

EMMANUEL

The Lamp

**THY WORD IS A
LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH.**
Ps. 119:105

LUST

Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

(1 Cor. 6:9-10)

Flee also youthful lusts.

(2 Tim. 2:22)

ANGER

An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

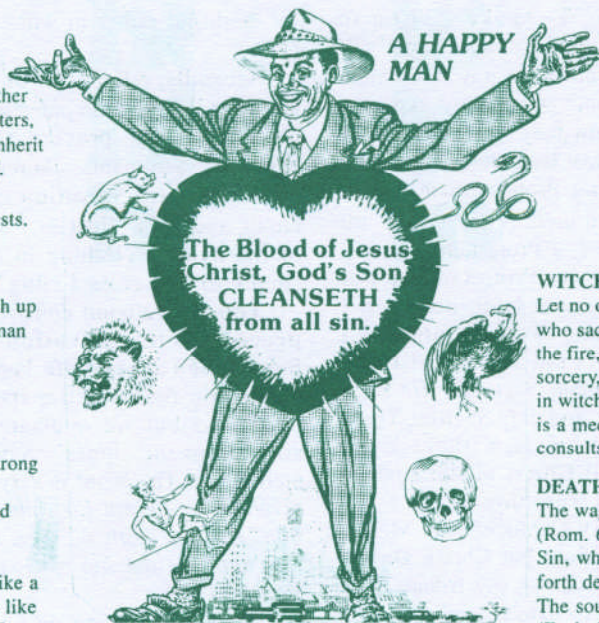
(Prov. 29:22)

DRUNKENNESS

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

(Prov. 20:1)

At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. (Prov. 23:32)



FALSEHOOD

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord.

(Prov. 12:22)

A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish. (Prov. 19:9)

WITCHCRAFT

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. (Deut. 18:10-11)

DEATH

The wages of sin is death.

(Rom. 6:23)

Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (Jas. 1:15)

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. (Ezek. 18:4)

Without a Lamp

A dying father told his son that he had hidden his money deep in a cave, so he took a lamp and a long rope with him. He tied the rope to a rock outside. As he moved along the dark passage deeper and deeper into the earth, he unwound the rope, knowing that with its help he could easily find his way out.

At last he found the place where the money had been hidden. He was very happy. He placed his lantern and the rope on the ground and began to take the money out of the little hole. Suddenly the lamp went out. He had forgotten to bring matches with him. Now he was in utter darkness. He put all the money he had found in his pocket and tried to feel for more, but could not see where to go. He stooped down to pick up the rope but could not find it. He had **LOST THE ROPE**. He crawled all over the floor of the cave feeling for it but all in vain.

Some weeks later, some men saw the rope at the entrance to the cave. They followed it in and with their lights found the dead man. He was lying on the ground not far from the rope. He had died in the dark with his pockets full of money.

Many people are like this man. They are in the darkness of sin and cannot find the way out. God has given a lamp, the Bible, but they have neglected it. They are searching for money and pleasure but not thinking of where they are going or what they are doing. (Are you like this?) Where are they going? Beyond lies greater darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 22:13). People need a lamp to find the way of life. God's wonderful book, the Bible, shows the way out of darkness into the light. Read and **OBEY** God's Word today, and He will light your pathway!

Salvation versus Religion

When I was in Cuba, I was preaching one night to a large audience in a tent. Many people were standing on every side, and everyone was listening most attentively. I began by telling them that the religions of the world could not save, and they readily agreed. "Islam," I said, "could not save," and they nodded their heads in agreement. "Confucianism," I continued, "could not save," and still they were in agreement.

Then I came a little closer home. "The Greek Orthodox faith," I stated, "could not save. There was still no murmur of protest. I knew that most of them were Roman Catholics, and I hesitated a moment before making my next statement. Finally I spoke. "Roman Catholicism," I exclaimed, "cannot save!" To my surprise, they did not show any resentment because that was exactly what they expected a Protestant to say. Now they were waiting for my next comment. Great was their amazement when I cried out, "And Protestantism cannot save." They were stunned. They could not understand. Here was I, a Protestant minister, openly declaring that my Protestantism was unable to save. A moment later, however, I clarified my position. "Protestantism," I repeated, "cannot save, but Jesus Christ can. *'Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save.'* Christ is the one and only Saviour. There is no other. Apart from Him there is no salvation. Christ, and Christ alone, saves." They understood my reasoning.

Not Mohammed, not Confucius, not Moses, not the Pope, not religion, but Christ. Unless you are saved through Christ, my friends, you are not saved at all. "*No man cometh unto the Father but by Me,*" said Jesus. Christianity cannot save. Christ can. "*Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved.*" His is the only name. Let me show you how salvation and religion differ.

Firstly, religion is what man does to or for his God; salvation is what God does for man. Anything that you do for the God you worship constitutes religion. But what God did for you two thousand years ago on Calvary's cross constitutes salvation.

A man may be a good churchman, partake of the sacraments, be an officer in the church

and a consecrated worker and be present at every service. But all this, as a basis for salvation, is useless. If he does this expecting to be repaid with salvation, he is deceived. His faith must not be placed in what he does for God, but rather in what God has done for Him.

Secondly, religion is "do," while salvation is "done." Religion comes with an offering to God. It may be prayers, tears, repentance, penance, sacraments, church going, morality, goodness, etc. Salvation comes with open hands and says, "Just as I am." In the words of the hymn: "Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling."

Thirdly, religion consists of rites, forms, precepts, etc.; salvation consists of the impartation of a new life. People are often eager to perform rites, practise special precepts and obey laws but are reluctant to confess their sin, accept the sinner's Saviour and receive eternal life. The Word is very clear: "*God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the son of God hath not life*" (1 John 5:11-12).

If you are relying on Christianity instead of Christ for the salvation of your soul, turn at once to Him, for He alone can save you. Religion will not suffice. You must have Christ. "*Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12).

Make a decision and trust Him now. Delay is a deadly danger! "*Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and YOU shall be saved*" (Acts 16:31). Repent and turn from your sins to Jesus. Pray now and trust for the forgiveness of your sins. Then sign the coupon below and post it to our address.

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