions when he gave me the wrong information. But he sent me to the wrong train, and almost made me lose the right one. There are many such persons who are anxious to direct us as to the way to Heaven. They mean well and they have good intentions, but the great enemy of our souls, Satan, uses these very means to turn us away from the right train, as it were. He would tell us to do good, to live a good life, to turn over a new leaf, and many other things, and then we will reach Heaven in the end. But don't believe that, dear reader, or you will find yourself in the wrong train, and find further, when it is *too late*, that you can't change over to the right one.

There have been times in your life

CROSSES AND THEIR MEANING.

A SHORT time ago I saw the large cross in white which appears on a slope some little distance from the main road not far from Maidstone, in Kent. Some idea of its size may be gained when I tell you that two haystacks lying quite near looked very small indeed.

Some of our young readers will have heard of the white horse cut out of the chalk some distance from Reading; and near Seaford, in Sussex, there is a giant, cut out in the same way on the hillside.

There are various forms of cross, the one referred to being the Latin cross. The cross is a very common emblem in lands where Christianity is known. We are all familiar with the cross at the top of a church; with the monument erected at the centre of a town, or at a spot noted for some event in history; with the

emblem which is so frequently seen in churchyards and cemeteries; with the decoration known as the Victoria Cross, which is awarded for conspicuous valour. The red cross is recognized the world over as standing for the care of the wounded; and we are all familiar with the word as describing trouble, and pain and affliction.

But to the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, the cross always speaks, first and foremost, of the great sacrifice made by his Saviour, by which it was possible for his sins to be forgiven. The cross of Calvary means several wonderful things,



TRAIN PASSING OVER AN ARCHED RAILWAY BRIDGE.

when you had the chance of changing over to the right train—these were stopping-places—and now you have another chance as you read these lines. It may be your last chance and, remember, if you wish to reach Heaven at the end of life's journey, you must travel in the right train now. That is the train in which you are not asked to pay your fare, for that has been paid already, and your passport to the Glory is the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader, are you in the right train for Heaven?

W. B.



A BUSY DAY FOR ONE OF LILIAN'S FRIENDS.

but it means chiefly that Christ died as *Sin-Bearer*. That is the central meaning of Calvary, and from that wonderful fact flow all the blessings that our souls enjoy and will enjoy for ever.

A little girl named Lilian was very ill. Partly that he might be near her, and partly to relieve his thoughts, her father busied himself about the house. The blinds in her room wanted mending, so he brought his tools and set to work. Presently the little one called him.

"Daddy, bring two of your sticks to me"; and of course he obeyed.

"Now, daddy, lay one across the other,

and put a nail—one nail—right through."

The result was a cross.

"Now, daddy, get your pencil—your big one that you mark your wood with—and write: 'Jesus died for daddy.'"

Tears were in his eyes; but he was an honest man, and would not deceive her.

"Lily, I can't write that; I'd have to be a Christian if I did."

The little one pleaded, but it was of no avail. He felt he could not write what he did not believe. But then, he thought, it might be true, even if he did not believe it. The Bible said, "Jesus died." Then He died for somebody. Was there any particular somebody for whom Jesus did not die? No. Why, then, should he exclude himself? Had he not as much right to say Jesus died for him as anybody upon the earth?

After the child was buried he took up the rough cross he had made, and there was the place where she had asked him to write. Should he do it? He feared to die, for his conscience told him, "After death the judgment." But if Jesus died for him as his *Sin-Bearer*, death would only be going into the presence of his Saviour.

He loved the child, and one morning was found at her grave with the cross. Do you see those words along the straight piece of wood? He has written it—"Jesus died for daddy." Now he believes it, and knows the joy of sins forgiven.

Do you believe that Jesus died for you? Then write it, and thank Him for it.

E. A.—S.

V.

“VERILY, VERILY”

(JOHN xii. 24).

“**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

Do I hear one of our young friends saying, “Whatever does this verse mean?” Well, now, let us see. First of all you will notice the importance that is attached to the statement by these words that are so often used by Jesus, “Verily, verily.”

Now, unless the little wheat seedlings fall into the ground, then there could be no wheat crop later on. The seed must be hidden away in the ground and then, one day, a little green shoot will appear, later on a beautiful ear of corn; and it all came from that one seed in the ground.

The words that Jesus uttered really referred to Himself. If Jesus had not died upon the cross He would have gone back to heaven alone; and there could have been no hope for you or me *ever* getting there. But He “died for us” (1 Thessalonians v. 10), and in dying and being raised up again He has made the way open for us to go to heaven and live with Him. Jesus said, “I go to prepare a place for you” (John xiv. 2).

Do you love Him, dear boys and girls, for all that He has done for you? The sight of that cross has melted many hearts since Jesus died. Have you ever thanked Him? Or are you like the nine lepers who were so forgetful? Remember that if He had not died you would have had no possible opportunity of ever entering heaven. But now there will be many, so many, with Him one day. Some will be there perhaps we never expected, and some perhaps whom we expected, will be missing. **Will you be there?**

L. A. A.

REPENTANCE.

ALL boys and girls like to read, I am sure, the lives of great men and great women. Many people have been used of God in remarkable ways, and the records of their lives, whilst giving interesting reading, are often the means of confirming our faith and increasing our courage. Men have stood alone for God in the darkest days and their testimony has been wonderfully blest.

One such was John the Baptist. The days in which he lived were dark indeed. There was very little light shining for God. The world had turned against God, although He in grace had lingered long. Messengers had been sent one after the other to plead with men, but all were rejected. Now, God was going to send His Son to do what all the others could not to—**to make atonement for sin.**

John came as the forerunner of Jesus. He was a man of the hills—clothed with camel’s hair. Locusts and wild honey were his food, and the desert his home. He was a strange missionary, but he had his heart thrilled with a definite message. He cried aloud as the people pressed out of the cities and villages to hear him:

“REPENT YE.”

His message was with power because the people answered confessing their sins.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself came along, and you know the story well of how He was baptized of John in Jordan, and the voice came from heaven, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” John disappears, and it is recorded that, “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say,

“REPENT.”

Later, when the Pharisees complained that Jesus mixed with the publicans and sinners, He said that He came not to call the righteous but sinners to

repentance. In the fifteenth chapter of Luke's Gospel, we read that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that *repenteth*. Further, in Peter's second Epistle, it is stated that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to *repentance*.

What meaneth this message? What is repentance?

A good illustration of repentance we get in the story of the Prodigal Son. The boy left his home, his father, and his friends. He had plenty of money, and off he went to enjoy himself. His money was wasted and soon his last penny was spent and he began to be in want. He was in a very sad condition: nobody would give him anything.

There came a day, however, in the history of that boy when he began to think over his position. Here he was starving, in rags, without a friend to help, and a picture appeared before his mind. He thought of his father's house and the abundance of food for the household and the servants. When he left home he had thought that he was doing the right thing, but now he discovers that he had done the wrong thing. The goodness of his father's heart appealed to him—will he take me in? There was no doubt about it. "I have sinned and am not worthy to be a son, but I will arise and go to my father," said he. This is true repentance. Off he went, and what a welcome he got!

Dear boys and girls, you are travelling a road. No doubt you think it a good road, but stay a moment, ponder your footsteps. Listen to the words of a wise man, "There is a way that *seemeth* right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs xvi. 25).

Turn then from the path you are travelling and turn to the Saviour. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, and you will discover that there is goodness in the heart of God for you. C. S. R.

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Answers to March Questions.

1. Psalm 111. 9 written out.
2. Hebrews 9. 12 written out.
3. Plenteousness. Psalm 130. 7.
4. 1 Peter 1. 19, written out.
5. "For I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine." (Isaiah 43. 1.)
6. Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3. 24.)
7. "I know that my Redeemer liveth." (Job 19. 25.)
8. Most of Revelation 5. 9 written out.
9. The redemption of their soul is precious. (Psalm 49. 8.)
10. Colossians 1. 14 written out.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.
5. Address envelope—"Scripture Searching," Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, "Educational Exercise." Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on 3d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by letter post.

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Questions for May, 1934.

Subject—Repent, Repentance.

1. Whom did the Lord come to call to repentance? (Matthew 9.)
2. Repent. Write out the verse which begins with this word. (Acts 3.)
3. What was to be preached in His name? (Luke 24.)
4. What did they preach? (Mark 6.)
5. What does God command? (Acts 17.)
6. When shall there be joy in heaven? (Luke 15.)
7. What leadeth thee to repentance? (Romans 2.)
8. "The Lord . . . repentance." Write out the verse where these words occur. (2 Peter 3.)
9. "As many . . . repent." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Revelation 3.)
10. What is said about the foundation of repentance? (Hebrews 6.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

Quite a number of searchers who dropped out last month have sent in their papers again. I am very pleased about this, and I trust they may yet earn a text, which I promised to those who are only 1st Class for five months.

Some of you still answer too many questions. Will you please just answer the number required, according to your age. Then, too, if you commence the half year doing six, or eight questions, do not alter to more until the second half year, even though your birthday occurs and may bring you into another division.

I am glad to receive the messages from the little girls at the Ponteland Homes.

T. Seymour and R. Lilley are in 1st Class for January. I am sorry their names were printed in the wrong division.

Your loving Friend, E. M. A.

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Turn unto the
Lord your God:
for He is
gracious and
merciful, slow
to anger, and of
great kindness.

Joel II. 13

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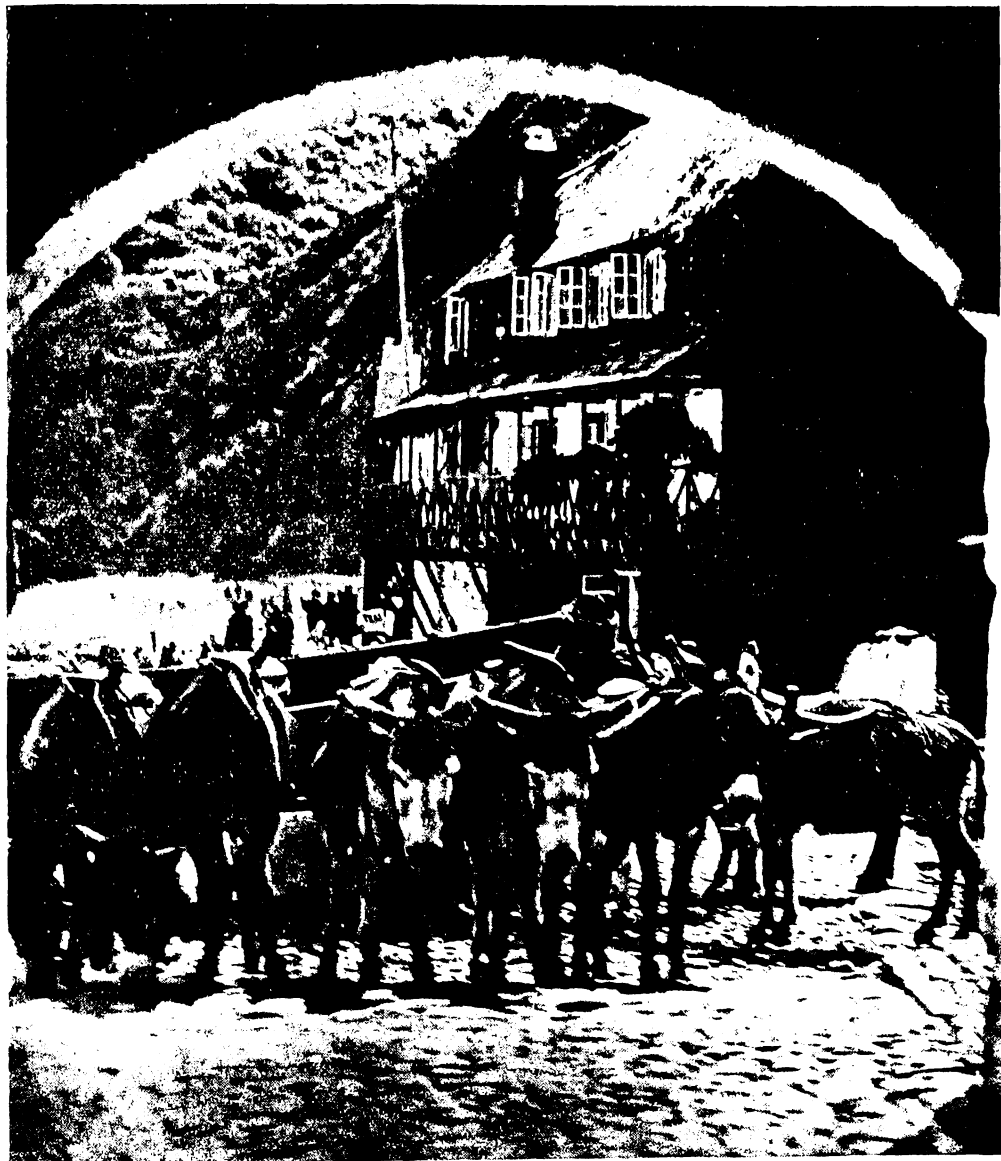
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BRIGHT AND STRIKING TESTIMONIES.

1. FROM A JAPANESE GIRL.

DEAR MR. W—,

I am a girl whom you led unto Jesus my Saviour and prayed for in our library. I am very grateful to my God, my Saviour, and to you. I was not a true Christian until you came. You told me that if I pray to God for true gladness, He certainly hear me, and give good gifts to me. I prayed earnestly even into the deep night, and play time, and recess time, and during my study hour. I wished to be like you, the happiest, gladdest person. Oh! to-day at half-past six o'clock when I was praying, He gave me the true gladness. I cannot help this joy to be only in my heart, so I tell it to you gratefully. I was the head of sinners, but He died for me. If I was not a sinner like that there would be no necessity for His death; but because I was a sinner His death was very necessary. Oh! I am very glad and grateful for His death. I promised to Him that with all my things I offer; and so there is nothing belongs to me, but to my Lord. Please be glad to me, teacher, and please pray to Him for me—this little thing—I am always praying to Him for you.

Ah! teacher, there is waiting eternal joy up in Heaven. I can now sing the twenty-third Psalm heartily.

My English is not right, but you know all my heart, I believe; so please think my heart, and pardon my unright English.

From my true heart I thank you. May God bless you. Yours lovingly,

s. Y— (aged 15 years).

2. FROM AN ENGLISH GIRL.

DEAR MR. L—

I am glad to say that I belong to Jesus. It was a happy day when His most

precious blood washed all my sins away. I received your letter, and I thank you very much for the small books

I read the Gospel daily, and I also learn a verse or two each day. I am so glad I have been converted and confessed myself to Jesus, for I am very happy and waiting for the arrival of the Lord Jesus. If He were to come to-night I should be ready. His love is as great as His power and will never end. He is my Object, and wherever I am He is, for sin no longer remains on me, for I am cleansed from every spot and stain and fit for heaven. There is nothing in the whole world like believing on the Lord Jesus.

"I need no other argument,
I want no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me."

Your loving true friend,

N. A. J— (aged 10 years).

(The above letters show how real a thing the love of Jesus is, and I trust our unconverted readers will *here and now* believe on the Saviour and confess Him to others.—EDITOR.)

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For Young Christians

VI

"VERILY, VERILY"

(John xiii. 16)

"**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither He that is sent greater than He that sent Him."

This verse, I think, is meant for those who *have* trusted the Lord Jesus Christ. They can then be His servants and serve Him.

1. Now, if we are servants of Christ we must not say what we are going to do. We must do, and *only* do the things that our Master commands us. We must not do less than we are told, neither must we exceed our instructions. We should just obey our Master and remember that "His commandments are not grievous" (1 John v. 3). Sometimes I have had work given me to do, and I have not carried out all the instructions, and on other occasions I have done unnecessary things.

2. Then there is the question of *how* we are to carry out the orders given us, and for our orders we must go to the Bible; that is why it is so *very important* for us to read a few verses at least once every day. We are to do "ALL things without murmurings and disputings" (Philippians ii. 14); not only the nice easy things we like doing, but ALL THINGS. How easy for us to complain when our parents tell us to do something we do not want to do—then we shall not be remembering our text. Let us always carry out our duties in a willing and cheerful spirit.

3. Lastly, there remains the question as to *when* we should obey. Many a boy or girl has said, "In a minute," or, "not just now," and the result has been that the work has been forgotten. At other times by delaying we have had to hurry through the work and consequently spoiled it.

Now, the servants of Jesus must always carry out what He says, and in the best possible way, and at once, for He is their Master. If we do this out of love to Him because He first loved us, then we shall be happy in doing His service. But let us take the low place and be humble like our Master. "Humble

yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" (James iv. 10).

L. A. A.



SAVED AND SATISFIED.

AT this time of the year, teachers and scholars of most Sunday Schools begin to look forward to their annual outing. I want to write about a little girl, named Winnie, who always looks back to a treat held on Whit Tuesday, as her happiest day. Winnie, like other girls and boys, had attended Sunday School and heard about Jesus and His wonderful salvation from early years. Both her father and mother loved Him themselves, and wanted Winnie to love Him too; and it is because we want *you* to know and love our Saviour that we write these stories of others who, when very young, made their choice.

On the Whit Monday, a party in which were Winnie, her parents and Sunday School teacher, went for a country ramble, passing through lovely bluebell woods. Then tea was had in a cottage, after which hymns were sung and Jesus was spoken of as the Saviour of all those who believed.

Going towards home, Winnie and her teacher ran along in front of the rest of the party, and then slowed down. Now, this was the moment the teacher had waited for in order to speak to Winnie alone about Jesus. She asked her to make her choice that very day, as even to-morrow might be too late, because none know how soon the Saviour will return to take all those who have trusted Him to be with Him in heaven. Winnie was urged to tell Jesus that she wanted her sins washing away in His blood, and to trust that He would certainly do this.

All reached their homes, and Winnie



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

went to bed—but not to sleep, for soon her mother heard sobbing upstairs, and went to see what was wrong. Oh! how glad were those parents to hear their dear little girl say that she wanted to get rid of her sins, which were troubling her. Altogether they knelt by the bed, and the Saviour heard Winnie's cry and accepted her as one of His dear lambs.

Next day was the Sunday School treat, and what a happy day it was; yes, for those who know Jesus are indeed happy. When the teacher arrived at the field Winnie ran to her, and said, "I trusted Jesus last night, and I'm *so* happy."

Will you do as our little friend did? If so you will have true joy and happiness like her, and which she now delights to speak of to the little girls in her Sunday School class.

Come to the Saviour now!

E. T.

THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS.

III

NOW, boys and girls, I want you to open your Bibles at 1 Samuel xvii., where we read of David in his first public battle and victory. The first thing I want you to notice is that we have two different companies of people and two different leaders. The Philistines would speak of the people in the world, and Goliath, as Satan their leader. On the other hand, the Israelites set forth the people of God, and David, their leader, the *Lord Jesus Christ*. Now, each of us is in one company or the other. I leave you to say what company you are in. If the Lord is your Saviour you are one of the people of God; but if you have not yet trusted Him you are still in the world with

Satan as your leader. Have you ever thought of this?

As we read of this giant Goliath (he was nearly ten feet in height) we might wonder wherever a man is to be found who will be able to conquer him, for at his challenge all the host of Israel fled from him (verse 24). Now, after telling us about his great height and armour in the first eleven verses, we next read of David, and again find him minding sheep. I am sure if we had started to look for a man to fight Goliath we would have looked amongst all the mighty warriors of Israel, and not for a shepherd lad.

Yet this is just how God works. In the forty days that Goliath was boasting to Israel, David was being prepared in secret by God to overthrow him. Forty in Scripture means a time of testing, and in this we are reminded of the long time during which God tested man, only to prove that man was powerless against Satan and unable to overcome him. Then it was that the Lord Jesus came forth from His Father to deal with the foe.

We read also (verse 17) that David brought a host of good things with him for his brethren. How like the Lord Jesus coming into this world to bless man, with His hands full of the good things of heaven. Have you tasted these good things yet? I have. Let me tell you the first good thing He gives us—**THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.** What a precious portion this is! Surely He has much more for us, like David with his corn, ten loaves and ten cheeses, but we must partake of the first before we can taste the rest. "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm xxxiv. 8).

The last point I want to notice this time is, that David came right down in the valley to where his brethren were. He could have sent the keeper but did not. He came himself so that he might

talk to them, and I feel sure he would tell them of his father and all about his father's house. Here again is a wonderful picture of the Son of God becoming a man, that He might talk to men and tell them Himself all about the Father and the Father's house. No servant could have done this. I could not end this little paper on a better subject, than the wonderful love of the Lord Jesus that brought Him into this world, to tell us all about the love of His God and Father. Think about it!

G. D.

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CONVERSION.

CONVERSION is very much linked to repentance. our subject last month. Repentance means "a change of mind," and this is followed by "a turning round," which is the meaning of conversion.

We are all travelling—we cannot stop—time carries each one of us onward. We are travelling one of two roads. There are only two roads in this journey and we are on one of them.

The broad road is a beautiful way—well carpeted and kept up-to-date. This is the road we all start out upon. *The end is death and destruction.* Then there is the narrow way. It is uphill, very rough looking, but at the end the glory shines. This road is not a continuation of the broad road, nor does it run parallel to it; it goes in an opposite direction altogether.

On which road are *you* travelling?

There are turning points in every life. Perhaps to some it merely means the turning over of a new leaf, as we say. How often this is done! People reach the parting of the ways. They look along the broad road—it looks very tempting—the road is so easy to walk upon—the surface is good. The narrow

road looks steep and rough. "We will press on," say they; "we will be as good and earnest as possible and hope for the best." But their faces are still towards death. People might try to turn away from sin and evil, but the question is. What do they turn to?

The psalmist said in Psalm cxix. 59. "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies." This is true conversion. When the feet are turned, the whole body is turned. When your face is turned towards the sun, your back is turned towards the shadows. So it is with a person who turns aside from the broad road and enters the narrow way—his whole course is altered—his back is now upon destruction, and his face is set towards the glory. Then what a life of blessing and victory! The hilly road is not now noticed—the way does not seem to be so rough as it first appeared. The eye is fixed upon the goal.

Dear reader, have *you* ever stood at the parting of the ways? Have you heard the Lord saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it?" Earthly prosperity and worldly fame may lead you along the broad road. Good companionship and pleasure you may have, too. These things will be your ruin if you do not turn from the path you are travelling. If your life is to be a truly happy one, you must forsake the broad road and enter the highway to glory with the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Perhaps just now you are standing at the cross-roads—hesitating—uncertain which path to tread. Listen to the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is calling *you*; make your decision *now*; obey His voice and you will never regret the step. It is the start of a new life and a new joy.

C. S. R.

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Answers to April Questions.

1. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. (Exodus 14. 13.)

2. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3. 6.)

3. The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Psalm 27. 1.)

4. Acts 4. 12, written out.

5. For ever. (Isaiah 51. 6.)

6. Because it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. (Romans 1. 16.)

7. Salvation is of the Lord. (Jonah 2. 9.)

8. The holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3. 15.)

9. Habakkuk 3. 18 written out.

10. Now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6. 2.)

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Questions for June, 1934.

Subject--Convert, Conversion.

1. What is said about the law of the Lord? (Psalm 19.)
2. "And said . . . the kingdom of heaven." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Matthew 18.)
3. What did Ephraim do after he was turned? (Jeremiah 31.)
4. "Repent ye . . . the Lord." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Acts 3.)
5. Who shall be converted? (Psalm 51.)
6. What were Paul and Barnabas declaring? (Acts 15.)
7. What did the Lord tell Simon to do after he was converted? (Luke 22.)
8. "Let the wicked forsake his way. . ." Write out the whole verse where these words occur. (Isaiah 55.)
9. Who shall save a soul from death? (James 5.)
10. What is said about converts? (Isaiah 1.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,--

I am sorry to see such a big drop in Searchers this month. The envelope from Bramley arrived with papers falling out. I hope none were lost in the post.

Some snaps were enclosed with papers from Rotherham. Were these sent by mistake?

Papers from Rotherham and Blyth have come without names. G. Mackay only did seven questions.

I am sorry to hear that A. Carter and M. Simm have been ill, and trust they will soon be better.

Our Subject words this month have another meaning, which you will discover as you answer the questions.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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THE UNKNOWN KING.

MOST of you know the story of Alfred and the cakes. You remember how that great and good man in his fight against the Danes was sometimes beaten in battle, and had to go into hiding and travel about the country dressed like a poor man. At one time as he was going about in this way he went into a herdsman's cottage, and the good wife set him the task of looking after some cakes which were baking. In those days people had no ovens as we have in our homes, but all the baking had to be done by placing the bread on a stone hearth before an open fire, and the cakes had to be watched and turned about to ensure them being baked all through.

Well, Alfred had his mind full of plans for beating the Danes and driving them out of England, and so forgot all about the cakes. The result was that the cakes were burnt, and the herdsman's wife was very angry and even boxed Alfred's ears and called him a lazy fellow, ready enough to eat the cakes, but too idle to look after them. Just then the herdsman came home and saw who the visitor really was. Greatly alarmed at the treatment his wife had dealt to him, he told her, "It is our noble lord, the King." Of course the woman was very sorry because she had been so rude to one who was really seeking to save her from their enemies, and quickly sought the King's pardon, which he freely gave.

The Bible tells us of the Lord Jesus who is the Great King. After He was born, you remember, the wise men came from the East and asked the first question in the New Testament, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" (Matthew ii. 2). Now the strange thing was, nobody knew anything about Him. He was born a poor Baby whom nobody wanted to find room for in their homes.

Let me tell you what Scripture says about this. You can turn to the place and find it if you will. It is in John's Gospel, chapter i, and verse 10. It says, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not." Just think over this verse a moment. It tells us that the beautiful fields and hedges, the sun and stars and all we see and enjoy, *He made them*.

How great He is! and yet, when He came here, because He was a poor child, nobody knew who He really was. When He went to Jerusalem before He died, He rode into the city in a procession, and we read, "When He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?'" (Matthew xxi. 10). They did not know the King in His own Royal City. But you and I know He is "God over all," who came from heaven to save us.

Now, will you look at another verse in John? Chapter i. again, verse 11. It says something more surprising than verse 10. "He came into His own"—that means His own country, "and His own received Him not"—that means His own people would not open the door to let Him in, but shut Him out of their homes and hearts. Now look at these two verses in John i. again. Verse 10 tells us the world did *not know* Him, and verse 11 tells us that His own people did *not want* Him, so they put him to death on the cross.

You say, "How wicked," and yet we may be treating the Lord Jesus just in the same way as others did. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (Rev. iii. 20). If He stood in our street and knocked at our house door, we would run to open for Him, would we not? But there is a door some of us keep locked against Him: *it is the door of our hearts*.

DO YOU ever think of Him, and does

your heart fill with love to Him? Somebody thought about this and wrote a hymn. Here is the first verse and the chorus:—

“Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,

When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found
no room

For Thy holy nativity.

‘Oh, come to *my* heart, Lord Jesus!

There is room in *my* heart for Thee.’”

It is the grandest thing in the world when a boy or a girl is able to sing these lines from the bottom of the heart.

To go back to Alfred. Some time after what took place at the cowherd's house, he met his enemies in battle and beat them, and was owned as King of England. Everybody gladly bowed to him; and so, too, a day is coming soon, when the Lord Jesus is coming back to this world, not as a babe whom no one wants, but as a glorious King to reign over the earth. Psalm lxxii says this about Him. “He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.” “Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.” “And daily shall He be praised.” What a glad time that will be, but if we want to share in that happy time we must learn to trust and serve Him now.

I do hope *you* will.

J. W.

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For Young Christians

WITNESSING FOR JESUS.

IN a dark dungeon many hundred years ago stood a noble Roman boy, waiting for to-morrow.

The golden light of the setting sun shone brightly on his prison frock, making it almost as gay as the beautiful dress he wore before he came into this sad place. His face looked peaceful and happy, although he knew that to-morrow he would be taken into the theatre, and there, before hundreds of his old friends and acquaintances, be torn in pieces by wild and hungry beasts.

Would you, dear reader, have looked as happy, do you think? You who cry perhaps at the slightest hurt, complain when your Sunday dress is not so fine as you would like it to be, or when there is no cake for tea, should you have looked so happy with prison dress, prison fare, and the thoughts of *such* a death?

This Roman boy was so happy *because he was a Christian*, and going to suffer shame and death for Jesus' sake; and when next day, before many thousands of Roman people, he was torn in pieces by the lions, God gave him strength from heaven to bear the dreadful pain, and then took his happy soul to heaven to join the glorious and noble army of martyrs whose delight it is there to sing the praises of their Saviour who died for sinners on Calvary's Cross.

Christian reader, are you standing true for your Lord? Persecution to-day does not take the cruel form such as our Roman boy was called to suffer, but Satan is ever on the alert to keep young Christians from shining for Jesus. Paul wrote to a young believer—Timothy—of his day, and said: “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy ii, 1, 3; 2 Timothy iii. 12).

Persecution for you may mean the cruel words, the laugh of scorn, the forsaking by dear friends, but *always* remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is at



STANDING BEFORE THE EMPEROR.

hand for supplies of grace and strength ; and He is ever ready to sympathize and befriend you. Think, too, of the wonderful privilege afforded you to witness for God's blessed Son !

Many there are who would gladly serve an earthly monarch, but as one who has trusted the Saviour, it is yours to be a servant of the KING of kings, and LORD of lords " (1 Timothy, vi. 15). Then we should delight to serve Him, because, as the Scripture says, " Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price " (1 Corinthians vi. 19, 20). It is well for us constantly to have in mind what it cost the Lord Jesus to be able to call us His own ; and it was left to Peter, one who knew both the joy of faithfully serving the Saviour and the sorrow following the failure of so doing

(Luke xxii. 54-62), to tell us that the redemption price was not silver or gold, but **THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST** (1 Peter i. 18, 19).

Soon, the privilege of serving your Saviour will have ceased, for when Jesus comes to take all His children to heaven, the battle against Satan and sin will be over ; and then those who have faithfully witnessed for Him will receive His " Well done "—and the reward (Matthew xxv. 21).

" Jesus loves the children, the children of the world ;

Let the banner of His love be everywhere unfurled :

Jesus loves His children, ' Let them come,' said He,

He wants the little children His witnesses to be."

J. H. R.

VII.

“ VERILY, VERILY ”

(John x. 1).

“**V**ERILY, 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.”

In an earlier chat with our readers we referred to Jesus as being THE DOOR and the GOOD SHEPHERD. But in this verse we are told of some who enter “*some other way*,” and such are described as thieves and robbers. Do you know why they are called such unpleasant names? Well, I think it is because they try to catch away the sheep from the Lord Jesus Christ: but that they can *never* do, for His sheep “**shall never perish**” (verse 28). They will also try to rob us of all joy and peace, and in this they may be very successful if we are not watchful.

These thieves and robbers that come in by some other way are like false teachers, and I am sorry to say that there are some going about amongst the sheep, and you will probably meet some of them before you grow very much older. Such persons will tell you that one way of getting to heaven is as good as another, and that if you are sincere you will be quite all right. Now, if I am in a ship which is rapidly sinking, it is no use thinking I shall be quite safe if I refuse to enter the lifeboat which has come to save me. My sincere belief is only madness, for I shall be drowned. Jesus said, “*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*” (John xiv. 6); so just trust to Him.

You can also tell these whom the Lord Jesus calls thieves and robbers, because you will find that they only believe the parts of the Bible which they *wish* to believe. Now we cannot and

must not attempt to treat God's Word like that. So you see these persons would like to thief and steal away parts of the Bible, if they could, and they will tell you that some portions are untrue; these are the thieves and robbers.

Remember, that “there is *none other name* under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts iv. 12); and if you are not saved, “**NOW** is the day of SALVATION” (2 Corinthians vi. 2).

L. A. A.

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FORGIVENESS.

WHEN the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth He always attracted great numbers of people. On one occasion, in Capernaum, He went into a house, and we read that there was no room to receive the people, not even near the door. We can well imagine the crowd—the house full and the roadway outside thronged with people.

Four men carrying a person sick of the palsy came along to see Jesus, but they found it impossible to get near the house. These four men had great faith, for they said that if only they could get to the Lord Jesus Christ they felt sure that their friend would be cured. They did not allow difficulties to stand in their way, for we see them climbing to the top of those houses and breaking up the roof of the house where Jesus was. The sick man was let down into the presence of the Lord Jesus, and it is recorded that “When Jesus saw *their* faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be FORGIVEN thee” (Mark ii. 5). **What a Great Blessing!** They brought the man to have his body healed, but Jesus looked into his heart and saw there some terrible black sins, the forgiveness of which was of far more importance than the healing of his limbs.

Sin is the root of all the sickness and sorrow in the world, and it is this which we ought to be in earnest about. People are in earnest to get their bodies cured but they give little thought to the question of their sins. Perhaps the reader is weakly in body—perhaps you have some affliction. Is the Lord Jesus Christ indifferent to this? Oh no! He has a heart full of compassion and sympathy. **The Forgiveness of Your Sins**, however, is of greater importance than *the healing of your body*.

Had Jesus no power to cure this man? Some of the men who were there thought so—they raised the question, "Who can forgive sins but God only?" But **JESUS WAS GOD**, and He confounded them by bidding the sick man to arise and to take up his bed and walk. Immediately the man jumped up, picked up his bed and walked before them all. The man rejoiced in the healing of his body, and he was perfectly sure that his sins were gone because the Lord Jesus Christ had spoken the word of assurance.

The forgiveness of sins is a very real matter and one which concerns us all. If we do not know that our sins are forgiven we have no part in God's things. Paul, preaching at Antioch, spoke these remarkable words, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man [the Lord Jesus Christ] is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts xiii. 38). The Lord Jesus Christ has done the work by which it is possible for God to forgive in a righteous way. This gift of forgiveness is to be received from God Himself. He only can whisper pardon to you for you have sinned against *Him*. David said, "Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned"; and again, "I acknowledged my sin unto Thee . . . and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin"

Reader, are *your* sins forgiven?

C. S. R.

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- 2nd Class.**—T. Baxter, A. Binnie, I. McBride, N. Pugh, M. Rankin, J. Westwood.

Answers to May Questions.

1. Sinners. (Matthew 9. 13.)
2. Acts 3. 19, written out.
3. Repentance and remission of sins. (Luke 24. 47.)
4. That men should repent. (Mark 6. 12.)
5. God commandeth all men everywhere to repent. (Acts 17. 30.)
6. When one sinner repenteth. (Luke 15. 7 or 10.)
7. The goodness of God. (Romans 2. 4.)
8. 2 Peter 3. 9, written out.
9. Revelation 3. 19, written out.
10. Not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God. (Hebrews 6. 1.)

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Questions for July, 1934.

Subject—Forgiveness, Forgiven.

1. "But there is . . . feared." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Psalm 130.)
2. What is said about forgiveness of sins? (Acts 5.)
3. "Blessed . . . covered." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Psalm 32.)
4. What did Jesus say unto the sick of the palsy? (Matthew 9.)
5. What was preached unto them? (Acts 13.)
6. "In Whom. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Colossians 1.)
7. What belong to the Lord our God? (Daniel 9.)
8. Write out the verse which speaks of forgiveness of sins. (Ephesians 1.)
9. What did the Lord Jesus say unto the woman about her sins? (Luke 7.)
10. "And be ye kind. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Ephesians 4.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

I am sorry to see a further drop in Searchers this month, and I am hoping that all those who have not continued will make a fresh start in July (D.V.). (Do you know what those two letters stand for?)

A. Britton is in First Class for March. H. J. Westwood must not type out his answers. B. Taylor and N. Richardson must give verse as well as chapter. J. Curry must do ten questions.

I must say how neatly the papers from Glasgow have been done. Those from Newcastle are also much better.

Two papers from Skipton and Sheffield have come without names.

I was very pleased indeed to receive such an encouraging letter from Elsie White. Please give my special love to Irene.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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the eagle, . . .
thence will I
bring thee
down, saith the
Lord

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HAPPY HOURS.

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TAKE IT AT ONCE.

A GENTLEMAN had an hour to wait for his train. He was fond of children. Moreover, he was an earnest Christian. He went up to a boy on the platform, holding up a sixpence in his hand.

"Do you see this sixpence, my boy?"

"Yes, sir, I do," the boy replied.

"Well, you shall have it, if you come up in an hour's time, and ask for it."

Long before the hour was up the boy came up for the sixpence. An hour was a long time to wait, and what boy is there who does not like a sixpence? Think of the many things a sixpence will buy.

But the gentleman replied, "I told you if you came in an hour's time you would get it."

At last the long hour was up, and the boy came up for the sixpence, and got it, to his joy and delight. As he took the sixpence, the gentleman asked him, "How long did it take you to decide whether you would have the sixpence?"

The boy replied, "I decided the very first minute."

Wise boy, you will say, and you say right.

But I wonder if you are wise in a matter of far deeper importance. A sixpence is soon spent. You buy a sixpenny football at Woolworth's or a sixpenny tank with caterpillar wheels. Alas, the football may soon burst and the machinery of the tank get wrong, and the sixpence is like a bubble bursting in the air!

Listen! God is offering you a gift—the gift of eternal life, of salvation, of the forgiveness of your sins. He is not telling you to wait an hour before you can ask for these wonderful gifts. No. He says, "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians vi. 2).

The boy decided the very first minute that he would accept the sixpence. He had to wait a whole hour before he got it. You may have salvation NOW, just as you read these lines. Will you be wise, and accept God's offer NOW? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31).

A. J. P.



"HANG OUT YOUR LIGHTS."

IN the days when Bunyan, the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, was a boy, in the town of Bedford there was an official known as the "Bedell of Beggars." Amongst his many duties, he was responsible for the lighting of the town.

The law said that "the householders of the High Street of the Towne all along both sides of the river of Ouze, shall sett out a candlelight of the bigness at least of 16 in the pound." This was the only way in which the streets were lighted then, and when it began to get dark, the Bedell had to go round the town calling, "Hang out your lights," and see that it was done.

Lights are still very necessary. In these days a policeman will soon be on your track if your cycle is not lighted up at the proper time. Ships at sea depend on each other's lights to avoid collision, and aeroplanes returning in the dark will send a wireless message to the aerodrome to have lights on so that they may see where to land.

The Lord Jesus desires each one of us to be lightbearers; but *we have no light of our own*, so must first come to Him who is "the LIGHT OF THE WORLD" (John viii. 12). "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness" (John xii. 46). When His Spirit lights us, we can reflect His light, and shine,



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attracting others to Him. Christ then says to us, "Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may . . . glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew v. 14, 16).

Reader, do you belong to the Saviour, and is your light shining brightly for Him?

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A. M. W.

VIII.

"VERILY, VERILY"

(John xvi. 23).

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you."

I fancy someone says, "If that is true why do I not get everything I pray for?" One reason is that all we ask for is not good for us, and a kind father never gives his children all they ask.

Perhaps you do not like praying to God because you think that He is hard, and you are afraid of Him; although you do not mind praying to the Lord

Jesus, for He seems to be nearer to you. Now is that what you think? Do you remember that beautiful verse in John iii. 16, which says, "*God so loved . . .*"? No, God is not a hard God, for He is a God "ready to pardon" and to forgive.

But is the reason that you are afraid of Him because you do not know Him as your Father? You have never asked Him to forgive your sins. Firstly, then, you must know God as your Father if you expect to get your prayers answered, and, like Nicodemus, you need to be born again.

Secondly, if we ask the Father for anything, we must ask it in the name of Jesus. Now this is very important, because it means that we cannot ask for anything and everything and expect to get it. If, for instance, we ask for something *just to please ourselves*, how can we honestly be asking in *His Name*? But if we can ask in His Name, then we have the promise that we *shall* be given that for which we ask. Nevertheless God may not grant the reply *immediately*, nor in just the way we expect.

I am afraid that if I were asked about my own praying I should have to say that many prayers of mine have been asked out of selfishness, and I have not sought God's will at all. But if I had time I and others could tell you of some wonderful answers to prayer. God's Word and promises always remain true, *never* let us forget that.

L. A. A.

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"JESUS WAS SO REAL TO HER."

SUCH were the words of Elsie's mother. Elsie B— was only eight years of age, but she could truly sing "*How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear.*" Jesus was precious

to her, because, young as she was, she "believed from the heart." "Unto you therefore which believe HE is precious" (1 Peter ii. 7). In the margin of a reference Bible you will find the words "an honour" instead of the word "precious" in that verse, so that it reads, "Unto you therefore which believe HE IS AN HONOUR." We seek honours in this world—at school, at work, at play—but here is heaven's greatest honour; and it is for "whosoever believeth in HIM"—JESUS, God's well-beloved Son. It was in that simple way the Saviour became so real to Elsie; she believed the Word of Truth, the Gospel of our salvation."

Turning to her mother one Sunday afternoon, after hearing the dear old story of a Saviour's love, Elsie was really affected and asked her mother how she could give her heart to Jesus. It seemed to her as though the Lord had said to her, "I gave my life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?"

A gentleman once laughingly offered £100 for little Elsie, but mother would not part with her. Money cannot buy a mother's love, nor a father's care, and so mother could not part with her girlie just then. She has parted with her since to Another, even JESUS Himself, who paid a far, far greater price for her than £100. HE GAVE HIMSELF. He sold ALL that He had. He died that with His precious blood He might purchase to Himself little Elsie B—. How dearly He must have loved her! The purchase price how great! and it is sufficient for ALL who have "faith in His blood." It is sufficient for YOU.

Elsie did not know that the Lord Jesus would claim her for Himself so soon—so early in her little life—but recently she was called home—her heavenly home—to be for ever with the Lord. Great sorrow filled our hearts when we laid her precious little body to

rest at R—, in Yorkshire, but the God of all comfort drew near, and He seemed to give a sweet word of comfort through His servant who spoke so tenderly at that time. He called to mind a picture of a beautiful flower garden, showing the Lord Jesus carrying in His arms a little child, and underneath the picture the words, "The fairest flower in the Master's garden." The Lord gave, and the Lord had taken away, and we believe the dear sorrowing parents were enabled to say with a quiet note of triumph, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

We all felt the words of the picture were in keeping with the happy witness Elsie had borne for her Saviour before the Master called her away. She had let her little light so shine that even the Matron at the hospital where Elsie was a patient before she died, said, "She has made us all think." She witnessed first *at home*. Having believed in the heart that God had raised Jesus from the dead, and that He was a living Saviour, she confessed Him as Lord—with her mouth. How it must have cheered her mother to hear her say, "I do love Jesus."

Not long before her illness, special children's services were held in the village where she lived, and when the preacher asked that those who had decided for Christ should put up their hands, Elsie's hands went up. So she confessed her Lord *before others*. She was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Her last witness was in Hospital at G—, where she had been taken with diphtheria. After several anxious days she got worse. It was Lord's Day morning and Matron was watching over her bedside.

Elsie looked up into Matron's face, and asked, "Please what day is it?" Matron told her it was Sunday. Elsie, no doubt feeling very ill, said, "Will someone tell me about Jesus?" How precious He must have seemed to her just then. Matron replied, "Shall I

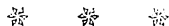
tell you something about Him?" and with Elsie's assent, Matron repeated to her the first verse of that beautiful children's hymn:—

"There's a Friend for little children
Above the bright blue sky,
A Friend who never changes,
Whose love will never die;
Our earthly friends may fail us,
And change with changing years,
This Friend is always worthy
Of that dear Name He bears."

As she finished the verse, Elsie smiled, and said, "How lovely—Jesus." Those were her last words on earth. She had gone to be with the Friend for little children—*Her Friend*—to live with Him in the place He had gone to prepare for **HIS OWN**. Has He gone to prepare a place for **YOU**?

Do not let Elsie's threefold witness be in vain. First at home, then before others, then at the end of her short life, **JESUS** was real to her. **What does He mean to you?**

F. J. F.



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G. D.

CONFESSION.

WHEN we think of the subject of confession our minds turn at once to that well-known verse of Scripture in Paul's Epistle to the Romans (chapter x, verse 9), "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus [or Jesus as Lord], and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Confessing and believing go together, and you cannot separate them. A great many people will talk about Jesus and His life here. They will tell you to follow His ways and try to walk as He walked, and probably you will be saved in the end. **There is no such idea in God's Word.** The great thing in the Scripture which we have quoted is **SUBMISSION**. It is not sufficient to talk about Jesus—we must confess Him *as Lord*—to acknowledge His power and authority. Now, you cannot do this unless your heart has been affected by His grace and you have accepted Him as your Saviour.

All down the ages God has had His witnesses—those who have stood for Him in the darkest days. Volumes have been written about the men and women who have boldly testified for the Lord Jesus Christ amidst every kind of persecution.

This is a day of much indifference to the things of God, and the Lord looks for the confession of His name from our lips. He greatly values this, insomuch that He says, "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven"; and "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God." These are very wonderful promises and are the portion of all who take their stand for the Lord Jesus Christ.

To confess the name of Christ may be very difficult at times—it may mean a little jeer or scoff, but, on the other hand, it may be a little encouragement to others who are backward. How often we have heard how a boy or girl at school has confessed and thus has given confidence to others to show their colours.

It is the duty of all boys and girls who love the Lord to testify boldly to whom they belong. You will have your reward if you let it be known that you belong to Christ.

There is a day coming when *every* tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians ii.), *but it will then be too late for salvation.* C. S. R.

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Answers to June Questions.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul (Psalm 19. 7).
2. Matthew 18. 3 written out.
3. He repented (Jeremiah 31. 19).
4. Acts 3. 19 written out.
5. Sinners (Psalm 51. 13).
6. The conversion of the Gentiles (Acts 15. 3 or 12).
7. The Lord told Simon to strengthen his brethren (Luke 22. 32).
8. Isaiah 55. 7 written out.
9. He which converteth a sinner from the error of his way (James 5. 20).
10. Zion shall be redeemed with judgments and her converts with righteousness (Isaiah 1. 27).

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1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
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Questions for August, 1934.

Subject—Confess, Confession

1. How shall we be saved? (Romans 10.)
2. To whom did David confess his transgressions? (Psalm 32.)
3. What happened to the man who confessed that Jesus was the Christ? (John 9.)
4. What did Joshua say unto Achan? (Joshua 7.)
5. "Whosoever. . . ." Write out the verse which begins with this word. (Matthew 10.)
6. Who shall have mercy? (Proverbs 28.)
7. What should every tongue confess? (Philippians 2.)
8. "For . . . unto salvation." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Romans 10.)
9. "If we confess. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (1 John 1.)
10. What are we to confess one to another? (James 5.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—

You will all be looking very eagerly for the Prize List, and I hope you will not be disappointed and give up because your name does not appear. I wish I could give you *all* prizes; but, of course, that cannot be. Many more have gained certificates this time. Then quite a number of you will receive a text, as you have been First Class for five months. I promised you this in March. I should like to remind you that you are not eligible for prizes or certificates if you are over sixteen years of age—but *please* keep up the searching and send your papers in.

R. Dryden is in First Class for April. G. and P. Hirst only answered five questions for June. L. Fletcher must give chapter and verse.

Many thanks to Mrs. Britton for her encouraging little note.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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A WORD TO OUR YOUNG ONES.

THIS is for the *quite* young ones, but the older boys and girls may read it too!

I want you to think first about the **LIFE** of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why did He speak kind words, do kind things, and bless the little children? Because He **LOVED** the people; the grown up ones and the children. He loved them all.

Who ought to love **HIM**? I am sure you will say we all ought to love the dear Lord Jesus.

But do you love the precious Saviour? Let each little child answer that!

How did that lovely life end? You know, don't you? Wicked men put the Lord Jesus upon the Cross. The nails in His hands and feet made Him suffer great pain, but **He also suffered for sins.**

What is sin? It is doing what we like, not only big sins like telling lies and stealing; *not to obey father or mother is sin.*

I am quite sure that each boy and girl who reads this has sinned. Even wrong thoughts are sin. Who can forgive sins? Only God. Is He **WILLING** to do so? Yes, praise His name!

God is perfectly righteous when he forgives sinners, because Jesus was punished instead of us.

What was the next thing after the death and burial of the Lord Jesus? **He was raised again!** Who raised Him? God raised Him from the dead.

Have you read what Jesus said just before He died? "It is finished"; and now that God has raised Him out of death and set Him in heaven, each one may say, "What Jesus suffered for our sins on the Cross is enough for me, because it is enough for God; and that is **FAITH.**"

Do you, my little friends, believe the good news of forgiveness for sins that God makes known in the Gospel? The moment you do, and take the Lord Jesus as **YOUR** Saviour, you are saved, and never can be lost, for not only are your sins all forgiven, but you get a new life as well, **a life that will never end.**

The life, death, and rising again of the Lord Jesus are all **PAST**, but there is something else. What is that? Do I hear some young believer say, "**He is coming again**"? That is right.

Will He come from heaven to take everybody there? Many children think He will. No, He will take only those who love Him; those who believe on Him as their own precious Saviour.

When is He coming? The Bible does not tell us, but we know that we are near the end of God's day of grace. Grace means love to sinners, so it takes us all in.

Now, my young friends, what are you going to do about it? I should like to think that all who are not saved will just kneel down and tell God that they are sinners, and that they take the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. When you do that you receive not only a Saviour, but a loving Friend as well.

One more question: **WHEN** is the time to do this? I am sure you will all say, "**NOW.**"

Then do it **NOW.**

A. H. L.



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS.

IV.

I HOPE, boys and girls, by this time you have all read the chapter we are taking, 1 Samuel xvii., and are well aware of its contents, as it is so much easier to understand what is being said

when you read the chapter for yourselves. Now you will remember that last time we got down to about verse 22, where David was with his brethren ; so this time start at verse 23.

The first thing we notice is that there is no change with Goliath ; he cries as before, but there is a big change amongst the people of Israel. David is now with them and that meant a mighty change of things, as Goliath was soon to find out. For forty days he had cried (verses 8-10), the Israelites always fleeing from him, but now the time of testing is over. On day forty-one a man is there, who is more than able to do battle with the champion. God's chosen one had at last appeared to take up the cause of poor, failing Israel, and to save them from the enemy. Need I remind you that here we see another picture of the Lord Jesus ? Think of Him in the wilderness, alone, and Satan tempting Him ! Every other man that Satan had tempted had failed before him, but here is a Man that overcomes him, and takes his power from him. Yes, Jesus was the only One who could face the enemy, and to His everlasting praise, He has conquered Satan for ever (Revelation i. 18).

Now, as David listens to the cry of Goliath, the men tell him that a great reward will be given to the man who slays him (verse 25). If you read the verse carefully you will see that the reward is threefold. (1) Great riches. (2) A bride. (3) Freedom for his father's house. In all this we see again the greater than David, our Lord Jesus Christ. His great riches are mentioned in Ephesians iii. 8. His Bride, composed of all who in this day of Grace are washed in His precious blood, in Ephesians v. 25. His Father's house, that is His own earthly people, in Romans xi. 26. Such are the great effects of the mighty victory of the Son of God.

Now as David listened to the reward

that was promised, it became clear that he intended to fight this strong man. We would, of course, expect that all would be glad to know that a man had been found who would face Goliath ; but instead of being glad, we read that his eldest brother was angry and treated him with scorn (verse 28). Eliab taunted him with only being able to look after a few sheep. His lowliness was all that Eliab could talk about, and thus judged David was far too weak to meet Goliath. Yet, when David is before Saul he tells him that when minding the few sheep, he had slain both a lion and a bear. Ah ! how little Eliab knew of this. In his lowliness he had been a mighty victor. So with the Lord Jesus Christ in His lowly pathway, we see Him dealing with the lion of death in Luke viii. 49-56, and the bear of judgment in Luke v. 18-26. Proof that He was able to meet the foe in due time. We shall hope (God willing) to take up the victory of David on the occasion of our next talk.

G. D.

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IX.

"VERILY, VERILY."

(John xvi. 20).

"**V**ERILY, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice : and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

Now, although there are many more instances of the Lord using the words "Verily, verily," we are going to finish our talks with this one. You may think this is rather a sad text that we have chosen this month, but it is not really.

Jesus had been speaking to His disciples about His departure, and it made them feel sad, and well it might. I remember once my dear father said he

was going hundreds of miles away for five or six weeks; how sad it made me feel. We can quite understand the thoughts of the disciples as they realized their Lord and Master would soon be leaving them, although the people in general would rejoice at His going. But a change was coming, for Jesus said, "*but* your sorrow shall be turned into joy." Why? Because He was coming back again.

Now, whenever you read your Bible—and I hope you do read it, though it be only a few verses a day—always notice that small word "*but*." When you come to it go back and read again what has gone before, then read *very* carefully what follows, because you will find it very important.

Are you sad that Jesus is not here so that you could see Him? If so, never mind, for you will see Him one day if you really love Him, and you will rejoice and be happy then. Do not trouble if some laugh and make fun of you because you are looking for Jesus to return.

I cannot tell you how glad I was when my dear father returned home, and I used always to endeavour to be the *first* to catch a glimpse of him. That is how we should watch for the Saviour, is it not?

L. A. A.

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A LITTLE BOY'S PRAYER AND ITS ANSWER.

A LITTLE boy of eight was in great trouble; his whole sky looked dark, and even his father, who would fain have helped, seemed powerless to do so. You say, "Whatever was wrong?" His much-loved pet, a dog called Prince, had got lost, far away in the country. Time had passed and he had not returned, and no word was heard of him. No wonder the boy was heart-broken.

I can well enter into his feelings, and I am sure you can, too. I can recall the acute sorrow when a much-prized squirrel which we tried to allure back into his cage, got grazed by an opening door and fell dead. Yes, and when a white fox-terrier, bounding about in the joy of youth, was run over by a passing dray—what desolation in the dog's home! Yes, I can understand John's grief.

His father and mother loved the Lord, and often had he heard them read God's Word and pour out their hearts before Him in prayer.

"Father," said Johnnie, "doesn't it say Jesus came to seek and save the lost? Does that mean Prince?" What a challenge for a parent, for had he not taught the child to pray, and now the child practically asks if it works.

He paused, and then gave answer in faith, "Yes, Johnnie, if you ask Jesus



GLAD TO BE AT HOME AGAIN.

to find Prince He can do it." Had the father expressed a doubt, how easily might he have injured the child's simple trust.

Night time came—Johnnie fast asleep, and the parents sitting by the fireside. It was nearly midnight. What were they waiting for? Were they reminding God of their great need—praying that He should show Himself strong and willing on the child's behalf?

What is that sound? A whine! A pause. Another whine, and they hasten to the door and follow the sound. Yes, it is Prince, in the neighbour's garden, and quickly he is home—safe!

Father cannot refrain from going to the little boy's bedside. There he lies, the tears on his cheek. He opened his eyes, saw his father, and said, "Is Prince home?" "Yes, sonnie."

"I knew He would. Thank you, Jesus," came from the little lad's lips; and he was asleep again.

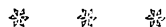
Boys and girls, God is a very present help in trouble, and happy are those who learn this by experience in their young days. Surely Johnnie will never forget that Jesus saved his lost pet and brought him home.

But one word must be added. God always answers the cry of faith; yet not always does He give the answer we expect. Sometimes it is "No," not "Yes," but His love and care are the same, whether He sees it best in His wisdom to say "Yes" or "No."

I think I can hear some young readers say, as they finish the end of this incident, "Well, I have never lost a pet, or anything I valued so much as John valued Prince. My trouble is something quite different. I am more like Prince than John; it is I myself who am lost and need finding. Happy is the boy or girl who has found out the truth about themselves. That is just the proof that Somebody cares, and that the Good

Shepherd is even now seeking you. Will you follow John's example, and believe that the Lord Jesus came to seek that which is lost. Tell Him *you* are lost; ask Him to find you, and ere long you will say, as Johnnie did, "I *knew* He would. Thank you, Lord Jesus."

E. M. P.



DELIVERANCE.

IT is a most solemn fact, that every boy and girl as well as every man and woman outside of Christ, is living under a terrible master. **Satan is the god of this age** and, if you do not belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, he has got you in his grasp and under his mighty sway. You may not be sensible of this. You may have a good home with Christian parents and comfortable surroundings. You may possibly have just what things you wish for, but of this you may be sure, that the longer you live the more you will eventually feel that you are fast bound by fetters which you cannot break. The sinner's condition is such that he cannot help himself; Satan has got such complete control over him.

The Jews in John's gospel, chapter eight, said to the Lord Jesus Christ that they were never in bondage to any man, but the Lord quickly proved to them that they were the servants of sin—that Satan had dominion over them. Then He proposed to set them free.

FREEDOM—LIBERTY—what joy for those in bondage! Is it possible for a sinner bound by the chains of sin to be set free? Yes, it is! God, in *sovereign grace*, looks down upon the captives and says, "I will deliver." "He shall send them a Saviour, and a Great One, and He shall deliver them" (Isaiah xix. 20).

The Lord Jesus Christ took the great stoop from the throne of glory into this

world of sin in order to be the Deliverer. It is very precious to read of Him being here and to follow Him through the world. In the fourth chapter of Luke's gospel we read how He met Satan and defeated Him in the wilderness. Having overcome the power of Satan, He went into the synagogue at Nazareth and publically read these wonderful words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me . . . to preach DELIVERANCE to the captives."

How can He deliver? It is the result of this great fact, that **HE DIED**. The Lord Jesus Christ not only came into this world and lived a perfect life but He *died*. He met Satan in Satan's own domain. He came forth as the mighty Victor having thoroughly defeated Satan. Not only has He died but **HE HAS BEEN RAISED AGAIN**. The power of Satan has been completely broken for the believer, and there is deliverance for all who will avail themselves of it.

It is a full deliverance. The moment we put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, He undertakes to save us from the power of Satan, from the power of sin and from the evil of our own hearts.

After we are saved we find that, although Satan's power is broken, he will continually attack us, but we have another Master now, and so must look upon Satan as our enemy and never listen to his voice. We may not be very strong and easily led away, but the Lord Jesus Christ puts Himself between us and all our difficulties. He has promised never to leave us, and "He knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation."

C. S. R.

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Then come, just as you are, to God,
Come now, this very hour;
Believe the Gospel, and you'll be
Saved from sin's guilt and power.

Delay another day, and you
May spend eternity;
Away from all the joys of heav'n
In hopeless misery.

A. H. L.

Answers to July Questions.

1. Psalm 130. 4, written out.
2. Acts 5. 31, written out.
3. Psalm 32. 1, written out.
4. "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Matthew 9. 2).
5. "The forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13. 38, or Acts 13. 5).
6. Colossians 1. 14, written out.
7. Mercies and forgivenesses. (Daniel 9. 9.)
8. Ephesians 1. 7, written out.
9. "Thy sins are forgiven" (Luke 7. 48).
10. Ephesians 4. 32, written out.

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Questions for September, 1934.

Subject—Deliver, Deliverance

1. "A great deliverance. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Genesis 45.)
2. "The Spirit of the Lord. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Luke 4.)
3. From what did David ask to be delivered? (Psalm 39.)
4. Why did the Lord Jesus give Himself for our sins? (Galatians 1.)
5. "Then He is gracious. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Job 33.)
6. From what has God delivered us? (2 Corinthians 1.)
7. "I will deliver thee." Write out the *next five* words only. (Psalm 50.)
8. What does the Lord know? (2 Peter 2.)
9. "He shall send them a Saviour." Write out the *next nine* words only. (Isaiah 19.)
10. "He trusted in God." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Matthew 27.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—

I am sorry to see that so many regular searchers have not sent in their papers for July. If it is through the holidays or Sunday school being closed, you may send them in later, and marks will be given. I am glad the children from Workup are continuing. Will you remember that each answer must have reference to the subject. Many have forgotten this when answering question number four. Then, again, do not put down the *first* answer which you think is correct, but read *right through* the chapter, as you may find that you are wrong. This applied to question seven for July.

E. Parkinson must give verse as well as chapter. F. M. Stephenson left out two references. S. Bucket and all new searchers must give chapter and verse, as well as answers.

A paper has come from Newcastle without a name.

N. Henderson was in first class for May. I am sending on her certificate.

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Your loving friend,

E. M. A.

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in a friend,
put ye
not confidence
in a guide.
I will look unto
the Lord.

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A WONDERFUL WORK OF GOD.

DEAR children, would you like to hear something of the great revival in the north of Ireland?

It happened long before you were born, in 1859—a year that has never since been forgotten in that country, and is always associated with this wonderful work of God.

The revival was at a time when God worked in awakening and saving souls all over the country in a very unusual way. A great many children were brought to Jesus also, some of whom are still living as men and women to testify of His grace at that time.

It began in answer to the prayers of some young men near Ballymena, who met together to pray and hold cottage meetings, and gradually spread far and wide. People were affected in a way which was called being “stricken.” They would fall down and cry for mercy, and were often unconscious of all around them; and this would last until they found peace. Others were not thus unconscious, but in deep unconcealed distress about their souls. In a meeting scores would be in this state at the same time, while any who knew the Lord sought to point them to Jesus as the Saviour, and to His finished work upon the cross. In most cases they arose from this state of sorrow, praising the Lord for having saved them and forgiven their sins. I must tell you that before the revival *few in that country thought it possible to know their sins forgiven in this world*; but the converts learnt it then through the Holy Spirit’s teaching, and numbers of previously doubting souls, who were never stricken down, found peace with God.

While the revival was at its height in Co. Antrim, a Christian went from

another county where it had not yet reached, to see the work for himself, and rejoiced much at all he witnessed of the grace of God. On returning home he announced he would hold an open-air meeting the following Sunday afternoon under the trees at his own gate, which opened into the chief street of the little town, and that he would relate what he had seen of the revival. It was glorious summer weather early in June, and open-air meetings were being generally held, so the people came in good numbers, and another meeting was announced for the following evening at eight o’clock under the beech trees. Two people were stricken at that meeting, and for about three months following there was scarcely one evening that meetings were not held under those old trees.

Great blessing followed the preaching on the third evening, and continued night after night for some time. As it grew dark the stricken people used to be brought into the house close by, followed by others, until the large lower rooms would be so packed that it was with the greatest difficulty anyone could move through them. Before the second night of this happy invasion the carpets were taken up, and the furniture arranged to suit the occasion. People even came upstairs; and great was the surprise of the little daughter of the house to find two children she well knew—a boy and girl—sobbing as if their hearts would break on her mother’s bed, while their parents stood by seeking to speak words of peace and salvation. Both children found Christ at that time, and became bright witnesses for Him.

Downstairs the scene was beyond description. The rooms, as has been already said, were crammed. Some were sobbing about their sins, and inconsolable; some crying out aloud; other stricken ones on the floor, knowing nothing of what was going on around

them. But the cries of "My sins, my sins," or "I want Jesus," were often heard. Beside these in distress were others who had just found the Saviour—had rested their souls on Him, and found His precious blood was shed for them—and were rejoicing. One little group would be heard singing the chorus:—

"Glory, honour, praise and power," etc.

over some rejoicing saved one; so you may imagine, if you can, what an indescribable scene it was. The Christians of the neighbourhood mingled in the crowd, seeking to help anxious souls by pointing them to Jesus. *The house was often as full as ever at one or two o'clock in the morning, the sun rising on many lingering there, unwilling to go home without finding peace; and one morning it was 7 a.m. before the mistress of the house could induce the last poor anxious soul to leave,* and then try to take a few hours' rest herself. Her husband's hands were full beyond measure. He preached every evening in the open air, besides working all night among the stricken people, and visiting others by day.

(to be continued)

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For Young Christians

ARE YOU EVER ASHAMED TO — ?

SOMETIMES boys and girls do wrong things when they know better, and when found out they are rightly ashamed of their conduct. That is, perhaps, a good sign, for then they may be more careful not to do the same things again.

But I want to ask you if you are ashamed of something else. I wonder if you can guess what I mean! **Are you ashamed to confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your own Saviour because of what others will think?** Then do not be afraid of them, for Jesus said, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke ix. 26).

We should be very careful to see that we are courageous. Joshua, you will remember, was told to "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them" (Deuteronomy xxxi. 6).

Are we afraid of being seen with our Bible? Only this summer I was staying at the seaside, and one Sunday morning I came out of the house with two of my boys, each of us carrying a Bible. There was quite a ripple of laughter from some of the folks opposite, standing in their front garden, but what did it matter? We were not ashamed to be seen with our Bibles.

When I first went to business I remember how difficult it seemed to put my hand up to my face and quietly thank God for my food in the restaurant. In fact, I imagined everyone was watching me, and my face went nearly as red as a beetroot, I expect, but after doing it regularly for a few days I gained courage, and was soon no longer afraid of anyone noticing me.

Never be ashamed of doing what is right. Paul could say, "I am *not* ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans i. 16). Ask the Lord Jesus to give you strength and courage at school, at home, out of doors, or wherever you are to confess His Name, and never fear the consequences, for you will come out on top in the end.

L. A. A.

HOW THREE LITTLE CHICKS WERE SAVED.

A CANADIAN farmer was looking round his property after a prairie fire had done its worst. As he walked along he noticed a tiny clump still smouldering. He kicked it, and out

as a hen doth gather her brood under her wing," adding these painful words, "*and ye would not.*" If the little chicks you have just read about had been so silly as to refuse to let their mother save them, they would have been burnt to death; and so all people who will not come to Jesus for salvation will have to



MOTHER AND CHICKS BEING FED

bear eternal punishment, which is worse than a prairie fire because it never ends. The little chicks' mother saved them from the fire, but your mother or your father cannot save you. *None but Jesus can do that.* He is able to save to the uttermost all those who come to God through Him. Not only is He able, but He is willing, and very willing, too. Are *you* willing to let Him save you now? If so, "come" (Matt. xi. 28), "believe" (Acts xvi. 31), and you will receive ever-

ran three dear little chickens. The smouldering clump was found to be the charred remains of the mother hen; and she had become the victim of the fire out of love for her young ones.

This touching incident reminds me of John iii. 16, which tells us that God loved all the people in the world *so* much that He gave His only-beloved Son to bear the fiery wrath of Divine judgment and punishment for sin, so that we who believe in Him might be saved. The Lord Jesus Himself said to some people of His day, "How often would I have gathered Thy children together,

lasting life (John vi. 40). W. S. H.

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THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS.

V.

WE come now to the actual battle between David and Goliath, beginning at verse 38. We cannot speak on every verse, but if you are reading the chapter you can fit in the verses we miss.

Now when Saul looks on David he thinks him too weak to meet the giant,

and wants to strengthen him, so fits his own armour on him. Saul thus thought that David would be as well protected as Goliath ; but if Goliath is to be defeated it will take someone stronger, and with weapons greater than those possessed by the enemy. David would meet him as a shepherd, not as a warrior ; with a staff, not a sword (verse 40) ; with the name of the Lord of hosts, not a suit of armour (verse 45). How like the One who said, "The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" (John x. 11). How good to be one of those sheep !

In verse 40 we read that David took five smooth stones with him, but it took two things to end Goliath—a stone (verse 49), then a sword (verse 51). The work was in two parts. Now I think we might look at the stone as picturing our Lord's victory in the wilderness, and the sword to His triumph at the cross. Whilst David took five stones from the brook, *one* was sufficient to bring Goliath down, thus reminding us of how the Lord Jesus, by referring to only one book from the Word of God (His quotations all being in Deuteronomy), proved sufficient to the defeat of Satan in the wilderness (Matthew iv. 4-11).

Yet that did not finally dispose of the enemy, so David runs and draws Goliath's sword and with it cuts off his head. Likewise Jesus takes the enemy's own power, *death*, and destroys him with it *for ever*. Who had the power of death ? Satan (Hebrews ii. 14). Then, just as David came up out of the valley with the head of Goliath, so the Lord arose in mighty triumphant victory over Satan, sin and death.

Now when the children of Israel saw Goliath was dead they gave a mighty shout and pursued the enemy, spoiling his tents. David won the victory himself, but all the people shared in the fruits of it.

Likewise you and I can share in all the fruits of the victory of the Lord

Jesus Christ. We read in Isaiah liii. 12 that He divides the spoil with the strong. Would you like to share in the glorious victory of the Son of God ? Well, you can. The first fruit He offers us is, **THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS**. Have you got this yet ? You can have it simply by asking Him to save you and to wash you in His precious blood that cleanses from all sin (1 John i. 7).

Just one point more. In verse 54 we read that David took the head of Goliath and brought it to Jerusalem. I have sometimes thought he might have buried it at the place called "the place of a skull" (Mark xv. 22). Perhaps the very spot where the Lord, in His death, completely destroyed the power of the Devil.

In the water, in the air, in the busy brain,
Busy once, but never more to love or hate again.

One of five, all like itself, in deadly deed united,
Yet from their foes delivering those in whom
the Lord delighted. **DAVID'S STONE.**

In the hand, on the ground, in the hand again,
Useful now to overcome the one who did disdain.

Hidden and then brought to light and used
again by one
Against the foes, who did oppose, His ascent
to the throne. **GOLIATH'S SWORD.**

G. D.



ASSURANCE.

A LAD of sixteen was suddenly taken ill at school, and when the doctor came he said to the master, "There is no hope for his recovery, you had better break the news to the boy and tell him he is dying." The boy was a newcomer, so the master knew very little about him. He sat down by him and, after some conversation, said, "You are very ill."

"Am I dangerously ill ?" asked the boy.

"Yes ; would you be afraid to die ?"

With an earnest look and calm voice the boy said, "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." This boy was not afraid to face eternity; rather, he was glad, because he had the assurance that he was secure and that, if he died, he would go to be with his Saviour.

How often in the daily life we like to be sure about things. When going a journey we are earnest to make sure that we are in the right train or on the right road. It is very much more important in regard to eternal things to make sure that we are travelling aright.

There are numbers of people who have put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and who believe that His precious blood has cleansed away their sins, but they have not got the assurance that all is well, and they cannot look into the future with certainty. Why is this? The reason is that they keep looking within at their own feelings and shortcomings, or around at their circumstances and difficulties. Instead of looking to the Lord, they are looking to themselves, and in place of assurance and joy they give way to murmuring and unbelief.

Assurance is resting upon God and finding Him to be all that He promises.

The first great thing we need for assurance is **TRUST**—confidence in God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. When you go a rail journey, you simply get into the carriage, sit still and trust. You commit yourself to the train and you know that you will be all right.

God gives us many great and wonderful promises and, if we trust Him, He will lead us in the way everlasting. When the Lord Jesus Christ was here He declared very plainly that "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." Further,

He said, "I give unto them [My sheep] eternal life; and they shall never perish." Notice the importance of the word **HATH**. It is those who have the Lord Jesus Christ who have eternal life.

God has laid a strong Foundation for us—a Foundation which is *sure, solid and eternal*. A Foundation upon which we can rest. Around us is the troubled sea of the world's conflict. Men are perishing, many are in difficulties and doubts, but, if our feet are set upon the Rock, we are safe whatever may happen.

The Lord Jesus Christ leads the way to the glory, and, if our trust is in Him, we can rejoice in the sure and certain hope of an entrance into His presence, to be for ever with Him who said, "I have redeemed thee, thou art Mine."

C. S. R.

Answers to August Questions.

1. Romans 10. 9 or 13, written out.
 2. "Unto the Lord." (Psalm 32. 5.)
 3. "He was put out of the synagogue." (John 9. 22 or 34.)
 4. Joshua 7. 19, written out.
 5. Matthew 10. 32, written out.
 6. "Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins." (Proverbs 28. 13.)
 7. "That Jesus Christ is Lord." (Philippians 2. 11.)
 8. Romans 10. 10, written out.
 9. 1 John 1. 9, written out.
 10. "Our faults." (James 5. 16.)
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Questions for October, 1934.

Subject—Assurance

1. What shall the effect of righteousness be ? (Isaiah 32.)
2. "Because . . . from the dead." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Acts 17.)
3. "Unto all riches of the . . . of understanding." Write out the two missing words only. (Colossians 2.)
4. What is said about "our gospel" ? (1 Thessalonians 1.)
5. What did they desire ? (Hebrews 6.)
6. How are we to draw near ? (Hebrews 10.)
7. What was Timothy to continue in ? (2 Timothy 3.)
8. "And hereby we know. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (1 John 3.)
9. What was all the house of Israel to know ? (Acts 2.)
10. "I am not ashamed. . . ." Write out the rest of this verse only. (2 Timothy 1.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS—

I am glad several of you have done the back papers and sent them in, but there are still several Searchers' names missing. I hope their papers are on the way.

B. Sharples left out two references for August. S. Buckett must give chapter and verse.

You will see that another word appears in the last answer which means the same as "assured." I wonder how many of you know the verse by heart, and, better still, how many can say it from the heart ?

The Lord bless you all.

Your loving friend, '

E. M. A.

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A WONDERFUL WORK OF GOD

(continued from page 75, October, 1934).

FOR about a week the work was chiefly confined to the meetings under the beech trees, but it soon spread, and many were awakened and saved in their own homes or at their daily work without any human instrumentality. No doubt excitement mingled largely in it, and many were stricken who were not truly converted to God; and many who were really converted did not follow the Lord closely, and thus fell back into the world. We must acknowledge all this; but there remained a large number, whom the Lord saved at that time, and some are alive to this day who praise Him for it, and have walked to His glory.

I must tell you of one memorable day about a week after the work began under the beech trees. It was a fair day, and but little business was being done. The gates were thrown open, and thousands passed in and out, and heard the Gospel as it was preached by various speakers nearly all the day. The lawn was strewn with stricken people, so that the scene resembled the wounded on a battlefield. Some of the converts mounted the iron garden chair—the only platform—and preached, telling how they had found Jesus for themselves. One of these was a large, powerful man, who had broken a young holly tree to pieces by falling into it when stricken.

It was very touching to hear the converts testify to the saving power of the name of the Lord Jesus, and it made the older Christians' hearts rejoice.

There was but little singing, and there was no excitement from so-called revival hymns, which only came in later. "Glory, honour," etc., was the chorus by which they chiefly praised their newly-found Saviour.

I am sure, dear children, some of you would like to have been present at these scenes. Two little girls, just previously converted, used to enjoy it all immensely as they went about from room to room, through the crowds that filled them those warm June nights, or passed from group to group out of doors, rejoicing over the blessing they knew was flowing to so many.

They enjoyed the freedom, too, from lessons and many other restraints, as their respective mothers were entirely occupied with all that was going on, and the governess was in anxiety of soul herself, so the children had a great deal of liberty of a happy sort, for they were as much interested in the work as the grown-up people.

Perhaps you think it would have been easier to have found Jesus then than now.

But no; the Lord is seeking you as much to-day as He sought children then; and the time is much shorter now before He comes, so hasten to Him.

One of those little girls I have been speaking of had that year learnt that God, instead of being against her, loved her, and that He, as it were, was beseeching sinners to be reconciled to Him (2 Corinthians v. 20, 21); though He hated her sins, He loved herself. This was a great discovery. She learnt one night, during her own father's preaching, that all her sins were washed away by the precious blood of Christ, shed over 1800 years before—that He had borne all her sins upon the cross. Now this is true of all who believe on Christ; but each one learns it for himself. That little girl grew up, and has never had a doubt since; for Christ's work can never change, and He is risen and in glory at God's right hand. She came home from the meeting where she found Christ, singing in her heart, "Unto Him

that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood. And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever" (Revelation i. 5, 6).

Can you sing that song? If you can, don't be ashamed to confess the Lord, and what He has done for you; and seek to follow Him closely in His path here, till He comes to take us to His own blessed home, that where He is we may be also.

If you don't know Jesus, the time is very short; so fly to Him at once, whose arms are open to receive you, and who says, "Come unto Me." M. L.

[The writer of this article was the little girl referred to as having made the great discovery that whilst God hated her sins. He loved *her*. Then having trusted the Saviour she loved to bear witness to His saving and keeping power during the seventy-four years that followed, she only recently receiving the call of Jesus to His Home above. Her closing words are commended to all our readers.—EDITOR.]

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YEAR-OLD BABY SWIMS TO SAFETY.

CAN this be true? We wonder. It is almost impossible to believe that it can be true.

The news comes from Canton, China, that a year-old baby, that had never been taught to swim, saved its life by swimming to shore after it had fallen into a lake near Canton.

The child was the daughter of a boatman. A small boat was its home. One



THIS BABY PREFERS TO LIVE ON THE LAND.

day while playing it fell into the lake. To the great surprise of the parents, the infant struck out in a determined way for the shore, swam 20 ft., and was pulled out of the water by people standing on the bank.

There are several things which make us wonder if the story can be true. First, the child was only a year old. Second, it had never been taught to swim. Whoever heard of a child of that tender age being taught to swim? To start with, it could not understand the instructions of a teacher of swimming. A child of a year old does not know how to talk. Third, it was unlikely that

such a young child would know in what direction the shore lay.

The writer, a swimmer, once fell into water 10 ft. deep from a yacht. He vividly remembers the water closing over his head, and his confusion on reaching the surface. If a grown man felt the difficulty, a child, a year old, would be helpless.

This is the story that is told, that this year-old infant swam 20 ft. to the shore.

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However, let us suppose the story is really true. What a remarkable instance of the instinct of self-preservation in an infant of such tender years! Can we not learn a good lesson from the story? Let us see if we can. The readers of OUR CHILDREN are of all ages. Some of the very young ones, I expect, are thinking they can wait till they are older before they trust the Saviour. If this infant struck out for the shore for safety at a year old, is it not time that the youngest readers of OUR CHILDREN were thinking of their salvation? The Saviour said when on earth, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark x. 14). The Lord does not say here, "children," but "*little children.*" What an encouragement to the youngest reader of this Magazine.

If this year-old child had thought of waiting till it was older before it struck out for the shore, it would have been drowned. How wise to act at once; and so will you be wise if you act at once in the far more important matter of your soul's salvation.

The year-old child saved itself by its own efforts. *You cannot save yourself.* **THE LORD JESUS IS THE SAVIOUR AND HE DIED TO SAVE YOU.** You must trust Him. You must let Him save you. **There is no other way.** "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts xvi. 31). **You cannot save yourself.** A. J. P.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

MANY years ago a boy in the town of H— was questioned by his father as to his progress at school. On receiving the reply that he was making good progress in his schooling generally, the father further questioned him regarding arithmetic in particular, and also followed this up by asking his son if he thought he could find the answer to a certain profit and loss sum.

With much self-confidence Charlie awaited the sum, knowing, as he afterwards said, that he could work out any sum his father set him to do. But when it was written out for him in the following words:—

"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

the boy then saw that this profit and loss sum was none other than the 36th verse of the 8th chapter of Mark's Gospel. Said Charlie in after years, "I'd never seen a sum like that before"; and dear young reader, what is more, it had the desired effect that this wise father intended it should have. *It made his boy think.*

How this reminds us of Esau! If you will open your Bible at the 25th chapter of Genesis and read from verse 29 to 34, you will see that he despised his birth-right for a mere mess of pottage. Just think of it, *temporary* gain for *PERMANENT* loss. We know from Holy writ that Esau afterwards came to regret his choice, for "he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Hebrews xii. 17). Now if you were asked which you would choose, present gain (by which is meant gain in mere temporal things which are fleeting and passing away), with eternal loss, or eternal gain, even though it might bring a measure of loss in regard to the



CHARLIE BEING QUESTIONED BY HIS FATHER.

many boys who would scorn to stoop to cheat in any game and yet, like Esau, have not made the right choice for eternity? To such I would say, *God desires your blessing, and the Lord Jesus Christ who gave Himself a ransom for all waits to receive you, if only you will make Him your choice.* Remember that our verse says, "Godliness is profitable unto all things." If it has promise of the life "which is to come," it also has "promise of the life that now is." **Who would not be a Christian?**

On the other hand, how solemn the thought that for those who refuse God's proffered mercy and grace there is nothing but

ETERNAL LOSS.

How momentous, then, the question raised by the blessed Lord Himself: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" and remember, to that important question there is no answer whatever!

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things of this poor, fleeting world, which would YOU choose?

I would like to bring to your notice another Scripture: 1 Timothy, chapter iv., verse 8, which clearly proves that the Christian has the best of it in every way. It is more than likely that Esau was a likeable character who would "play the man"; and are there not

JUSTIFICATION.

A VERY important question was raised long ago by one of Job's friends: "How then can man be justified with God?" This simply means How can man be right with God? It is a fact which we must learn if we would enter into blessing, that by nature

man is *not* right with God. None of us has any advantage in this respect. We are all far from God until the moment we are justified (or made right with Him). Then it is of the greatest importance that we, too, should raise the question, "How can man be right with God?"

Looking into Paul's epistle to the Romans there are three things we read about JUSTIFICATION. The first is that it is

PROVIDED BY GRACE.

This is in Romans iii. 24. I would like you to look up these Scriptures and read them carefully, because it is well to have a good knowledge in our hearts of the simple foundation truths of the Gospel.

The previous verse is a solemn declaration that **we have all sinned**. We know this to be only too true. If the matter ended there we would be all doomed to destruction for eternity, because no sin can enter into God's presence. But the blessed fact follows that we have justification freely by God's grace. None of us could merit God's favour. There was nothing about us to draw out the goodness of God. It was entirely His own grace which brought salvation.

PROCURED BY BLOOD.

If you read Romans v. 9 you will find this expression, "justified by blood." The last few words of verse 8 of this chapter read, "**Christ died for us.**" Upon this hangs the whole Gospel. The great fact that the Lord Jesus Christ went to Calvary's cross and gave Himself for our sins is the foundation of justification. Because He shed His precious blood, God can justify everyone who trusts Him; and He can do it in a perfectly righteous way.

POSSESSED BY FAITH.

"How can man be right with God?" The answer is in Romans v. 1, "**Justified**

by faith." *You cannot be justified by works.* Many people try to do good things to justify themselves, but God declares that "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight" (Romans iii. 20). Simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ enters us into this great blessing. Faith just means TRUST and, if we trust the Lord Jesus, we will be justified—cleared of every charge which might be brought against us—and this leads us to "peace with God." If we are in our sins, we are enemies of God, but faith brings us near to Him and we learn what it is to be at rest and peace in His presence.

C. S. R.

Answers to September Questions.

1. Genesis 45. 7, written out.
2. Luke 4. 18, written out.
3. From all His transgressions. (Psalm 39. 8.)
4. That He might deliver us from this present evil world. (Galatians 1. 4.)
5. Job 33. 24, written out.
6. From so great a death. (2 Corinthians 1. 10.)
7. And thou shalt glorify Me. (Psalm 50. 15.)
8. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations. (2 Peter 2. 9.)
9. And a great one, and He shall deliver them. (Isaiah 19. 20.)
10. Matthew 27. 43, written out.

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Questions for November, 1934.

Subject—Justified, Justification.

1. What question did Job's friend ask about being justified? (Job 25.)
2. Why was Christ raised again? (Romans 4.)
3. "And enter not. . . ." Write out the verse which begins with these words. (Psalm 143.)
4. "Therefore . . . peace with God." Write out the verse where these words occur. (Romans 5.)
5. Why were they to bring forth their witnesses? (Isaiah 43.)
6. "The free gift came upon all men unto. . . ." Write out the *next three* words only. (Romans 5.)
7. Why was Elihu's wrath kindled against Job? (Job 32.)
8. Who are justified from all things? (Acts 13.)
9. "Against thee. . . ." Write out the verse which begins with these words. (Psalm 51.)
10. In Whose name are we justified? (1 Corinthians 6.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

We are getting near the end of another term, so you must take special care not to make mistakes. Some of you have sent in papers much more neatly done than before.

G. Douglas is in 1st Class for July. Elsie Spence has not omitted her name, as she thought. No paper for July has been received from H. Rising.

A paper has come from Newcastle with no name again.

Violet Bell is 1st Class for July. F. Stirling only did seven questions, and E. Houston only five. Please do the correct number. B. Orr left out one reference. Andrew Binnie must give chapter and verse.

Your loving friend, E. M. A.

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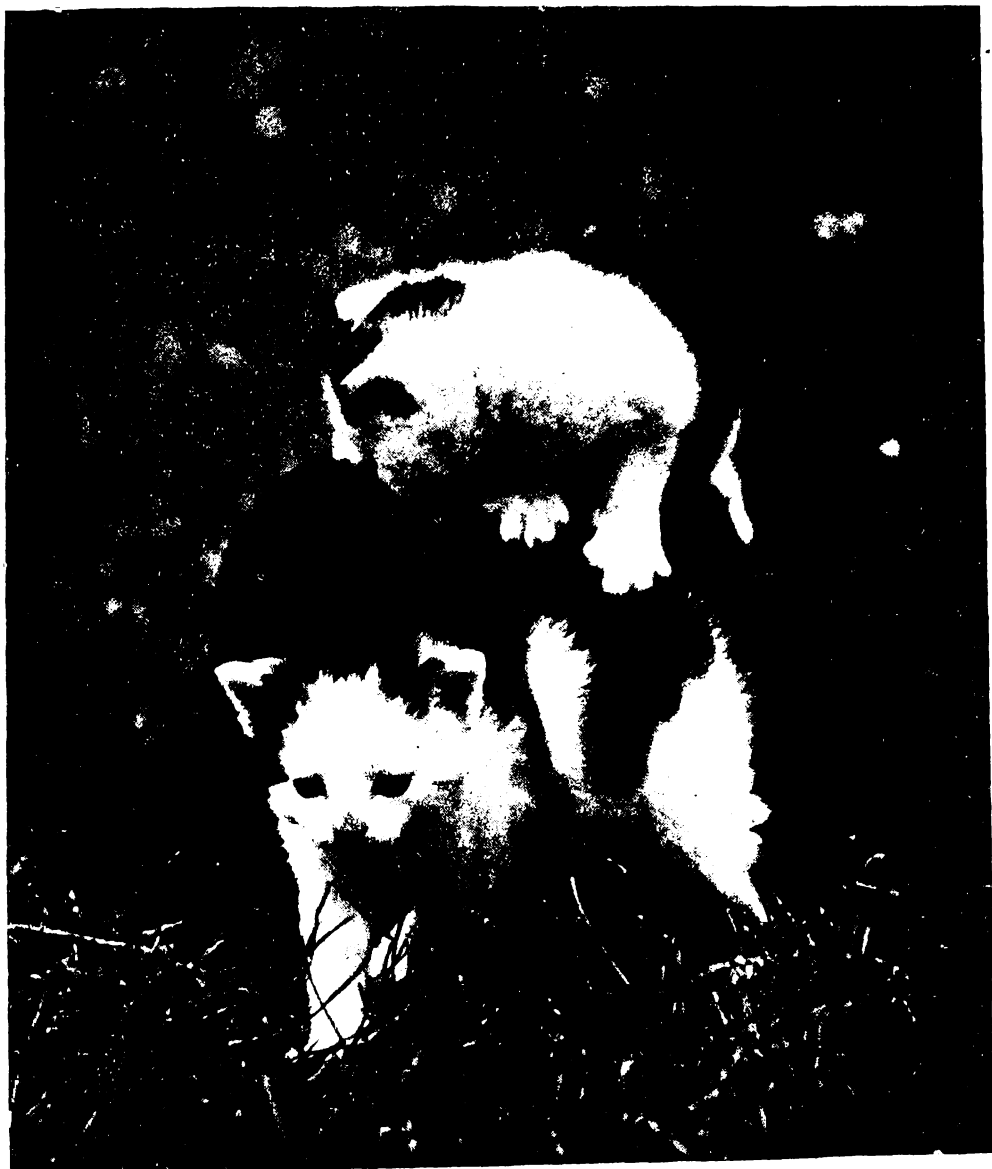
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LOVINGKINDNESS.

IT was the Sunday before Christmas, and as Miss Lunt took her place in the congregation she felt wistful and lonely at heart. Her home and dear ones were far away, and she was alone in the Old Country. Some months previously she had journeyed from Canada to visit and look after an aunt, who was ill, and who had always led a very secluded life. Recently, the aunt had died, but until all her affairs were settled up, Miss Lunt could not return home, and being still young she felt the separation keenly, especially at Christmas time.

As the service proceeded she was soothed by the fervent prayers and the familiar hymns so heartily sung. Then as the preacher spoke of the Christmas message of cheer, and pleaded with all to accept the Saviour God had so lovingly sent, she felt uplifted in spirit. He knew many who were lonely at Christmastide, and if any would care to cheer themselves and others, he could suggest a way, after the service.

Accordingly Miss Lunt found herself amongst a little group of people in a side room, while the preacher told them of some pathetically sad homes where even the necessities of life would be lacking, but where even a friendly visit and a word of sympathy would mean so much. To Miss Lunt's lot fell a hopelessly crippled boy, one of a family with only a widowed mother to struggle on.

The next day found Miss Lunt busily making purchases, quite excited and with heart aglow at the prospect of bringing some joy into that poor home.

On her return she found a letter awaiting her, asking her to befriend a boy who had to spend the holidays at Boarding School, as his home was too far away. "How I do thank Thee, Lord," she cried, "instead of a lonely season, how

full mine will be." She wrote to the Head, arranging to call the next morning and take the boy out for the day. How delighted Tony was, and when he heard about the cripple he was keen to get a little tree and deck it out for him. They went to a store where one was bought, along with various decorations and small gifts to hang on it. Then after dinner they set off for Jimmy's home.

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"Ma," said Jimmy, "d'yer know 'tis Christmas ter-morrow—d'yer think Jesus 'ull think of us. Oi've arsked 'Im, d'yer think 'E'll 'ear or mebbe 'E'll forget?"

"Oi dunno, sonny," said his mother, sinking wearily down by him and smoothing his ragged bed. "Is th' pain bad?"

"Ay, Ma, and 'ow oi wishes I cud go wit' others. 'Enery Sykes says 'e be going ter th' 'All next week fer tea, an' a tree and luvly lights an' summat for ivery 'un'; and tears gathered in the boy's eyes.

"Wot's that?" he said, struggling to sit up, as footsteps sounded on the rickety stairs and a knock came at the door. Mrs. Dunn opened it and there stood Miss Lunt, and Tony behind, with their arms laden.

"Jimmy Dunn lives here, I think," she said, smiling as she caught sight of him, "and you're his mother"; and chatting cheerily she soon had them at ease.

"See Jimmy, I've brought another lonely boy to see you," and then to Jimmy's speechless delight, Tony set up the little tree, and with Miss Lunt's help made it gay with tinsel, glitters and little gifts. The mother's heart overflowed as she saw all the gifts of food and other necessities which would mean so much.

"Did Jesus send yer, Miss?" asked Jimmy tremulously.

"Yes, Jimmy, I'm sure He did," she answered gravely, and then told him how it had all come about.

"Do you love the Lord Jesus, Jimmy?" she asked.

"Yus, Miss, leastways oi dunno much 'bout 'Im. Oi 'eard 'bout 'Im in Sunday School w'en oi were littler, but oi niver gits out now."

"'E 'ad a haccident, Miss," explained his mother.

Miss Lunt sat down and read the old yet ever new story, and in simple words which her listeners could follow, prayed, and in that room God seemed very near and hearts very ready to accept His message of Love, Pardon and Peace.

"Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour."

Is He yours? You may receive many presents this season, but have you accepted God's great Gift—the one beyond every other? A. M. W.

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ON THE WINNING SIDE.

SOME time ago two boys were going to fight a matter out after school. The news spread like wildfire among their school-mates.

"I say," said one boy to another, "Bobby Jones is going to challenge Ron. Chalmers to a fight. They are dead enemies. Are you coming to back Bob up?"

"Rather," was the reply.

"I'm for Ron.," chimed in a third.

Anyway after school the boys gathered on the village green to watch this fight. Two little fellows stood facing one another with grim faces and clenched fists. Then they started pounding into one another like wild animals rather than school-fellows. Do not think, boys and girls, that I am encouraging such fights. Oh, no! They often take place, nevertheless, and I am sure you have

watched, if not taken part in, many a fight amongst chums.

I am thinking of a far greater fight in which we are all concerned. It is a fight between wrong and right, death and life, the devil and our blessed Lord Jesus. There is one great difference between this fight and all others. The wrong, in this case, is all on one side. The devil, alone, bears hatred, evil and malicious thoughts and desires. The Lord Jesus, against whom these are directed, is not at all responsible for the conflict. He is establishing the right and making the way into life, while the devil creates evil and brings in death.

At first no one could tell whether Bob or Ron. would win, but in this great fight there is no shadow of doubt—the Lord Jesus is the Victor. He has won, and the devil is defeated. Nevertheless, he is still working to get followers, and goes on stirring up hatred to the Lord Jesus. The day is coming when he shall be cast into his rightful place—hell; but that is not yet.

I think I can hear boys and girls saying: "I am not for the devil—I am for the Lord Jesus." Now, boys and girls, that is very well, but I want you to be quite sure whether you are really on His side? Do you know that there are many who really believe that the Lord Jesus is the best Master to serve, who yet are not following Him. They are serving the devil; they are on the losing side.

"Oh!" you say, "I do not want to do that. How can we get on the winning side?"

Well, I will tell you. Suppose you had a black dress and wanted to make it white. Would any amount of dyeing change its colour? Of course not! You would have to give it up and buy a new pure white dress. Our hearts are black—black with wrong deeds, nasty words, wicked thoughts, and every kind



THE BEGINNING OF THE TROUBLE.

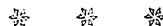
of SIN is there. The Lord Jesus is pure, holy and good—without sin. He cannot have sinful followers. What can we do? *We must turn in our hearts to the Lord Jesus, and tell Him that, although we are sinful, we want to be forgiven and change sides.* He will look on us with love, and say, “Thy sins are forgiven” (Luke vii. 48), and we shall then know that we have been born again.

Is not He a Saviour worth having—a Master worth serving? Oh, boys and girls, will you not make sure now as

you read about His love that you are on the winning side? The devil will not let us go easily, but we must just show him we are under a new Captain, the Lord Jesus, and he will flee immediately.

Only you must come to Him *now*. He died for you on the cross of Calvary. He loves you and one day He is coming to reign. He is coming to show those who will not believe that He is the Conqueror. Then they will wish they had turned to Him before. Do not be too late, but come now to Him and be His servant for ever.

J. C.



THE LIFE OF DAVID AND ITS LESSONS.

VI.

WE come now, boys and girls, to the 18th chapter of 1 Samuel, and begin to look a little at the effects of the work of David in slaying the giant Goliath. In the first four verses of this chapter we have a lovely picture of devotion. Jonathan giving up all to David because of the work David had done. Jonathan had been one of the people who had trembled before Goliath, but now he knows he is delivered because the giant was dead. Now I think what passed through Jonathan's mind was, “David has done everthing for me, so I

am going to put all I value on David." In other words, he gives up all he has to David.

First we read that he loved him (verse 1). That is the spring from which all else flows. Let me ask you, Has the fact that the Lord Jesus died for you won your heart and caused you to return His love? If so, you will be ready to lay all you have at His feet. Time, talents, and health—all for His service. Only real love for Him can produce this. Peter, one day after the resurrection, said, "Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee" (John xxi. 17). It was this that led him in later years to lay down his life for the Lord.

Please notice that David did not ask for a single thing from Jonathan. No, Jonathan did it all himself because he loved him. Let me take you to another passage where we read of the great Apostle who for love to the Lord Jesus, laid all at His feet. I refer to Paul in the 3rd chapter of Philippians, verses 4 to 7. All that had made Paul a great man in the world, he lays in full surrender at the feet of Jesus. Think over his magnificent words in the rest of the chapter, especially verse 8, where he tells us the thing he valued most was "the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

Christian boy, Christian girl, what a grand chance you have to give your whole life in the service of Christ Jesus. You cannot begin too early. Think not you are too young. Turn to Him, and He surely will take you and as you grow older will fit you more and more for His service. A dear, godly lady once wrote the lines:—

*"Take myself and I will be
ever only all for Thee."*

Such then is the lesson which Jonathan's acts would teach us, that the Victor deserves OUR ALL in His service.

Soon, Jonathan was going to risk his life for David, for when Saul would have slain him, Jonathan helped him to escape. In chapter 20 we find David has to flee, and Jonathan takes sides with him against his own father. Here is a strong test, yet Jonathan's love for David was great enough to keep him faithful to the one who is rejected.

So it is to-day. Our Lord, in spite of His love to men and His wonderful work for their salvation, is still rejected. On whose side are you? Are you taking sides with this world, or are you on the Lord's side? This is the great question. One of old could say, "choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua xxiv. 15). May the Lord give each reader grace to trust and serve Him. G. D.

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For Young Christians

SANCTIFICATION.

OUR subject this month is more particularly for Christians. Sanctification looks a hard word and we are apt to pass the matter over as being difficult. This subject, however, has a large place in Scripture and is very important.

The first time we read of sanctification is in Genesis ii. 3—"God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it." This means that the seventh day was to be separated from the other six days. People might work on six days, but on the seventh day no work was to be done, as it was holy, and quite separate from the other days. Now if you trace this subject through Scripture you will find this to be always true, that "Sanctification" means, "To set apart." Sometimes it speaks of things, and then a

thing, such as the tabernacle, or the altar, or something else which had to be separated from other things. In the Old Testament we read of certain persons, like Aaron the priest, who were set apart from other people. In the first question of your scripture searching test you will read of the nation of Israel being set apart for a particular purpose.

When we come to the New Testament we find that believers—those who are justified—are spoken of as being “sanctified.” God marks them off as distinct from the world and the ungodly. This is true of *every* believer—young as well as old. We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ. His death, if we are believers, separates us in God’s sight from this wicked, ungodly world around us, and we are going on to that inheritance which is prepared for us among all them which are sanctified.

God has done all this for us, but we, as Christians, are responsible to walk apart from the evil world. Read the last question in your paper and refer to 2 Timothy ii. These were evil days when this was written, and believers were shown the way of blessing—the way of separation from the evil. If a man separates himself from the evil, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the Master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.

If you know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, I am sure that you would like to be a vessel meet for the Master’s use! To this end we are to be very careful of our walk through the world. We are not to allow bad practices or evil associations. To maintain a good walk, we are exhorted to “Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

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Towards the close of another year, we make an appeal to every boy and girl who has not yet decided for Christ. During the year, in your Scripture Searching, we have sought to interest you in some of the foundation truths of the Gospel. These matters are of *vital* importance. Above all you cannot afford to ignore the question of your soul’s salvation. Hours and days are slipping by and you make no definite move. We seek to open your eyes to your lost condition and to guide your steps into the way of blessing. **The Lord Jesus Christ is your only hope. He alone can save you. Make your decision NOW!** You will never regret the step.

C. S. R.

Answers to October Questions.

1. Quietness and assurance for ever (Isaiah 32. 17).
2. Acts 17. 31 written out.
3. Full assurance (Colossians 2. 2).
4. Part of 1 Thessalonians 1. 5 written out.
5. Hebrews 6. 11 written out.
6. With a true heart in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10. 22).
7. In the things which he had learned and been assured of (2 Timothy 3. 14).
8. 1 John 3. 19 or 24 written out.
9. Acts 2. 36 written out.
10. Part of 2 Timothy 1. 12 written out.

RULES FOR SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS.

1. Searchers 10 years and under do 6 questions. Age 11 up to 13 do 8 questions. Age 14 and over answer all the questions.
2. Only a reference Bible to be used, no concordance, no outside help.
3. Write out each answer and give chapter and verse where found.
4. Put your name and address and age *this year* on the first lines of your paper.
5. **Address envelope**—“**Scripture Searching.**” Central Bible Truth Depot, 5, Rose Street, London, E.C.4. Mark in left-hand corner, “Educational Exercise.” Do not stick down, but tuck in flap, put on $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamp if not over 2 oz., and post to reach by end of month. Answers from abroad may be sent after, but by *letter post*.

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Questions for December, 1934.

Subject—Sanctified, Sanctification.

1. Who sanctified the people? (Exodus 19.)
2. Why did Paul always give thanks to God? (2 Thessalonians 2.)
3. What did Moses say about being sanctified? (Leviticus 10.)
4. What is the will of God? (1 Thessalonians 4.)
5. Whom did Job sanctify? (Job 1.)
6. "And such were some of you. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (1 Corinthians 6.)
7. "Which He hath sanctified. . . ." Write out the *next two* words only. (2 Chronicles 30.)
8. "He hath perfected . . . them that are sanctified." Write out the *two missing* words only. (Hebrews 10.)
9. "I sanctified. . . ." Write out *next word* only. (Jeremiah 1.)
10. "If a man. . . ." Write out the verse where these words occur. (2 Timothy 2.)

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

We have now come to the last of our subjects for this year, a word which has a very precious meaning to those of us who love the Lord Jesus. Although I have not seen the article, I am sure our friend who writes a little on our subject each month will have given you a very clear definition. As this old year closes I would just ask, does it find *you* amongst the sanctified?

I am pleased to have received so many late papers for July, August and September.

Don't forget chapter and verse. Some are still in second class through only writing out answers.

God bless you all.

Your loving friend,
E. M. A.

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to deliver them
in the day of the
Lord's wrath.

Zephaniah 1 18.

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