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*The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few:
pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He
would send forth labourers into His harvest.*—LUKE 10:2.

*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to
every creature.* —MARK 16:15.

*Come ye after me, and I will make you to become
fishers of men.* —MARK 1:17.

SERMON OF THE MONTH

DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED

By Eugene Webster

Out of the huge, dark pit issues a towering column of billowing smoke, interlaced with licking red flames, as though the very bowels of the earth were molten lava. Oh! My! What a horrible sight!

What is this we hear? Is it screams? As we draw nearer we know that it is! Oh, what screams! There, in the huge pit, is people! There is groaning, moaning, wailing, gnashing of teeth, and screaming as they are fried, stewed, singed, tossed, turned, pricked, and poked, tormented by the flame and the very imps of Hell.

Yes, this is souls in hell. **But**, is this Scriptural?

There is a belief afoot in the world today that the Eternal torment of the wicked is not scripturally sound. This group is of the opinion that Eternal life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. With this belief I would like to stand, stating that Man's inheritant Adamic nature is not an immortal soul but a Carnal nature causing him to sin.

When we are born into this world we are by nature children of wrath, fitted for destruction. Eph. 2:1-9. We are of our father the devil, because we are human beings, with the carnal nature in our hearts. John 3:3, but the wrath of God abides on us. John 3:36.

Therefore, in order to have Eternal life, a person must come unto Jesus Christ, the Lord. John 3:16, I John 4:9, Rom. 6:23; 2:6-7.

I would like to present the reasons that we believe as we do. In studying the scriptures, we should remember that they are of no private interpretation, but are to be understood by the help of the Holy Spirit, II Pet. 2:20-21. Also Peter tells us to be stable, steadfast and not wrest the scriptures to our own destruction. II Pet. 3:15-17. John 7:16-17 tells that if we do His will we will know of His doctrine, whether it be of God or not.

With these thoughts in mind let us search the scriptures, so that we do not err by not knowing them, Matt. 22:29.

We believe the wicked are destroyed because of the terminology of the Bible. The Bible is to be interpreted according to its clear and plain meaning; unless there is a clear necessity of departing from it. A strict regard of this rule is necessary to save ourselves from many errors.

I would like to point out some facts about the words used to show the expected end both to believer and non-believer.

The word "Eternal" is used twice in the Old Testament referring to God and His City. Deut. 33:27 applied to God, "The eternal God is thy refuge; and in Isa. 60:15, speaking of God's City. It is used several times in the New Testament and when used, is in connection with life, it is in opposition to death, and never connected with any qualifying terms; such as blessed eternal life; happy eternal life; or miserable eternal life.

The word "Eternity" is used once, referring to God. Isa. 57:15, For thus saith thee High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. It is very significant that Jesus or any of His disciples never used this word. They were speaking to sinners and they never told them they were going into "eternity" with or without God. They used the terms perishing, destruction, death, dying, and exhorted men to be saved from such an end.

Another term used is "Immortal". This term is used once in the Bible and applies to God. I Tim. 1:17. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be honour and glory forever and ever." **Never to a soul.**

The word Immortality occurs only five times in the Bible and never is used in connection with the state of the wicked, but as something we seek for, Rom. 2:6-7. Paul tells us the righteous judgment of God who will give to everyone according to his deeds, to those who through the patience, continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life. Why must

we seek for it, if we already have an immortal soul that can never die, in heaven or hell?

I Cor. 15th Chapter speaks of Immortality as something that must be put on at His appearing. Why must we put it on if we already possess it?

I Tim. 6:16 Paul exhorts Timothy to keep this command unspotted until the day of the appearing of Jesus Christ who **only** hath "Immortality". Nor can we as mere mortals have immortality handed down to us when Christ **only** hath it?

II Tim. 1:10 states that the grace and purpose of God is now manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Once again may I ask, if Adam had an immortal soul how come Christ brought Immortality through the Gospel?

Let us now turn to Gen. 2:7. God had formed Adam from the dust of ground, breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul, not an immortal soul. Adam had the privilege of living, everlasting human life by eating of the tree of life, not by any immortality or undying soul. In the 17th verse God told Adam to **not** eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that ye do, ye shall surely die. This refers to his body and not his spirit or soul. In the 22nd verse God drove Adam out of the Garden lest he eat and live forever in his sin. Not that he would, without eating, live forever, but he was kept from eating so he would not have a soul that would live forever.

Follow me now to Deut. 30:15. The Lord speaking to the children of Israel. "I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil. 19th verse, therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live or death and thou shalt surely perish.

Two choices life and death, live or perish. Death and perish is used in opposition to live and life therefore mean ceasing to live. Now shall we go to the writings of the Ezekiel in chapter 18, verse 4. Behold all souls are mine. Whose? **God's**. The soul

that sinneth shall die. Not live eternally in hell but die. Also the last verse of this chapter, God states: For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: Wherefore turn yourselves and live ye. Once again the scriptures draw the comparison, life-death. These are complete opposites, so if life is to live; death surely means to cease to live.

The next scripture I would like to study would be Mal. 4:1-3. For behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

The wicked shall be as stubble and shall be burned up and leave them neither root nor branch. Stubble, as we know, is very inflammable and will burn to ashes; burned up signifying complete destruction, completely consumed, leave them neither root nor branch. We know that by roots and branches a plant grows and lives. The roots take in water and soil food; the branches receive the sunlight and air so as to use the water and soil food. Therefore, if they had neither root nor branch they couldn't grow so would have to die.

I have tried to set out the reasons why we believe as we do from the Old Testament scriptures. These are only the main ones, all scripture in the Old Testament on the wicked will bear out the same central theme. They plainly and clearly teach that man without God will perish, consume away, burn up, or die.

I would like to now turn our attention to some words that are used in the Scriptures to describe the end of all the wicked and sinful.

The words are used over 400 times in the Bible to describe the end of the wicked. Let us examine them and define them:

Perish—To be destroyed or ruined, to pass away or to die.

Utterly—Completely, totally.

Destroyed—To bring to naught by putting out of existence, to kill, to abolish, to nullify.

Destruction—Condition of being destroyed.

Burn—To consume or destroy with flames or heat.

Unquenchable—quenchable, adjective meaning to become extinguished, to go out, UN, meaning not. Therefore we have a word that means not put out or extinguishable.

Perdition—Entire loss, ruin, utter loss of soul.

Consumed—To destroy, as by fire, to waste or burn away, to perish.

Die—To cease to live, become dead, decease.

Death—Act or fact of dying, state of being dead.

Dead—Deprived of life.

Second death—Occuring again, another, other death.

(These definitions from Webster's International Dictionary)

As we now have the words defined, let us see how they are used in the New Testament Scriptures:

Perish—Luke 13:1-5. There is a clear, vivid picture of the word perish. In verse 3, "I tell you, Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. The Lord Jesus Christ says we must repent or we will perish even as those who mingle their blood in their sacrifices or those who were slain by the falling tower. Those men had ceased to live, had been destroyed, had died, they were not. This the people knew and by so knowing understood they would die too.

Again in the very Golden Text of the Bible, John 3:16, we have; "For as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Here perish is used in opposition to eternal life and everlasting hence would mean eternally without life. Even without a definition of the word this is evident, but the meaning of perish; to be destroyed; makes it double positive and clear.

Again in the words of Paul, Acts 13:40-41 "Behold ye despisers, and wonder, and perish;" Perish again used as the end of those who will not believe the things of God as He has worked them.

There are many more scriptures in the New Testament but I would like to use one more found in II Peter 3:9 "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

In this writing of the Apostle Peter we see that he believed that the wicked should perish, the opposite of life which is through repentance to God.

In drawing our conclusions these scriptures and the use of the word perish we see that it is used to show the condition of wicked, used to show or describe the condition opposite of eternal life and that God is not willing for them to perish or cease to exist.

Next I would like to study the word "destroy" used with utterly many times. Matt. 10:28 and fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. This refers to the people who are able to destroy, or kill, bring to naught by putting out of existence, our bodies and souls. This clearly shows that God can destroy the soul, that it is not immortal.

Now let us turn to James 4:12, where we read this; "There is one law giver, who is able to save and destroy: who art thou that judgest another? In this letter James is admonishing us to not judge others for in so doing we become a judge of the law. There is only one law giver, the God above. It was He that gave the Law to Moses and it was He that sent Jesus to fulfill that law. It is He, the Lawgiver, who is able to save, give eternal life; also He is the same One who is able to destroy. Here again we have these terms in opposition, showing the two extremes of the end of people.

Now let us study the word "destruction". First let us remember, destruction is a state of being destroyed, which is to bring to naught.

Therewith we go to the words of the Master in Matt. 7:13-14 "For wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction." Again in this scripture, as in others the word destruction is in opposition to the word life, knowing the defi-

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz

(EDITORIAL)

GREETINGS to the readers of the Apostolic Faith Report for the month of August. When I think of August I think of camp meeting and the times of refreshing from the hands of the Lord. Don't forget the dates of this ingathering at Laverne, Okla., July 26th to August 5th. We want to be there and hope to see many of you. Vision and hope and prayer and praise are already at work to make this a great meeting. Let's all go, not just to absorb, but to bless and communicate.

At present (July 13) we are in a revival here in Des Arc, Ark. This is our second revival here, having been here in a tent meeting about two years ago. Since then the new church is now in the process of being built. They have forced air heating, a cooling system, Sunday school rooms, and a parsonage in the rear attached to the church. Brother and Sister Echols have indeed been faithful to this work and their calling in the Lord.

As to this present revival, we feel that the blessings of the Lord are

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Apostolic Faith Bible School will be held at the Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting at Laverne, Oklahoma, on Thursday, Aug. 2, 1956, at 1:30 p.m. Trustee election will be held for the expiration term of Mr. Otis Wade. Each minister and each church has one vote. Those unable to attend the meeting may mail vote (prior to August 2): to

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lealand Savoy Grimmer is the name given to the baby boy who arrived May 31 in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Lealand Grimmer, Enid, Okla. Congratulations.

upon it. The crowds have been extra large, and now the choir stands, and those seats have been placed out front. Over the week-end even more people are expected. Several have received experiences at the altar and others are seeking for deeper blessings.

Surely the Lord is good to us, to such as have a believing heart. The power of victory must be transmitted by faith from Jesus to us. The moment we believe, Jesus goes to work. However when doubts hold sway, there is trouble abounding. Let us shout our freedom everywhere, and enlarge our borders to extensive fields of blessing and service. Christianity is a lot of things. It has been said that it is: kindness in the home, honest in business, and courtesy in society. Not only does Christianity show fairness in work, but to the unfortunate it shows pity, to the weak it is strength, and is resistance to the wicked. The strong can put their trust in it, forgiveness and love and mercy are found within its folds. Reverence towards God makes Christianity beautiful. I am glad that I am a Christian.

A REPORT FROM YOUTH CAMP

Indeed, the blessings of the Lord rested upon the Youth Camp from the very first service and each altar call found the youth seeking the Lord. I do not have the exact figures of those that received experiences, but there was about fifty-five saved, and about fifty prayed through to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Over forty were baptized in water. There was a total enrollment of 245 students and meals were served to about 325 each day with Brother Roy Wooster in charge of the kitchen. Everyone cooperated in a wonderful way. Brother Patterson, Brother Faries and Brother Ferguson made a fine team for this work.

The Center Point church helped out in every way that they could. An expression of thanks is due to all the churches and the pastors that were faithful in making the Youth Camp possible. A better place could not have been found for the camp, and many expressed themselves that the location was liked by them.

This is a worthy work, bringing to our youth correct teachings, a respect for this Gospel, and experiences in God in their young years that are priceless.

DES ARC, ARKANSAS—

It is the plans of Brother and Sister Echols to conduct some revivals in the near future, working in and out of Des Arc. Their first revival is to be at Holly Grove, Ark. Brother and Sister John Billings are helping with this work, and preaching in the absence of the pastor.

LE ROY, KANSAS—

Brother and Sister Alfred Moses are now pastoring the church, and report that everything is progressing nicely. The Youth Camp was a blessing to their church. They are planning for and asking an interest in prayer that the Lord might send them a revival very soon.

Christian, take time to be Holy!
The sinner takes time to be un-
holy.

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inition of the word we can readily see that this is a true comparison.

Let us now go on to the third chapter, 17th verse of I Cor. Paul speaking: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." He is speaking of the wicked who defile their bodies, which is the temple of God, and their end, **destroyed**. This again shows their being brought to naught, nothing.

Now shall we turn to Phil. 3:19, again Paul's writings we find these words "Whose end is destruction," Paul is speaking of those who walk contrary to him, for us to mark them and shun them for their end is destruction, brought to naught, while we should follow after Paul whose end expectation is eternal life, II Tim. 4:7-8.

The next word I would like to examine is burned, which means to consume or destroy by flame or heat. In Matt. 3:12 John the Baptist takes his stand. Speaking of Christ's coming he states: "Whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." As we defined burned up, it means to consume or destroy by fire. Therefore if the chaff is burned up it is consumed or destroyed with means brought to naught. Unquenchable fire is fire that shall not be put out, but when the chaff is burned up the fire will go out, not because it was quenched, but because it was burned up and therefore there is nothing to keep the fire alive. The unquenchable fire means it shall not be put out.

Now let us go to Matt. 13:40. "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world." Here Christ is teaching a parable to them of the sower sowing seed and tares coming up with them. When harvest comes the tares are cut and cast into a furnace. The wheat is gathered to the garners which means safety. **But** the wicked, or the tares are burned up in the furnace. Let us now see how the word "Perdition," which means total loss, utter ruin, is used in the Scriptures. In I Tim.

6:9, Paul warns Timothy of the danger of heaping up wealth and having a love for money which causes many to be drowned in destruction and perdition, or accuses them to come to utter ruin.

Hebrews 10:39; Paul is here speaking about backsliders, those who draw back, go back into sin to bring their own perdition, or ruin, upon themselves. Even Peter, in his writings speaks of perdition. II Pet. 3:7, he speaks of the worlds which are now, being reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. Thus again it would mean the judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

The last words I would like to use in this study of the words used in the Scriptures are die, death, dead; die means to cease to live. Death, state of being dead. Dead, deprived of life.

Let us start with Romans. 6:16; Here Paul uses death in opposition to righteousness which is life. So therefore would be applied according to the true meaning of the word. He also goes on to say that before we were the servants of unrighteousness the end of which is death. But being made free from sin we have fruit and holiness and the end everlasting life. Here again we find the contrast between everlasting life and death. When these words are so used by the Bible, I believe that if everlasting life means everlasting life, death would be for the same length of time and mean loss of life.

Paul goes on in the 23rd verse to state that the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. Therefore if life is to be eternal, death must be eternal also. Now let us turn to the 8th chapter and 13th verse, if we live after the flesh we shall die but if we mortify flesh we shall live. Here again die is used in opposition to life.

Now let us go to the Book of James, first chapter and 15th verse; Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. Thus James explains in one of the greatest and simplest ways the end of the wicked sinner. Also in the fifth chapter and 20th verse James says; He that converteth a sinner

from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death. Here again he tells the end of the wicked and sinner.

These terms are used to show the end of the wicked, impenitent and those that will not come to Christ that they may live. These terms each speaks of the complete annihilation, destruction and ruin of them who will serve sin. I believe this will show conclusively their end. Although in all sense of equality we will also present the other view point and see upon what their opinion is based.

Let us examine some of the Scriptures they say teach eternal torment. First we shall consider Dan. 12:2, the only Old Testament Scripture that is used to my knowledge. This is often misquoted and misapplied, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall wake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt." This is often quoted as "everlasting shame and contempt"; but when used as written can only mean they will be resurrected in the second resurrection and go to the second death. Shame will be their shame as they stand before the Lord in their sin and filthy rags of self-righteousness. "Everlasting contempt" will be that which those who remain will have for those who spurn the mercies of their Lord and Saviour. When we think of a convicted killer who has died, we have, probably, contempt for him but we know he is not alive to know that contempt. In the New Testament, Luke 16:19-31. This great parable is often used to teach eternal torment but to me can only mean the ending of the Jewish dispensation and the ushering in of the Gentile church age. Let us examine it. In Chapter 15:1 we see that Jesus was speaking to publicans and sinners who drew near to hear Him, while the high and mighty Pharisees and scribes murmured. Again in 16:14 they derided Christ because they were covetous.

In the 19th verse, describing the rich man, does not say anything about his righteousness. Also verse 20 does not tell of the beggars righteousness either. Also no where

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ALVIN, TEXAS—

As we are leaving the Alvin church August 15, we would like to give a report of the church here during our two years stay.

The church and parsonage was moved to a better location, on three corner lots. The parsonage was added on to, which amounted to two rooms and two nice porches. Some parts were rearranged, remodeled and all sealed with sheet rock and refinished inside. Asbestos shingles (white) were put on the outside.

A new garage and storeroom was built and this was also shingled outside with asbestos. An addition of one large **Young People's room**, two smaller class rooms, two rest rooms and a ladies lounge has been added to the church. These are nearing completion. Asbestos shingles are also being put on the complete church outside. There is money and material enough on hand to finish the project, leaving the church entirely free of debt, for which we are thankful.

The Sunday school attendance has more than doubled and several new folk who are really behind the work of the Lord come all the time. We have had two fine vacation Bible Schools. Last year the enrollment was 49 and this year 71. We have had four good revivals, which resulted in quite a number being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. God has been good to us.

We have some mighty fine people in the Alvin church, and we wish the next pastor much success and God's richest blessings.

The Jake Pletcher Family.

An Arab once lost his way in the desert, and was in danger of dying from hunger. At last, he found one of the cisterns out of which the camels drink, and a little leather bag near it. "God be thanked," exclaimed he. "Ah! here are some dates opened the bag, but only to turn away in disappointment. They were pearls. What value were they to one who was at the point to die!

Study as if you were going to live forever. Live as if you were going to die tomorrow. — Good advice for any student.

LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

Eternal life comes to us through Christ. He said because I live ye shall live also. John 14:19. The dead must be remembered in their state now and hereafter. The following terms must be carefully defined and understood. Hades, a Greek word, means the abode of the dead. Sheol is a Hebrew word meaning the abode of the dead. Grave is an English word that means a place of or for the dead. Hell, in some cases, may be defined as a place of the dead. It is an old English word. Gehenna is a valley near Jerusalem for refuse of the city. Tartarus is a spirit prison. The Lake of Fire is the second death.

WHERE AND WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE DEAD

Heb. 9:27. Man is appointed to death and judgment.
 Job. 14:12. Man lies down, to awake only in the end.
 Job. 14:13. He is put in the grave to a set time.
 Job. 14:21. In the grave there is no memory.
 Dan. 12:2. Humanity shall come forth from the dust.
 Psa. 6:5. No thanks can come from the grave.
 Psa. 17:15. David said, "Satisfied, when awakened."
 Psa. 146:4. The thoughts of man perish in death.
 Ecc. 9:5-6. There is no knowledge with the dead.
 Isa. 26:19. The earth shall cast out the dead.
 Acts 2:34. David is not in the heavens now.
 I Thess. 4:14. Those that sleep in Jesus, God shall bring.
 I Thess. 4:16. The dead in Christ are to arise first.
 Gen. 3:19. Man must return to the dust.
 Job. 34:15. Man shall return again unto dust.
 Psa. 22:29. All shall go down to the dust.
 Psa. 30:9. The ones that go to dust can not praise the Lord.
 (Lev. 17:11. The life of the flesh is the blood.)
 Psa. 104:29. The breath gone, then return to dust.
 Ecc. 3:20. All go to one place, they return to dust.
 Ecc. 12:7. The body goes to the dust, that it came from.

LIFE IN CHRIST

Luke 12:15. Life is not of earthly possessions.
 John 1:4. In Him was life, the light of men.
 John 5:40. The Jews would not come to Jesus for life.
 John 11:25. I am the resurrection and the life.
 Acts 3:15. Jesus is the Prince of life.
 Rom. 8:2. Law of spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
 II Cor. 3:6. The Spirit giveth life.
 Col. 3:3-4. Christ who is our life.
 II Tim. 1:10. Christ has brought life and immortality.
 I John 5:12. He that has the Son, has life.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Matt. 22:30. In the resurrection they do not marry.
 Acts 4:2. The resurrection of the dead was preached.
 Acts 17:18-32. Paul preached, and they heard of the resurrection.
 Acts 23:6-8. Doctrine of the resurrection brought in question.
 Rom. 1:4. The resurrection proved Christ's Divinity.
 I Cor. 15:13-21. Christ is risen, first fruit of the dead.
 I Pet. 1:3. A lively hope, Christ the resurrection.
 Matt. 9:24. Death is referred to as a sleep.
 John 11:11-14. Lazarus was dead, or sleeping.

THERE IS A FIRST RESURRECTION

I Thess. 4:13-18. The dead in Christ shall rise first.
 Rev. 20:5-6. Blessed of the first resurrection.
 Luke 14:14. The resurrection of the just.

Luke 20:36. No more death to the children of the resurrection.
 I Cor. 15:40-44. The incorruptible of the first resurrection.
 I Cor. 15:51-54. Corruptible (natural) must put on the incorruptible (spiritual) in the resurrection.
 Phil. 3:11. Seeking to obtain the resurrection of the dead.
 Heb. 11:35. They sought a better resurrection.

THE RESURRECTIONS

John 5:28-29. From the graves shall come the resurrection.
 Acts 24:14-15. There is a resurrection of the just and unjust.
 Heb. 6:1-2. Principles of doctrine—resurrection of the dead.
 Dan. 12:2. Those of the dust shall awake.
 II Tim. 2:18. Past resurrection teaching is false.

REWARDS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

Psa. 19:11. There is a reward for keeping God's laws.
 Psa. 58:11. The righteous shall be rewarded.
 Prov. 11:18. The righteous have a sure reward.
 Isa. 40:10. God comes, with His reward with Him.
 Matt. 5:12. For persecution, there is a reward
 Matt. 10:41. A righteous man's reward.
 I Cor. 3:8. Rewarded according to labor.
 Matt. 16:27. Rewarded according to works.
 John 14:1-3. Jesus has gone to prepare a place.
 I John 3:2. To be like Jesus when He comes.

FIVE SPECIAL CROWNS ARE GIVEN

I Cor. 9:25. Run, so as to obtain an incorruptible crown.
 II Tim. 4:8. A crown of righteousness, which the Lord will give.
 I Pet. 5:2-4. A crown of glory from the Chief Shepherd.
 Rev. 2:10. A crown of life, for the martyrs.
 I Thess. 2:19-20. A crown of rejoicing, gathered souls.
 James 1:12. A crown of life for enduring temptation.
 Rev. 3:11. Hold fast, let no man take your crown.

INHERITANCE GIVEN

Matt. 19:29. By forsaking all, shall inherit everlasting life.
 Matt. 25:34. The blessed is to inherit the kingdom.
 Rev. 21:7. The overcomer shall inherit all things.
 Col. 3:24. From Christ to receive the reward, the inheritance.
 Acts 20:32. There is an inheritance for the sanctified.
 Heb. 9:15. There is an eternal inheritance.
 Eph. 1:14. The earnest of our inheritance given.

THE WICKED HAVE NO REWARDS

Psa. 91:7-8. Their reward is to fall.
 Prov. 24:20. There shall be no reward to the evil man.
 Mal. 4:1. They that do wickedly shall be burned up.
 Isa. 13:11. Punish the world for evil.
 Isa. 26:21. The Lord cometh to punish a wicked world.
 II Pet. 2:9. Reserved the unjust to Judgment.
 Heb. 10:29. Punishment to the ones that reject Jesus.

JUDGMENT

There is a judgment age. This age is about to close; then Christ shall return for one thousand years' reign. The first resurrection takes place at Christ's return. The second resurrection at the close of the thousand year, or the Millenium; then comes the judgment age for a thousand years. The wicked are destroyed in the Lake of Fire, and the saints inherit all things new.

Psa. 9:19. The heathen are to be judged.
 Rev. 11:18. The time of the dead and judgment.
 Rev. 20:12-13. All dead, small and great, come for judgment.
 Mal. 3:5. I will come near you in judgment.

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CROSSES, ARKANSAS—

Dear Brother Schultz:

Greetings in our Lord's wonderful name! I trust and pray that this finds you well and enjoying the Lord's blessings, as we are enjoying His goodness. Truly our Lord is wonderful to us. The church building is now up and shingled and we hope to soon have it weather tight. The work is progressing well and the congregation have a mind to work, so we are all enjoying working for the Lord. Brother Marcus Adair and Brother Harrol Waterbury spent a week with us working on the church. We are thankful for their help and interest.

We would like to extend an invitation to the ministers of the Faith to come by at any time. Our regular service night is Wednesday (mid-week) and Sunday. I would also like to ask an interest in your prayers for a revival. We feel our need of a true revival that will reach the lost and bless the community. There is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel in this locality.

We have received word that Brother and Sister Leonard Turner have purchased the farm belonging to Brother and Sister Roy Townsend. Brother and Sister Townsend feel their work is done in that section for the time being. Brother Bill Clevenger will take up his duties right away as pastor of the Mt. Olivet church where Brother and Sister Townsend have been laboring. I am sure the Lord is leading and no doubt has a work for each of these parties to do. Let us pray for their success in the Lord.

Passing a door in the wee hours of the morning, a drunk noticed a sign which read, "Ring the bell for the caretaker."

He did just that, and the sleepy-eyed man came to the door.

"What do you want?" asked the caretaker.

"I wanna know why you can't ring the bell yourself." — Biblical Recorder.

"Contentment makes a poor man rich and discontentment makes a rich man poor."

LIFE THROUGH CHRIST—

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Ecc. 11:9. God will bring thee into judgment.
 Ecc. 12:14. Every work is to be brought to judgment.
 Matt. 12:41. Men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment.
 Matt. 12:42. Queen of south shall rise to testify.
 I Cor. 6:2. Saints shall judge the world.
 Psa. 149:5-9. An honor of saints to judge.
 Jude 14-15 v. The Lord cometh for judgment.
 II Pet. 2:4. Angels reserved unto judgment (Created race).
 Heb. 9:27. After death is the judgment.
 I Tim. 5:24. There is a judgment for sins.
 John 5:22. All judgment committed to the Son.

DESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED AS TAUGHT FROM
THE OLD TESTAMENT

The words destroyed, perish, consume, devour, and death are used to denote the final end of the wicked.

Psa. 145:20. All the wicked will He destroy.
 Psa. 92:7-9. The enemies of the Lord shall perish.
 Prov. 21:15. Destruction to the workers of iniquity.
 Isa. 1:28. The sinners shall be consumed.
 Ezek. 18:4. The soul that sinneth shall die.

NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING

The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23. The following scriptures often used to prove eternal hell, only prove that the wicked are destroyed. The Christian gets eternal life through Christ. Christ does not send part of himself to hell. The wicked have no life. The statement "never dying soul", is not scriptural. It is not an immortal soul, but immortality belongs to the body when changed.

Acts 2:31. The soul of Christ not left in hell. (the grave).
 Matt. 11:21-23. Cities brought down because they believed not.
 Matt. 13:39-42. The wicked burned up as tares.
 Matt. 10:28. Will destroy both soul and body in hell.
 Matt. 25:41-46. Everlasting fire, everlasting punishment. (There is no redemption from it, but all are destroyed).
 Luke 16:19-31. The rich man (the Jews cut off). The poor man is the Gentiles brought in. This is a parable.
 II Pet. 2:4-6. Cast down to hell (the grave) the angels, old world and cities. Judgment follows, then destruction.
 Rev. 19:20. Lake of Fire, made for a purpose.
 Rev. 20:14-15. The Lake of Fire brings about the second death.
 Rev. 20-10. Tormented day and night. (There is no night there). Forever is a period of time.
 Jude 7 v. Vengeance of eternal fire, but the fire is now out, they were destroyed.
 Matt. 3:12. Unquenchable fire. No power can put it out, but it will destroy all in it, and for lack of substance go out.
 Matt. 5:29-30. God has power to cast the whole body into hell.
 Mark 9:44-48. Worm dieth not, fire not quenched. The worm is dead and the fire out after all the refuse of Jerusalem was destroyed-consumed.
 Heb. 2:14. In the end the Devil shall be destroyed in the Lake of Fire.

The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23. Christ gives life, but the sinner is dead in sins and without life, can only come up for judgment and then be destroyed. The highest punishment of any nation for crime is death, and the highest punishment that God gives is death. The greatest prize is life, and that eternal, and more abundant is given to us, through Christ. Let us seek Him and live. Let us preach and teach this truth, that Christ, our only hope, may be lifted up and draw all men unto Him.

SERMON OF THE MONTH—

Destruction of the Wicked

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in the Bible is God's people represented by a beggar. David says he had never seen His seed begging bread or forsaken, Ps. 37:25. Paul pictures the Church of Christ as pure white and spotless, Eph. 5:25.

When they die there is no resurrection or judgment. No where in the Bible does being rich condemn a person to hell, only the love of money is mentioned and not the money itself. The beggar doesn't go to heaven but to Abraham's bosom. We know that this can't be a literal bosom as Abraham has been dead these many years, therefore he must have been carried into the blessing's that were the Jew's as Children of Abraham under the covenant given to him by God. When the Jews cried "Let his blood be on us and our children" Matt. 27:25, they placed themselves in a torment that will last until He comes again.

Now let us turn to another scripture, Mark 9:43. "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed than having two hands to go into the fire that never shall be quenched." In our word study we found quenched meant put out, therefore the fire shall not be put out, but when all the inflammable material is burned up, consumed, it shall go out because of lack of combustible materials. A fire cannot burn without something to burn, a fire cannot burn without consuming the material it feeds upon. In no circumstances is fire a preserving element, always used as a destroyer.

"Where their worm dieth not" is a quotation from Isa. 66:24, where it is used in reference to the **bodies** or **carcasses** of **dead** men who have transgressed against the Lord. When a body is being consumed away by the worms, the worms will live until all the substance they live on is gone, when the substance is **completely** gone, they will die from lack of food material. But if they die before the carcass is consumed there is not complete destruction or **wasting away**.

In the East, death without burial is the most degrading, and humil-

iating death known to them; thus again dying, no burial, and complete destruction and degradation is carried by the Master's words.

Another familiar scripture of those objecting to Rev. 14:10-11. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation: and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." In the examination of this scripture we must needs have the 9th verse and refer to the 6th verse also. The 9th reads: And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, this verse refers to the third angel following them, so let us find out who he was following. The 6th verse, John saw another angel flying in heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach to them on earth. Therefore the angel in the 9th is flying in heaven, speaking to those on earth. **"If any man worship the beast and his image"** are qualifying statements that limits his message to that group of people, therefore he is speaking of all the wicked but of this particular group, at this time. "And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb." This referring to the sixth trumpet and second woe that is poured out on the worshippers of the beast and the image as written in Rev. 9:13-19. Where the Army of horsemen hurt those that worship the beast and the image with fire, smoke and brimstone, also by these three a third of the men are killed.

"And they have no rest, day nor night." This again referring to the one group who worships the beast and image and not all wicked. This also limits this to the time before eternity because of the fact of day and night. We know that in the new heaven and new earth there shall be **No** day or night. Rev. 21:25; 22:5.

For the last scripture let us ex-

amine Rev. 20:10. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire, and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." Remembering our definition of forever which is the longest possible duration of which the subject to which they are applied is capable, we can see that it is not eternity but for only as long as the devil can last. "Where the beast and false prophet are" doesn't mean they are alive, their remains can be there and that would be where they are. As stated in the previous paragraph this cannot refer to Eternity period because there will be no night or day there. Rev. 21:25, 22:5.

Also another reason the devil is here destroyed is found in Heb. 2:14. Christ came, died the death on the Cross, for the purpose of destroying him who had the power of death, devil or satan. I John 3:8.

Thus we see that the scriptures used to teach destruction of the wicked, the devil and all traces of sin and wickedness are removed for there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Rev. 21:1-4.

Our final presentation in behalf of our opinion is the fact that there is life only through Jesus Christ, the Lord. As our study has shown there is no inheritant eternal life or immortal soul, or immortality in any other than Jesus, how is man, as we know him, to have eternal life?

Let the Master answer this in His own words, for God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16. Thus we see man can have eternal life only through Jesus. The 14th and 15th verses are also His words that by believing in Him we might have eternal life. This life can only be had by faith in the death of Jesus on the cross and His atonement there, for us. In the 36th verse of the same chapter He again states he that believes on the son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not shall not see life.

Now shall we proceed to John 5:40 "Ye will not come to me that you might have life." Here again Jesus speaks that He has life, and only

Him but we must come to Him to receive it.

The 6th chapter of John is one of the greatest of the great scriptures to show very plain our dependence on Him for life. Jesus speaks of Himself being life, or having works of life 12 times in the verses 26-71. He is called by many things but He is here called the Bread of Life, showing that we must eat of Him to have life.

Now to the 10th chapter of John and the 10th verse and Jesus tells us that He came that we might have life and that **more** abundantly in Him and Him alone. There is only one hope in the world today, that is in Jesus.

On to 14:6. This time Jesus says that He is the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father, by another person, way, device, plan, or system or any other way but by the Lord Jesus.

Now leaving the words of the Master let us see of Paul's testimony. In Rom. 5:21 Paul states that as sin reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ, our Lord. Here again the very thought as set forth by the Lord is stated again by Paul that eternal life is through Jesus. Again in the 6th chapter and 23rd verse, Paul says; for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life. The great comparison, death and life through Christ. For one more thought I would like to go to Col. 3:4. Then Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory. Christ who is our life. Our very life, our only hope of eternal life is in Jesus our Lord and Saviour. The only scriptural method that we can have life is through Jesus and His shed Blood of atonement, shed for the remission of the sins of man, that through the obedience of one many might be made righteous.

In closing I would like to state that the Holy Scriptures teach the total destruction, of the wicked, with only **Eternal** life through the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for us. Let us then think on these verses and apply ourselves the study of the entire word of God to prove them.

An Outline of 2nd Thessalonians 2:1 to 12

1. **Now** rather, "But;" marking the transition from his prayers for them to entreaties to them. **We beseech you** or "entreat you." He uses affectionate entreaty to win them over to the right view, rather than stern reproof. **By** rather, "with respect to;" as the Greek for "of". **Our gathering together unto him** the consummating or final gathering together of the saints to Him at His coming, as announced Matt. 24:31: I Thess. 4:17. Our instinctive fears of the judgment are dispelled by the thought of being gathered together unto Him ("even as the hen gathereth her chickens under her wings"), which insures our safety.

2. That ye be not soon shaken **in mind**, soon on trifling grounds, without due consideration. **Shaken** tossed as ships tossed by an agitated sea, **in mind** "or, as the Greek, from your mental steadfastness on the subject:" **Troubled**, "emotional agitation." **By spirit**, "by a person professing to have the spirit of prophecy, the Thessalonians had been warned to "Prove" such prophesyings, and to "hold fast (only) that which was good." **Nor by word**, Of mouth, some word or saying alleged to be that of Paul, orally communicated. If oral tradition was liable to such perversion in the apostolic age, how much more in our age! **Nor by letter as from us**, seemingly to be from us, whereas it is a forgery. Hence he gives a test by which to know his genuine letters (ch. 3:17) in which Paul wrote the salutation with his own hand." **As that the day of Christ is at hand**. "The day of the Lord is instantly coming is at hand; and it is not likely that Paul would imply anything contrary here; what he denies is, that it is so present, as to justify the neglect of everyday worldly duties."

3. Let no man deceive you **by any means**: "in any manner." for that day shall not come, except there come a **falling away first**, or apostacy. And that **man of sin be revealed**, "as Christ was first in mystery, and afterwards revealed. Dan. 7, "the little horn speaking

great words against the Most High, and thinking to change times and laws;" and 11:36, **the wilful king** who "shall exalt and magnify himself above every God, and shall speak rebellious things against the God of gods; neither shall he regard any God." **The son of perdition**, "the title applied besides to Judas, and none else. The Anti-Christ therefore shall at first be "like a lamb, whilst he speaks as a dragon" "Rev. 13:11 "coming in peaceably and by flatteries," "working deceitfully", but his heart shall be against the holy covenant Dan. 11:21-30.

4. **Who opposeth and exalteth himself**, "he opposeth himself or Christ in order that he might exalt himself. One who, on the destruction of every religion, shall seek to establish his own throne, and for God's great truth, "God is man", to substitute his own lie, "Man is God." **Above all that is called God**, "The Pope for instance, has even commanded the angels to admit into Paradise, without the alleged pains of purgatory, certain souls." **Or that is worshipped**, "The Anti-Christ shall exalt himself above every object of worship, whether on earth as the Caesar, or in heaven as God." So that he as God sitteth **in the temple of God**, shewing himself that he is God. "The Anti Christ will reign 3½ years and will sit in the temple at Jerusalem; then the Lord will come from heaven and cast him into the lake of fire, and then bring to the saints the times of their reigning of the seventh Millennium, day of rest." **Showing himself**, "with blasphemous and arrogant display. The Jews didn't accept Christ when He came as a babe in a manger since they were looking for their Messiah to come as a King of this earth with much display. The Anti-Christ will come with much display seeking to deceive the very elect.

5. **Remember** ye not, when I was yet with you, "Confuting those who represent Paul as having laboured under error as to Christ's immediate coming when writing his first Epistle, and as now correcting that error." **I told you these things**, more than once, I was telling or used to tell.

6. And now ye know **what withholdeth** that which holds him back;

"keeps him in check: "the power that has **restrained** the man of sin from his full and final power, as "he who letteth" refers to the Holy Spirit, who is restraining the man of sin." **That he might be revealed in his time**. "The time appointed by God to him as his proper time for being manifested, not sooner (Dan. 11:35). The removal of the withholding power will be when the civil polity, derived from the Roman Empire, which is to be, in its last form, divided into ten kingdoms (Rev. 17:3, 11:35) "shall, with its leading representatives head for the time being yield to the prevalent godless 'Lawlessness' with the 'lawless one' as its embodiment."

7. For the **Mystery of iniquity**, "The counterwork to the mystery of godliness". Also iniquity meaning "Lawlessness". "Mystery", in scripture means, not what remains always a secret, but that which is for a while hidden, but in due time manifested. Iniquity, Greek, means lawlessness; defiant rejection of God's law. Satan will resort to a mode of opposition more conformed to the then imminent "appearing" and "presence" of the Saviour, and will anticipate Him with a last effort to maintain the dominion of the world (De Burgh), just as at His first advent he rushed into open opposition, by taking possession of the bodies of men." doth **already** work, "That age, it appears, is not a justification for unscriptural usages or dogmas, since these were "already," event in Paul's day, beginning to spring up; the written word is the only sure test Only **he who now letteth will let**, "waiting until He the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way, is redeemed from the earth with the Rapture class causing His hindering of Satan and his work to cease. There is one that **restraineth** now, and that being the Holy Spirit, will continue to hinder the work of Satan until He is taken up out of the earth at which time it will work no longer mystery, but in open manifestation."

8. And then shall that **wicked** be revealed, "Wicked, singular, meaning one person, or Satan, and not all the wicked. The lawless one, the embodiment of all the godless, lawlessness, which has been working

in "mystery" for ages: the "man of sin". "Whom the Lord" some of the oldest manuscripts read, "the Lord Jesus." How awful that he whose very name means **God Saviour**, should appear as the Destroyer; but the salvation of the Church requires the destruction of her foe. "Shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy" The sentence of death being the sharp sword (Heb. 4:12, 2:14,) that proceedeth out of His mouth (Rev. 19:15-21). As the advancing fire, whilst still at a distance consumes little insects by its mere heat, so Christ's mere approach is enough to consume the Anti-Christ. He is seized and "cast alive into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). The kingdoms of the earth shall give place to Christ at this time. "With the brightness of his coming: "the first gleam of His presence is enough to abolish utterly all traces of the Anti-Christ, as darkness disappears before the dawning day. Next, his adherents are "slain with the sword out of His mouth" (Rev. 19:21)."

9. Even Him, whose coming is after the working of Satan according to the working of Satan, as opposed to the energy of working of the Holy Spirit. As Christ is related to God, so is the Anti-Christ to Satan. Satan works through Him." With all power and signs and lying wonders. "prodigies of falsehood." for their base, essence, and aim (John 8:44) (also Matt. 24:24)."

10. And with all deceivableness "Deceit of unrighteousness." of unrighteousness in "unto them that are perishing, the victims of him whose very name describes his perishing nature, the son of perdition, in contrast to you whom God hath from the beginning chosen to salvation. Because they received not the love of the truth, "They had no love for the truth which was in their reach, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (Rom. 1:18 esp. 12) They are lost because they loved not, but reject the truth which would have saved them." Not so much a love for truth, but love for **The Truth**. We are required not to only assent to, but to have a love for the truth. The Jews rejected Him who came in His Divine Father's name; they will receive the Anti-Christ coming in his

HINTON, ALA.—

As reported to us the Lord is blessing in a meeting being conducted by Brother and Sister Austin Morgan. Brother and Sister Leon Smith have had charge of this church for some time, but we understood that they have resigned and anybody of the Faith that has a burden for this work may contact Brother and Sister Leon Smith, Box 281, Pine Hill, Ala. They want a pastor with a vision of seeing this work going on for God.

GANADO, TEXAS—

The work at the Cordele Community church is now under the pastorate of Brother and Sister Jacob C. Regier. They have been very busy with a D. V. B. S. and in the Youth Camp. The folk there appreciate their labors very much. Sister Regier desires an interest in your prayers for healing. July 8-15 were the dates of a revival at this church.

own name (John 5:43), That they might be saved. We must have a love for the truth who is the Christ."

11. And for this cause God shall send them, "Because they received not the love for the truth, God sends or is sending the delusion. God judicially sends hardness of heart on those who have rejected the truth, and gives them up in righteous judgment to Satan's delusions (Isa. 5:9-10; Rom. 1:24-26, 28) Strong delusion, "Greed, a powerful working of error, answering to the energizing working of Satan, in the same way that the Holy Spirit is energizing in working for the believers (Eph. 1:19) that They should believe a lie: "rather the lie which the Anti-Christ tells then, appealing to his miracles as proofs of its.

12. That they all might be damned "they all had reference to all who believe not the truth when offered to them, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (Rom: 1:32, 28) Love of unrighteousness being the great obstacle in believing the truth. Damned or Judged. "Who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

(Taken from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown, Commentary; The Dickson Bible, Halley's Bible Handbook.)

GOD'S BUILDING

The story is told of sightseers who went to see a most beautiful picturesque dwelling. As they started to leave they stopped on the porch to thank the man for the showing and his hospitality and to tell him how beautiful it was, and he said, Yes, it will be if it is ever finished." With those words he picked up a small stone, and tried it in several places, but it wouldn't fit. So he took a mason's chisel and kept shaping it until it fit in a very small crevice just made for it.

As one of the ladies in the party watched the man shape the little stone and fit it in the place where it belonged she thought, How very much like God's plan of salvation. God has to chisel here a little and there a little, so we will fit in the little crevice to make God's Building. In God's building there is a little crevice just made for each one of us. Let us ask Him to help us find that particular place. Let us start working for Jesus while it is yet day, lest the night cometh when no man can work. "For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

The church enjoyed the tent meeting conducted by Rev. Bob Cooper, June 1 - 15. The old time Gospel was heralded to the community of Hempstead again and the church was encouraged to press on for the Lord. Brother and Sister Dibbens will continue as pastors for another year. July 2nd, the South Texas Youth Rally was held at Hempstead. John Dewese is the president.

FOREMAN, ARK.—

Brother Homer Coberly has conducted a two weeks meeting in Foreman. He writes of the blessings, falling there and of an open door for the ones of the Faith. Go by if you can, give these good people a boost.

Be careful what you start when you try to stop something.

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTICE

Ministers: Please send in your name and address for the Apostolic Faith Ministry Directory. Attend to this matter as quickly as possible. Don't forget to send your telephone number also.

ENID, OKLAHOMA—

Brother and Sister Lealand Grimmer have handed in their resignation here, as of June 1. They were asked to stay until the camp meeting. They are now open for pastoral calls.

Sisters Lucy Payne Webster, Thelma Long, and Margie Payne conducted a D. V. B. S. The School closed June 15 after two weeks. There were seven or eight children saved. The enrollment was 79. Several of the young people went to the Youth Camp at Center Point, Tex.

CREVE COEUR, MO.—

Rt. 2, Box 233 A, is the address of Brother and Sister Charles Redmond who have moved there (near St. Louis). They enjoy reading the blessing of the Lord in their new home.

TESTIMONIAL

Since I have been the victim of two very disastrous maladies, I feel I am very able to discuss these two at length and with personal authority from science and scriptures.

The two maladies I refer to are synonymous. From medical science I find that both are inherited. Both of them are like microbes, they lurk in darkness, and are very cunning in nature.

They give no warning whatsoever. They seem to lie dormant and gradually grow and extend their tentacles in every direction, like an octopus. They entwine and dominate the entire human system shooting these vicious deadly segments to the most fatal parts of the human body.

After they have full control and you are caught in the jaws of their vise, then you must submit to their final sentence, which is death.

The two diseases I refer to are cancer and sin.

Cancer is not to be dreaded at

all, if the one who is plagued with it would go to a reputable clinic and submit to an X-ray examination. Then if they find the cancer in the first stages, and they exterminate its origin, you are free from its deadly results.

But if this malignant tumor is allowed to have its way and you do nothing in its early stages, then you must await and suffer for your dilatory self reliance.

I have come to reason that all diseases come to us because, somewhere, or sometime, someone has broken a spiritual or physical law.

We acquire these diseases first by inheritance and secondly we give them empetuous and encouragement by a do nothing attitude. It resolves itself into one fact, error of mind of someone.

I say sin is synonymous to cancer because it has the same birth, same characteristics, same cunning, same deceitful method of infiltrating the human mind and organism. It was conceived by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and since they transgressed the law of God, the human family has had to suffer for this unholy act. Then we inherit it at birth. We have this disease already embedded in our infancy. Our parents should be aware of this fact and should take this child to the

“Spiritual” health clinic and have the great physician to administer to this disease before it engulfs the mind, soul and body of the child.

This disease can be cured miraculously in its early stages the same as cancer because we do know positively the symptoms are there.

The first medicine, a daily dose of Spirituality, one part environment and two parts prayer.

Make regular visitations to the clinic for check up and follow instructions to the letter. When you deviate from the advice of the great physician, you are letting down the bars and letting this diabolical monster take over. If you submit to its power and its direction, then you are bound to be a victim of the ravishing death dealing suffering that comes in the last stages accompanying the disease of sin.

In the final analysis the great physician will then have to perform an operation and give you an inside exploration to determine just how bad your entire system has become involved.

Believe me, “Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.” A preventive is far better than a cure. Death where is thy sting, grave where is thy victory?

Chas. Bedinger
Taneyville, Missouri

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