

# SALVATION FREE TO ALL MANKIND

## John Wesley's View Linked to John Calvin's.

### MISSING LINK OF HARMONY

Pastor Russell Finds It Between Election and Free Grace—He Says That Every Sinner Will Yet Have Full Opportunity to Return to Divine Favor—"River of the Water of Life" Is For the Non-Elect Alone.



PASTOR RUSSELL

During the ten days of the Convention addresses will be given by sixty ministers and instructors of the Association. The teachings are interdenominational, unsectarian. Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle, and now also of London Tabernacle, is the President of the Association. His was the principal address of today. The auditorium was crowded. Probably in compliance to Methodists, Pastor Russell took for his text what he claimed was John Wesley's favorite—"And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation xxii, 17). He said:

#### What Wesley Could Not Believe.

Our Methodist friends who own this spacious Auditorium have generally forgotten the special teachings of Brother Wesley, which brought them to the front of his denomination at a time when Calvin's theory of the election of saints to glory and the predestination of all others to eternal torture was the basic thought of Protestantism. Brother Wesley's voice rang out clear and full—"I cannot believe that God predestinated to eternal torture the masses of mankind before they were born. I must believe that God is Love and that His love and His justice would give to every sinner a full opportunity for return to Divine favor and to everlasting life through Christ. Brother Calvin, indeed, has certain Scriptures difficult to apply, respecting election and the elect, but I have one Scripture at least which tells of a freedom of Divine grace. The 'river of the water of life' is not declared to be for the elect, but for 'whosoever will.' I take my stand upon that text."

Brother Wesley's battle-cry—"God is Love and will surely give every member of Adam's race an opportunity for eternal life through Christ"—has come ringing down to our day. And although Christians have become sick and tired of their endeavor to harmonize the doctrines of Election and Free Grace and are now trying to forget doctrines altogether, nevertheless John Wesley's theory has overwhelmed John Calvin's. The vast majority of Presbyterians, Baptists, Congregationalists, etc., professing Calvin's tenets, really believe Wesley's—that God is Love and will surely give every member of our race a full opportunity for salvation, and that He predestinated none of them to eternal torture.

#### Truth in Both Theories.

There are elements of truth in both theories, as we now see: "The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." We are nearing the perfect day, and hence should understand the Bible better than did our forefathers, who did not have the wonderful Bibles Christians now possess, with marginal references, concordances and other helps. Ability to read also is universal today. Oh, what number of Bible students we should be! Many Christians, however, discouraged by the inconsistencies and contradictions of the various creeds, Catholics and Protestant, have abandoned their Bibles and abandoned their Bibles as also, erroneously believing the latter to be the basis of the former. We must not share this mistake. While doing all in our power to remove all the creed fences which divide God's people into sects and parties, let us hold fast to the Bible, the most wonderful Book in the world. It is only beginning to be understood; its true light is shining today as never before. We are in the time mentioned by the Prophet, when the "wise shall understand" (Daniel xii, 10).

Brother Calvin was right in part—to the extent that he was in harmony with the Bible, which teaches us to strive to fulfil our Covenant with the Lord, that thus we may "make our calling and election sure." It does not touch the predestination which Calvin taught and which Wesley objected to—the predestination of the wicked to an eternity of torture. The only predestination mentioned in the Bible is connected with the Church, the saints. God predestinated that none could be of the Church class, the Bride class, except such as would become copies of His Son, the Redeemer. That pre-

destination stands unalterable, but it has no effect upon others than the elect. It merely says that none except the saint, shall participate in the election. It says not one word about the fate of the non-elect. Read Romans viii, 28-30 and you will see this for yourself. To this, the Scriptural predestination, none can object. It is the insuperable deduction which have caused us difficulty.

Brother Wesley was in exact accord with the Bible in his declaration that every member of our race must have a share in the grace of God in Christ. However, what Brother Wesley did not see was that the great Plan of the Ages is not confined to one century nor to one Age. He did not see that, while this Gospel Age is exclusively devoted to the selection of the Church class, invited to be "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife," there is a coming Age in which Christ and His glorified Bride will extend Divine mercy to the non-elect.

#### The Key to the Mystery

is expressed in the Apostle's words, "in due time." Our great Creator need not be in haste. He has all eternity before Him. He allowed four thousand years to pass before He sent His Son to redeem the world and He has since taken nearly two thousand years in the selection of our Lord's elect Bride. He has appointed an additional thousand in which Jesus and His Bride, the glorified Church, will establish a reign of righteousness in the earth for the overthrow of sin and the uplifting of the sinners. Socially? Yes. Physically? Yes. Morally? Yes. Intellectually? Yes. Out of sin and death? Yes! Back to harmony with God if they will? Yes! No freer grace is imaginable than that which the Almighty has provided through the Savior. Of it St. Paul declares, "God wills to have all men to be saved and to be brought to a knowledge of the Truth." To this end He has appointed one Mediator, "who gave Himself a Ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Timothy ii, 4-6).

The "due time" for the Gospel call dates from Pentecost. But it is not a call for the world, but for a special class, the Bride class, to walk sacrificially in the footsteps of Jesus and to gain the great reward of joint-heirship with Him in His Kingdom. The "due time" for this work will soon be at an end—when the last probationary member of the Church shall have made his calling and election sure and when the "door into the marriage" shall shut. But the due time for the masses of mankind to hear of His grace and to respond thereto is still future, as Brother Wesley's favorite text will show us.

Before examining His text we will note the fact that three-fourths of the human family today are heathen in the most absolute sense of the word and many of the other fourth are heathen in a truthful sense. Why do they not see the grace of God in Christ? St. Paul answers, "Because the god of this world hath blinded their minds," because "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people" (II Corinthians iv, 4; Isaiah lx, 2). But why does God not scatter the darkness and open all the blind eyes and unstop the deaf ears? We answer, because, although He has promised to do these very things, His due time for their accomplishment is not yet come. He merely calls His elect during this dark time, requiring them to prove their worthiness, by walking faithfully in the dark: "We walk by faith and not by sight."

With the completion of the elect Church at the coming of the Redeemer—after the marriage, when she will be the Bride—then both Bridegroom and Bride will shine forth in glory, scattering all the darkness, ignorance and superstition of the world. Satan, the Prince of Darkness, will be bound and every evil thing shall be restrained and the light of the knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the earth; all the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears shall be unstopped. What will be the result? God's Word answers, that then "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God."

#### Brother Wesley's Proof Text.

Brother Wesley's loving friend found and tightly grasped the declaration, "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation xxii, 17). This text, however, belongs to the coming Age, to the time when Messiah shall reign: "For He must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet" (I Corinthians xv, 25-29). There is no Bride yet to say, "Come." We are glad of this, glad that it is still possible for us to become members of that Bride class which must "make herself ready" for the marriage and be forever united to the Lord as His Bride at His second coming. Then by the marriage she will become the Redeemer's joint-heir to glory, honor and immortality in the Kingdom. Then she, in co-operation with the Spirit of the Lord, will say, "Come," to whosoever wills to come of Adam's race. Everyone will say, "Come," there will be a world wide invitation. All the blind eyes shall be opened to see the waters of life; all the deaf ears shall be unstopped to hear of the gracious favor of God's love in Christ.

But as there is no Bride yet to say, "Come," neither is there any "river of the water of life" yet to invite them to. There will be no such river until after the establishment of the Kingdom for which the Master taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." Jesus explains that in the present time His followers do not go to the rivers of the water of life to drink; but, on the contrary, he says, "The water that I shall give him will be in

him, a well of water springing up unto everlasting life" (John iv, 14).

#### The New Jerusalem Symbol.

The Church in her glorified condition after the "change" of the First Resurrection, after becoming the Bride, is symbolically represented as a City, as a Government—the capital of God's Kingdom, the New Jerusalem, which will then come to, or be established in, the earth—not a literal city, but, better, a symbolical one, of the Kingdom. It will be from under the Throne of that New Jerusalem, the Messianic Kingdom, that the "river of the water of life will flow, clear as crystal." On either bank of the symbolical river will be trees of life, whose leaves will be for the healing of the nations. Then will be their "due time" to come to a knowledge of the Truth that God loved them and did not predestinate them to eternal torture, nor to purgatorial suffering, but sent His Son to die for them—to pay their death penalty and thus to make possible their restitution to Divine favor (Acts iii, 19-21) and to all the earthly blessings, privileges and rights originally given to Father Adam—lost by his disobedience and redeemed at Calvary.

My dear friends, here we have the grandest and broadest Free Grace possible to be imagined, in connection with our Heavenly Father and His great salvation provided in Christ. As every creature shares in Father Adam's imperfection and dying conditions, so each one is to share in the merit of Christ's righteousness and sacrificial death; it shall be "testified to all in due time." There will be stripes, lessons, instructions, but they will all be corrective—with a view to the reformation and the regeneration of Adam and his race as human beings—not as spirit beings, not as angels; Adam and his race never were such. Only the Church, has been begotten of the Holy Spirit to a spirit nature; only the Church will share in the resurrection to spirit conditions and be thus "like unto the angels."

#### This Is Not Universalism.

These two salvations, now of the elect, and during Messiah's reign of the non-elect, do not imply a universal salvation of our race, but merely a universal opportunity for everlasting life. The Scriptures most clearly teach a Second Death, like the first death, except that none will be redeemed from the Second Death, and none will be resurrected from it. It therefore will be, as St. Paul declares, an "everlasting destruction" (II Thessalonians I, 9). As St. Peter declares, the wilful sinners against light and knowledge will perish, "like natural brute beasts."

The lessons from these great truths of the Bible are powerful. They make plain to us that none can hope to be of the heavenly class, of the Bride of Christ, except such as enter the strait gate and narrow way—the saints, the faithful unto death. They teach us also, in harmony with other Scriptures, that those who now either see not and hear not, or who see and hear imperfectly, will miss this great "prize of our high calling." Nevertheless for these, heathen and others, God has provided more than they could have thought or asked—an opportunity for obtaining human perfection and a world-wide Eden—Paradise restored. It reaches, also, that every misstep, every failure to do our best, is costly—both to the world and to ourselves. To whatever extent the world demeans and degrades itself, it will have, in proportion, difficulty and stripes in connection with the possibilities and opportunities of recovery during Messiah's Kingdom.

Let us herald wide the story of the grace of God in Christ for every creature; let us show the love of God to all who have the eyes and ears of appreciation. There is no greater influence for righteousness than this—the love of God and the love of Christ constraineth us (II Corinthians v, 14). And in proportion as mankind receive the same their constraints toward righteousness increase. Thus, with clearer light upon our Father's Word, it is time for us all to cast aside the things of darkness and sectarianism which so long have separated the people of God from each other.

#### The Great Lesson of This.

The lesson to the Church is gratitude, loyalty, faithfulness to Him who called her out of darkness to the high calling of joint-heirship with the Redeemer, "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife." It is to make herself ready by putting on the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit and being renewed and transformed. The lesson to the world yet is only to those who, to some extent, hear it: that God is Love, that His mercy has provided a great opportunity for restitution that is nigh at hand; and further, the lesson is that every good and every evil deed will make their impression upon human character and have to do with the stripes, corrections, etc., of the future. Misimproved opportunities in the present life, violations of conscience, etc., will bring their reasonable retribution in the life to come and make the ascent more tedious and the more difficult. On the contrary, every good endeavor and attainment of self-control will be that much of an assistance for the future, when "the Spirit and the Bride shall say, Come, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely" and obtain perfection and everlasting life.

I trust that true Christian unity upon the basis of Divine Truth expressed in the Bible will be the keynote of this Convention to its very close. I trust that every soul in attendance may be so warned and cheered and vivified by the Truth and its spirit that, going to his home, the blessing may be extended to overflowing measure.

# FRISBIE KILLED AT NORTON, KAN.

## Taunts Drive Aviator to Fatal Trip at Fair.

### AEROPLANE WAS IN BAD SHAPE

Curtiss Aviator Announced He Would Not Go Up and Spectators Souted "Faker"—Wife, Son and Little Girl Saw Accident and Blame People.

Norton, Kan., Sept. 2.—J. J. Frisbie, the Curtiss aviator, was killed by a fall at the Norton county fair. Frisbie met with an accident and only went in the air again when driven to do so by the taunts and jeers of the crowd. Frisbie fell about 100 feet and the engine of his machine fell upon him, crushing his left side and chest. He lingered for about an hour before he died.

Frisbie has been giving exhibitions in Elmwood park for several days. Thursday his machine acted badly and he had a fall of about forty-five feet but beyond bruises and a shaking up was not injured. He was skeptical about the ability of his machine to stand another flight and decided not to go in the air, but when this statement was communicated to the crowd there was an angry demonstration. The spectators hooted and shouted, "Faker! Faker!" and refused to listen to explanations. Mr. Frisbie announced that rather than have the big crowd go away with the impression that he was not willing to do his best, he would attempt a flight. He ascended from the track without difficulty and attained a height of 100 feet, but in attempting to make a turn the plane tipped and Frisbie lost control. As he came crashing to earth the spectators could see the aviator attempting to right the machine, but as it approached the ground one of the wings crashed into a barn and the biplane, glancing off struck the earth with Frisbie underneath.

Frisbie's wife, son and little girl were witnesses of the accident. Mrs. Frisbie was prostrated when she saw her husband fall. She bitterly denounced the action of the spectators in forcing her husband to make the flight with a disabled machine.

Frisbie was well known among the aviators, having flown at Belmont park and being a participant in the recent big meet at Chicago.

### PAUL GEIDEL IS CONVICTED

Jury Finds New York Bellboy Guilty of Murder in Second Degree.

New York, Sept. 2.—The jury in the case of Paul Geidel, the seventeen-year-old bellboy, charged with the murder of William H. Jackson at the Iroquois hotel on July 26, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The jury had been locked up all night.

That the jurors were discussing a verdict of guilty less than first degree murder was made evident when they came into court after having deliberated six hours and asked instruction regarding the different degrees of murder. The report at the court house was that three of the men had held out for a verdict of murder in the first degree, while the others were divided in their opinion between judgment of acquittal and guilty in some less degree.

By the verdict of the jury Geidel escapes the electric chair, but will be sentenced for a long term in either Sing Sing or Auburn prison.

Motions were deferred by Judge Crain until next Tuesday, when sentence probably will be pronounced. A verdict of second degree murder provides for imprisonment of a term of twenty years to a maximum of imprisonment for life.

When Geidel was brought into court to learn his fate he was pale. Tears welled into his eyes and rolled down his face when he heard the verdict, and he clenched his hands in an effort to control himself. None of his relatives was in court. The prisoner had nothing to say after the verdict was pronounced and he was quickly led away to the Tombs prison.

### DR. GLADDEN TO RETIRE

Pastor Who Originated Term "Tainted Money" Will Quit Pulpit.

Columbus, O., Sept. 2.—Dr. Washington Gladden, pastor of the First Congregational church, famed for his opposition to accepting John D. Rockefeller's money for missionary purposes and known as the originator of the term "tainted money," has written a letter to his congregation announcing his early retirement from active duties as pastor. He yields leadership to his new assistant, Dr. Carl L. Patton, acknowledging that he is at a loss to account for the thinning of his congregation at Sunday services and declaring his belief that a younger man may be able to accomplish that which seemed impossible for him to do.

### Bandits Hold Up Oregon Express.

Redding, Cal., Sept. 2.—Three robbers, one a negro, held up the south-bound Oregon express on the Southern Pacific railroad a mile and one-half north of Lamoine, Cal., forty miles north of Redding. They blew both safes in the express car, rifled them, and escaped.

### BERLIN BROKERS IN TROUBLE

Drop in American Securities Has Disastrous Consequences on Bourse.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—The recent break in the prices of American securities is having disastrous consequences on a number of German brokers. George Welchart, the proprietor of a brokerage firm, was drowned in a lake near Berlin. He is said to have been made bankrupt through the drop in Canadian Pacific railway shares.

Another broker, Paul Debnicke, died suddenly, and it is reported that he committed suicide because of losses through heavy engagements of American securities on the London market.

Paul Kwiet and Martin Gans of the private banking house of Kwiet & Gans, who were arrested Aug. 29, charged with embezzling \$500,000 of the bank's deposits, were examined in court.

At Hamburg, a broker named Ernest Friedlander fled, being unable to meet his obligations.

### SACKETT LAW INVOKED IN HUMPHREY CASE

## Governor Aldrich Inquires into Conditions Complained Of.

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—A hearing on charges filed for the removal of the village board of Humphrey was started before Governor Aldrich. The charges are filed under the Sackett law and if, in the opinion of the state's executive, the officials have been neglectful of their duty he will order Attorney General Martin to begin ouster proceedings against them in the state supreme court. The trustees are charged with having failed to authorize the enforcement of the law during a firemen's tournament held at the Platte county town the latter part of July.

The complaint is signed by W. M. Condon, Royal B. Drake, Charles Schutte, George Eisenminger and Fred Van Ankeren, while the village officials named in the charges are Peter Bodewig, Jacob Bender, Louis Diers, Joseph Smith and Fred Pratt. The village marshal, Fred Echolt, is also a defendant.

It is said that lewdness was carried on with a high hand during the carnival time and that Chairman Bodewig of the village board when told of the conditions refused to take any action. Marshal Echolt is alleged to have replied when asked about the condition of things that he had been told not to arrest anybody, even for prostitution. Condon, one of the complainants, alleges that when he was threatened with assault he called upon Chairman Bodewig to protect him and the village chairman, he says, not only refused to protect him, but the city marshal then and there attempted to assault him.

### OLD RAIL SUIT COMPROMISED

Legal Contest of Forty-five Years' Standing Ended.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 2.—Ending by compromise a legal contest of forty-five years' standing over the payment of \$1,500,000 in bonds for a railroad which was never constructed, State Auditor Gordon registered and "valuated" \$750,000 bonds for Macon county, this state.

These securities represent a settlement between the county and Arthur Huidekoper of Pennsylvania, who held bonds issued in the 60s to build the railroad which proved a phantom. Judgment after judgment was obtained against the county, which, however, contrived never to have available revenue to be seized. The case finally reached the United States court of appeals, where the issue now is pending.

As a result of the compromise all legal proceedings will be dismissed.

### BEATTIE CASE NEARS END

Defense Will Conclude Its Case With Prisoner's Testimony.

Chesterfield, Va., Sept. 2.—Henry G. Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife, is expected to take the stand today and the defense will conclude its case with the prisoner's testimony.

Judge Watson announced that he would hold court later than usual this evening, if necessary to finish the case, but an agreement was reached to suspend judgment as to holding a night session until the testimony of the accused had been presented.

Several women friends of the accused and his dead wife testified that the couple lived happily together.

### Sailing Is So Interesting.

The lady was reading a nautical novel. She struggled along bravely for a few minutes, but finally had to appeal to her husband.

"Gerald," she said, "the author says that the boat was sailing 'wing and wing.' What does that mean? I've been on a yacht, but I never heard that before."

"That means," answered Gerald, rejoicing in the fact that he, too, had spent several hours on a sailing vessel—"that means that the schooner had her mains'ail out to port and her fores'ail out to starboard, or vice versa."

"Oh, I see," cried the lady. "It's just like a chicken—a wing on each side. And now I understand why they call those little sails in the middle 'jibs.' It's short for 'jiblets,' of course. Isn't sailing interesting?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

# FRANCE AT WAR ON FOOD PRICES

## Ministers Seek to Secure Reductions of Cost.

### IMPORTS OF MEAT PLANNED.

Suspension of Various Taxes One of the Methods of Relief—Rioting Continues in Many Towns and Movement Is Spreading.

Paris, Sept. 2.—Premier Caillaux discussed with the minister of commerce and the minister of agriculture, M. Pams, measures which are to make lower prices of food possible. Among the measures under consideration are the importation of meat and live stock and the suspension of various taxes. The sacking of shops and incidents of violence in numerous places in the northern departments continue.

A campaign for lower prices of food was started in Paris. Ten taxicabs, their occupants carrying devices on which were inscribed demands that the cost of necessities be lowered, paraded through the Champs Elysees and other thoroughfares.

Open agitation, with some violence, is going on in thirty or forty towns and cities in the northern departments, and the movement is spreading to other parts of France.

Banners bearing the inscription "Butter at 20 Sous or Revolution" were borne in a procession of 2,000 persons, mostly women, at Donal. As they marched the manifestants sang revolutionary hymns.

### Soldiers Called In.

Saint Quentin, France, Sept. 2.—Rioting which broke out here over the high price of food lasted all night. A regiment of infantry and a squadron of cavalry called out to quell the disturbances were unable to cope with the mob, which plundered shops in widely separated streets in the city at the same time. Twenty of the rioters were taken to the hospitals severely injured.

### Trade at Standstill.

Lens, France, Sept. 2.—Trade is completely at a standstill here, owing to the fear of expected food riots.

### CARLISLEGRADUATE LYNCHED

Peter Mallick, Charged With Beating Wife, Shot to Death in Idaho.

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 2.—Peter Mallick, half breed Nez Perce Indian and a graduate of Carlisle Indian school, was shot to death by an infuriated mob at Grangeville, Ida., as he lay asleep in his cell in the county jail in that town. Over thirty bullets were fired into his body. Mallick was arrested some time ago, charged with beating his half breed wife while on a drunken spree. Her ribs were broken and her life was in danger for over a month.

### Prisoner Escapes From Jail.

Central City, Neb., Sept. 2.—Robert Sandler, colored, who was bound over to the district court on a charge of cattle rustling, effected an escape from the county jail by kicking a panel from the door between the corridor and the sheriff's office and is still at large.

### Sentenced for Life at Eighty.

Janesville, Wis., Sept. 2.—Louis Keller, eighty years old, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Johanna Hlaschke on June 21. He shot the woman as the result of a row over his attentions to her sixteen-year-old daughter.

### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Closing Quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Closing prices: Wheat—Sept., 89½c; Dec., 94½c. Corn—Sept., 65¼c; 65½c; Dec., 63¼c; 63½c; May, 65½c. Oats—Sept., 42½c; 43c; Dec., 45c. Pork—Sept., \$15.62½; Jan., \$16.25. Lard—Sept., \$9.47½; Oct., \$9.52½. Ribs—Sept., \$9.12½; 9.15; Oct., \$9.12½; Jan., \$8.37½; 8.40.

### Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard

wheat, winter, 91¢; No. 2 corn, 65½¢; No. 2 white oats, 43¢; 44¢; No. 2 rye, 86¢.

### South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Sept. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 764; steady; beef steers, \$4.00@7.30; cows and heifers, \$3.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.15@5.15; bulls, \$3.40@4.25; calves, \$5.25@6.50. Hogs—Receipts, 3,589; 5¢ lower; prices for bulk held at usual narrow spreads, the large end of receipts moving within \$7.00@7.10; best bacon weights on sale made a top of \$7.40. Sheep—Receipts, 7,429; weak; wethers, \$3.00@3.50; ewes, \$2.65@3.15; lambs, \$5.00@5.50.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; slow and weak; heaves, \$4.00@7.90; western steers, \$4.00@7.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.50; cows and heifers, \$2.25@6.25; calves, \$6.25@9.25. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; 5¢ up; light, \$7.15@7.70; mixed, \$7.00@7.70; heavy, \$6.85@7.60; rough, \$6.85@7.05; pigs, \$5.00@7.55; bulk, \$7.10@7.35. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; steady; natives, \$2.00@3.80; westerns, \$3.25@3.80; yearlings, \$4.00@4.80; lambs, \$4.00@6.50.