



"Are There Few That Be Saved?"

By: Emil Kreutz

Jesus says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matt. 7:21-23. "Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that findeth it." Verses 13, 14. "For many are called, but few are chosen." Matt. 22:14.

Now, if we accept these statement's of Christ's, we must conclude that there are many more people who have a profession of being saved but who are not saved than there are those who actually are saved and living in an acceptable state before the Lord. "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:23-27. To strive is to make an effort; to labor hard. "Strive as in agony." - Margin. This might almost seem to some as if there were unrighteousness with the Lord, and that he did not care to have people saved; that even many who would seek to enter would not be permitted. But why? If we turn to 2 Tim. 2:5, we find a key that unlocks this mystery. - "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned except he strive lawfully." Ah! here is the secret: we must seek and strive lawfully - according to the rules given us upon which salvation and heaven are promised.

That is reasonable and just. God is not under obligation to give to us unless we do our part - do what he tells us. "He that doeth the will of my Father," he it is that shall be saved. His Word is his will. We are told, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Jas. 1:22. From the foregoing we see that many will be deceived, and from the last scripture cited we learn that it is possible to deceive ourselves by simply being hearers and not doers. Again, Jesus cautions us to, "Take heed that no man deceive you." "Let no man deceive you with vain words." "Let no man deceive you by any means." "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. Again, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." Why? "Because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1. There are many more false prophets, workers, and ministers than there are true. 1 Kings 18:22; Matt. 9:37. (Ye shall know them by their fruit.) It has always been so. Deut. 7:7. Nevertheless, the Lord says, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

Christ - Our Sin-Bearer:

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God could have taken away the sin by taking away the sinner, as he took away the sin of the old world; but he has found out a way of abolishing the sin, and yet sparing the sinner.

John 1

'Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

Author Unknown

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head,
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter,
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
What a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He said,
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said, "It's not here" my head hung in shame.

I fell to my knees, But it was too late:
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as I realized my plight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
I stood and cried, "Lord, what is my lot?"
He said, "Depart, for I know you not."

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear:
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

He is Able to Deliver

By: B. E. Warren (*Ephesians 3:20*)

He is able to deliver thee, O sinner;
He will drive the night away; He's the Star of perfect day;
He will shine from heaven in thy heart forever.

He is able to deliver thee, O sinner;
See the myriad worlds above, And the one on which we move;
They were made by our Eternal God of power.

He is able to deliver thee, O sinner;
See, your life is in his hand, Thus you live at his command;
He's the source of good, the ever blessed Giver.

He is able to deliver thee, O sinner;
He has quenched the fire of yore, Stopped the lion's rage and roar;
He has raised the dead and healed the spotted leper.

He is able to deliver there, O sinner;
For he showed the king his dream, Stopped the Jordan's flowing stream;
Healed the lame, the blind, the palsy, what a Savior!

He is able, He is able, To deliver thee!

Stories for Boys & Girls

How Are You Growing?

By: Geneva Garman (published in the Remnant)



Today let us think about growing. Every child likes to think about growing up. It seems so hard to wait until one gets another year older. It is fun to grow up, but try to enjoy childhood while you have it; time passes so quickly.

Parents want their children to grow normally, too. If a child is not healthy it may not grow properly. That would be a great concern to a mother and father, because they would know something was wrong. They would do everything they could to correct the problem.

Let us look at something God made that grows, and grows, and grows. That is a tree! God made many different trees, and if you know of a tree that started out as a very small seedling, then grew into a great big tree, you will understand how growth is important - even to God!

There is a country that considers dwarf (small) trees a very special thing. A seedling is planted and allowed to grow about twelve to eighteen inches high. They know how to cut the tap root of that small tree so that it does not grow into a tall tree. It becomes a beautiful piece of art: something small, alive, and lovely to look at. They keep the tree small by cutting the tap root.

A tap root is the root of the tree that grows straight down into the earth, without dividing into other roots. If the tap root gets cut, the tree will live, but it cannot grow as it should because it has to live off of the other roots, called surface roots.

When you give your heart and life to Jesus, by being saved from your sins, you are a new person - ready to grow up for God. You will desire to know more about God. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 2:2 - "...Newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

Just like new babies desire and need milk to grow, and trees desire and need water to grow, you will need God and His Word to grow up for Him.

The Holy Bible tells us about God and what He wants us to know so we can grow spiritually. The scriptures of the Bible tell us what we should do and should not do. I hope you are old enough to be able to read. If so, read your Bible every day. The instructions and promises in the Bible are true and will help you all your life.

Along with the Word of God, we all need to talk to God. Praying is talking to God in a reverent manner. God dearly loves you and wants to hear from you. It is respectful to bow on your knees and close your eyes when you talk to God in prayer. I hope you have a quiet place, such as your bedroom, where you can kneel and have some private time to talk to God. Prayer is the "tap root" to any Christian's life. If we fail to pray we will be like the little trees that had their tap root cut so they cannot grow to be big and tall.

God wants you to talk to Him (pray) when everything is going well for you, when you need things, do not understand something, and when you are sick and need to be made well. Remember to be thankful when you pray. Thank Him for your life and the blessings you enjoy.

God gave you your life and wants you to grow up for Him. Learn to pray when you are very young, and pray every day of your life.

How are you growing? Think of prayer as your "tap root" to God. Do not let anyone or anything cut off your "tap root" to God.

Sowing and Reaping

By: A. K. Chancellor

Sowing and reaping - waking and sleeping Life we must live without sin. As is the sowing, fruits will be growing, Such will we soon gather in.

SCRIPTURE CORNER

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, *Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And 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 eternal 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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

John 3:1-17

Behold What Love

By: B. E. Warren (1 John 3:1)

Behold what love, yes, love divine, The Father showed to thee,
In that he gave his only Son, Thy soul from sin to free.

He gave his life to make thee whole, He shed his blood for all,
To heal the body, save the soul, Then come, for mercy call.

Oh, depths of love to mortals lost, He suffered on the tree;
Our only hope of heaven cost His blood - 'twas all for thee.

The love of Christ is warm and free, We live because he died;
His drops of mercy fall on thee And all the world beside.

Such love cannot be fathomed, 'Tis like the boundless sea;
His broken heart so wounded, Is bleeding now for thee.

Prayer of the Month



Dear Jesus,

Thank you so much for the gift of your Son and for the love you have for us. Please help us to walk humbly in the way that is right, and to live each day in holiness and purity of heart and deed that we might bring glory to you.

In Jesus name, Amen

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Sunday School	9:30a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30a.m.
Sunday Young People's Service	4:45p.m.
Sunday Children's Service	5:00p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00p.m.

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