

SAVED BY FAITH, NOT BY WORKS

God's Arrangement For the
Church's Redemption.

PASTOR RUSSELL AT HALIFAX.

Necessity For Faith—How It is of God
and How We Co-work In Our Own
Faith Development—How It May Be
Developed or Retarded by God's People
—During the Coming Reign of the
Messiah Works Will Be the Basis of
God's Judgment.



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Halifax, N. S., Sept. 29.—Pastor Russell is here to address a Convention of Bible Students assembled from New England and the Provinces. We report one of his discourses from the text, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians ii, 8). He said in part:

The relationship between faith and works in the matter of the Church's salvation has been a question of controversy for centuries. However, this, like other subjects once mysterious, yields to the clearer light of our day. Now we perceive the importance of both faith and works and the relationship they bear to each other. Faith is the all-important factor. In God's sight, because in our fallen condition we cannot do perfect works and because God cannot consistently accept and reward any but perfect works.

God's arrangement for us, therefore, in Christ, is that He will judge us, not according to our works, but according to our faith. Nevertheless, good works are recognized as a demonstration of our faith. So surely as we have the proper faith in God and His promises it will manifest itself in works, even though we cannot do perfectly.

So St. James points out that Abraham was not justified without works, but was required to demonstrate his faith by his works, even though they were not perfect works and could not have justified him.

Age of Faith—Age of Works.

If we call this Gospel Age the Age of faith, none should misunderstand us to mean that works are now wholly ignored, but rather that works take the secondary place. Likewise, when we say that the coming Age of the Messiah Kingdom will be an Age of works, none should understand us as meaning that faith will then be ignored. Works will then be the basis of the Lord's judgment in dealing with the world. Thus we read that they shall be "judged every man according to his works." (Revelation xxii, 12.) Judgment according to works, yet not without faith, may perhaps appeal to some of our minds as being the more reasonable, the more just form of judgment. However, when we come to note the difference between the conditions of the trial of the Church of this Age and the future trial of the world during the Messianic reign, we can see readily the reason for the different basis of judgment.

The Present Grace Age.

In the present time the Lord is selecting from the world a special class to be the Bride of Christ, and He properly makes faith the test. (1) Because in the Divine estimation faith in God is one of the grandest elements of character, the one most essential to such as will be entrusted with high positions and authority in the Kingdom. (2) Because the judgment according to faith meets the various conditions of the present time as a judgment according to works would not do.

The Lord calls now for such as will walk in the "narrow way," demonstrating that if they had perfect bodies as Jesus' body was perfect they would be perfect in works as well as in faith.

In the next Age, the Divine plan will not be the selection of self-sacrificing ones for the Kingdom, but the blessing of humanity with an opportunity to return to the full perfection of human nature. They will be required merely to demonstrate their loyalty to God in the use of their lives faithfully in obedience to His Law. The reward for the sacrificers of this Age is to be glory, honor and immortality, the Divine nature and joint heirship with the Lord Jesus in His Kingdom. The reward for obedience to be given in the next Age will be human perfection in the image and likeness of God, with all the earthly inheritance originally given to Adam—lost through sin and regained by the merit of Christ's sacrifice. And since the objective points of the two Ages are different, so will be their methods and conditions.

We have already considered the conditions of the Church's trial; let us next notice how different will be the conditions of the world's trial, according to works, in the coming Age. The reign of Satan and sin now prevalent is to give way; Satan is to be bound for a thousand years that he may deceive the nations no more for that period. The darkness, ignorance, superstition and misunderstanding of God and His plans, etc., which have prevailed for the last six thousand years will pass away. Instead, "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing

in His beams." The darkness of ignorance, superstition, etc., which at the present time covers the earth, and gross darkness the heathen, makes faith in the present time a very precious thing indeed which only comparatively few can or will exercise.

But, when the shadows and darkness shall flee away, when the True Light shall shine, when "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep"—then faith will not be at its present premium, because it will then be very easy to exercise faith. Moreover, while perfect works are impossible now, because of our imperfections of the flesh, perfect works will gradually become possible to the world in the next Age, because as they progress in the light and in obedience to the laws of that Kingdom they will gradually be recovering the perfection of the flesh, mental, moral and physical. And as they recover these powers correspondingly more and better works will be required each year, each century, of their experience.

Finally, before the glorious Epoch shall conclude—before Messiah shall turn over the Kingdom to Justice—all the willing and obedient will have come to full perfection and hence to full capacity for perfect works and God will demand them; they will therefore be the standard or test in the world's trial Day—"They shall be judged every man, according to his works." In both these judgments we see Justice and Mercy harmoniously working together in the interests of those on trial, the differences between the two operations being such merely as adapt them to the conditions of the individuals on trial.

Come Now to Our Text.

A glance at our text shows that it relates to the present Age and not to the period of Messiah's Kingdom. The Apostle is addressing those called to joint-heirship in the Kingdom, of whom he says in the context that "God in mercy hath quickened us with Christ and raised us up together to a heavenly station in Christ Jesus, that in the Ages to come we might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Without question these words apply to the Elect Church, and with equal certainty they cannot properly be applied to the non-elect world, whose opportunity for blessing belongs to the next Age and will come to them from the Father, through the Son, by the Church in glory.

Our text contains another statement which has been the cause of much dispute, namely, the one which declares that "we are saved by grace through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God." It is easy to understand the forepart of this statement, that we are saved by grace, and easy also to understand the last part, namely, that we are not saved by works and that, therefore, none of us has any ground for boasting in our salvation. "By nature we were children of wrath, even as others." We were under the sentence of death and could not recover ourselves from that condition. What, therefore, should be done for us to help us out of our condemnation and fallen condition would necessarily be of grace, and also of God. Now we come to the more difficult part of our text.

"That Not of Yourselves."

How shall we understand the suggestion that the faith is not of ourselves but is the gift of God? Surely God does not exercise faith for us, and surely also He does not develop the faith in us by some miraculous power, for in either of these cases the saints would be merely machines, reacting as acted upon. This would neither develop nor prove character, nor in any wise fit and prepare us for the glorious work to which we have been called. How is it God's gift?

There is one view of this statement which we believe clears it of all mystery and makes it entirely harmonious with Divine Justice and our responsibility. It is this:

Faith is possible only where there is a basis of knowledge; in proportion, therefore, as Divine providence grants us knowledge of Himself and of His great Plan, in that proportion is it possible for us to exercise faith in that Plan, and by our endeavors to demonstrate the strength and sincerity of our faith. While it is true that our knowledge depends in large measure upon our application in the study of the Divine Word—upon our use of the means and opportunities placed within our reach by a kind Providence—nevertheless there are millions of our race who have had no opportunity whatever for knowledge.

For instance, during the more than four thousand years from Adam to the days of Jesus, knowledge and opportunity for faith were very limited. For more than two thousand years God made no direct revelation whatever of His good intentions in respect to sending a Savior, and the delivery of our race from the bondage of sin and death. Then the Message sent was sent privately. To Abraham God revealed His intention of blessing the world eventually, and further that this blessing would come through Abraham's posterity. But what did the masses of mankind at that time know of that promise? Faith in that promise was confined to Abraham for righteousness; and the same with Isaac and Jacob. Ultimately the promise descended to the nation of Israel.

Finally, Jesus came, and that which had been promised began to have an actuality, a fulfillment. Yet even then the thing offered was so different from that which the Israelites had for centuries expected that the majority of them wholly failed to exercise the necessary faith and to enter into the privileges of the hour—membership in Spiritual Israel as sons of God begotten

to a higher nature. So, says the Apostle, "Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election obtained it and the rest were blinded." Only the few had a sufficiency of faith to make use of their knowledge.

"If Our Gospel Be Hid."

St. Paul declares that the Gospel is hidden from some during this Age, namely, from the perishing ones whom Satan hath blinded and these surely are the vast majority of the race. As Jesus declared to His disciples, "Blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears for they hear." And thus it has been all down the Age for more than eighteen centuries. Only the few have been so highly favored by birth and environment, etc., as to be able to see and able to hear and appreciate the glorious invitation of this present time.

Furthermore, God's providence has been exercising apparently a discrimination in the sending of the Gospel Message. It went not alike to all parts of the earth. Beginning with Israel in Palestine it moved northward and westward to Greece and to Italy, and then spread through and amongst the savage tribes of Europe, namely, to such as had "ears to hear" the Divine call to joint-heirship with Christ in the glorious Kingdom soon to be established. From Europe this Message, this knowledge, came to America; and now, within the last century in particular, it is reaching some of the many millions of India, China, Japan, Africa, etc., but still with the same limitations. It appears only to a comparatively few in any nation—"He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear."

"Not of Yourselves."

Ah, yes, we can see a force in the Apostle's words, "not of yourselves." It is indeed for ourselves to exercise faith when the knowledge comes to us, yet faith being impossible without knowledge, we were dependent upon God for it. How thankful we should be, how appreciative! How sympathetic we should be toward those who have not been so highly favored with knowledge or whose cultivation has been less favorable to the understanding the hearing ear and of the understanding heart! Truly God is electing and selecting, testing and proving the members of the Church of Christ.

Another phase of the subject worthy of our notice is that our faith is largely a matter of development; first the seed, then the blade, then the ear, then the ripe corn. When God gave us the first impulse toward a knowledge of Himself and of His purposes, that was the seed from which faith might germinate if it fell into a heart or mind that was good soil for it. And even those whose hearts are good soil for the Message of God's grace and the Kingdom invitation find that they greatly need a certain Divine supervision, watch-care, in order to bring forth fruitage such as the Lord will be pleased to accept.

What would any of us be today without the grace of God assisting us in faith and in obedience? Surely the original faith would long since have withered and died. We must still say, By the grace of God we are saved, through faith, not of ourselves. It is the result of the knowledge granted and the Divine blessing poured upon us.

Growing In Grace, Etc.

In full line with what we have considered is the Apostolic injunction that we must continue to grow in grace and in knowledge and in faith and in love, and to the extent of our ability in obedience and good works. And this growth in grace, this growth in faith, signifies a continued and further growth in knowledge. For instance, the promises of the Bible contain the spiritual food upon which we as New Creatures must feed in order to grow up to the required likeness of Christ—in order to be fitted and prepared in character and faith-development for a place in the Kingdom.

It should not surprise us, therefore, to find the Scriptures clearly teaching that the Bible contains nourishments exactly adapted to our requirements. St. Paul illustrates this matter by saying that in the beginning of our experiences we, as new born babes, should "desire the sincere milk of the Word that we might grow thereby"—grow in grace and in knowledge and in faith and obedience. But he admonishes us also that we should not always continue to be babes, feeding upon the milk of the Word, but that by the use of it and the strength that is derived we should become strong in the Lord, become manly, attaining unto the full stature of manliness as members of the Body of Christ. And for this additional strength the Apostle tells us that we need more than the milk of the Word—we need the "strong meat" of God's Word, of God's promises, that we may grow thereby. And again, in all this finding and using of the "meat in due season" we are indebted to God.

Not only has He provided meat in due season in the Holy Scriptures, "that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished" and able to "rightly divide the Word of Truth," but additionally He has granted help amongst the brethren, that we may build one another up in the faith, until we all come to the full stature in Christ.

How evident then it is that our salvation through faith is not a matter of an instantaneous injection of faith into us in some miraculous manner, but a gradual development, as we have seen; and how evident it is that in the development of this faith we are to be co-workers together with God!

Let us, therefore, be very appreciative of the great privileges granted to us and use them wisely, lest we should receive the grace of God in vain and miss this great Prize which has been offered to us and which we have accepted and which God will be faithful to give to those who faithfully use the blessings of His provision.

PEOPLE WATCH BRIDGE FUNDS

Iowans Aroused to Manter in
Which Money is Spent.

MORE LAWS TO BE PASSED.

Legislature Will Be Appealed To to
Enact Provisions That Will Safeguard Public Purse—Normal Course Libraries.

Des Moines, Sept. 30.—The stirring up of the big bridge graft which has been worked in Iowa for a good many years is having the effect of compelling taxpayers in many of the counties of the state to look carefully into the expenditure of bridge funds and other county revenues. The Clinton county indictments and actions for ouster has been followed by an effort in Jackson county to compel an investigation. The matter was first put up to the board of supervisors for an appropriation for an expert accountant to go into the books of the county. The board refused to do this. Then a committee of citizens was appointed and funds are being raised by subscription to employ an expert accountant and place an expert in bridge work to investigate fully. It is declared by those who are urging the investigation that a condition of affairs will be found similar to that which was found in Clinton county and in Polk county, where thousands of dollars were lost in the bridge graft. It is reported that in a good many other counties of the state investigation is being urged with a view to reducing the expenditures.

The legislature will unquestionably be asked to enact legislation that will lessen the possibility of losses in this way. Such legislation has been proposed in the past, but has been defeated by the action of members of the boards of supervisors.

The whole question of tax paying has become acute in the state because of larger taxes and heavier expenses all around. The legislature will be asked to take action on taxation matters of great importance.

Clubs for Study of Agriculture.

The Iowa Agricultural association has formulated plans to organize clubs in the rural districts in every county in the state for the purpose of giving practical demonstration and instruction along a number of useful lines of farmwork. These plans will be officially launched within the coming fortnight. The districts will be visited and the plan laid before the farmers. The membership of the clubs will not be limited. It will be open to men and women, girls and boys. The association proposes to engage a crop expert for each county who will go before these clubs and assist in the instruction work.

Normal Course Libraries.

The state superintendent of public instruction has prepared and published a list of books, fifty in number, for a library for the state-aided schools engaged in normal training work. In the list of fifty books for the library of these schools there are nine relating to agriculture and nineteen devoted to pedagogy and psychology. It is expected there will be about ninety of these schools in the state this year, all engaged in doing work preparing for teaching in the rural schools, and a larger part of the work will be in preparing for handling the subjects of agriculture and domestic science.

Coal Prices May Not Go Up.

Although it was announced some time ago that the price of coal was to be advanced in Des Moines, commencing Oct. 1, the coal dealers now say that there may be no increase in the price. It is believed that they fear prosecution under the anti-trust laws of the state if the plan to effect the increase is carried out. It is known that some sort of a combination exists for fixing the price of coal, but it is also known that sufficient information is in the hands of the authorities to start a prosecution in case there is any increase in the price.

Failed to Elect Major.

The officers of the Fifty-fifth regiment failed to elect a major on their first ballot. They were voting on a successor to Major George H. Castle, who ten days ago resigned. Guy E. Logan, adjutant general, opened the ballots and found that C. M. Stanley of Corning had fifteen votes, C. W. Atkins of Winterset had twelve votes, and L. D. Ross of Red Oak had five. Thirty-seven were eligible to vote. The regiment is short three officers.

Danish Theological School.

Des Moines was awarded the location of the only theological seminary of the Danish Baptist churches in America at the Danish national Baptist conference at Clark's Grove, Minn. The school will be moved from Chicago university and will become a part of Des Moines college in the fall of 1913.

Tipton Will Have Next Conference.

Marshalltown, Ia., Sept. 30.—The selection of Tipton as the meeting place of the Upper Iowa Methodist conference in 1913, the reception for the four year class for ordination and the presentation to Rev. Dr. E. T. Gruwell of Mount Vernon of a handsome gold watch, owing to his retirement from the district, were features of the conference session.

FUNERAL OF JUDGE THOMPSON

Passes Away at His Farm Home Near Grand Island.

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 30.—The funeral of Judge J. R. Thompson was held at his residence in this city this afternoon.

John Richard Thompson, formerly judge of the district court and in the days when the Populist party was in the ascendancy candidate for nomination for governor and supreme judge, passed away at his farm home, twenty miles west of this city, at the age of sixty-two years, of consumption, from which he had been a severe sufferer for some months and slightly affected for a number of years. He leaves five children, Mrs. Dr. Farnsworth, Mrs. Grace Jones, Mrs. Kate Carr, John P. Thompson and Mrs. D. W. Musser, and two brothers, Hon. W. H. Thompson, state chairman of the Democratic committee, and Ross Thompson of Iowa. Mr. Thompson was a native of Ohio and came to Iowa with his parents in 1864 and to Grand Island in 1879.

TRAINOR'S PLEA COMES TOO LATE

Former Mayor of South Omaha
Loses Supreme Court Fight.

Lincoln, Sept. 30.—Ex-Mayor Trainor of South Omaha had a legal right to hold his office at the time of the last municipal election, according to the decision of the supreme court.

He yielded office after Mayor Hoctor was elected and because he with other old officials turned over their places to incoming officials the supreme court holds that they cannot now get them back.

The last legislature changed the law. Trainor and Good, as mayor and clerk, respectively, were ordered to call a primary and general election in advance of the time when, as they contended, such election should have been called. They complied with the order and called the election. Thereafter on presentation of their certificates of election by Thomas Hoctor and August Miller, elected as successors to Trainor and Good, the latter turned over the offices to the parties elected. Later the district court found the law of 1911 unconstitutional and Trainor began suit to get back the office. The supreme court now holds that inasmuch as the officials turned over their offices voluntarily they could not now get them back.

STANDARD VIOLATES DECREE

Charges Are Filed With Department of Justice by Attorney.

New York, Sept. 30.—Charges that both the spirit and letter of the decree dissolving the Standard Oil company of New Jersey are being violated were sent to the department of justice at Washington by S. W. Fordyce, Jr., counsel for the Waters-Pierce Oil company.

"So far as we have proceeded with our testimony," declares Mr. Fordyce, "we have shown that every subsidiary company is absolutely dominated and controlled by the majority owners of the stock of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and that the same men who were put in these subsidiary companies at the time of dissolution by the leading men in the New Jersey company were all re-elected at the subsequent annual meeting by the proxies held by the principal stockholders of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. We have also shown that there has been no real or substantial difference in the method of doing business of any of these companies since the dissolution."

Renew Anti-Football Agitation.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 30.—On account of the death of Hugo Goll of Oregon, Mo., fatally injured in the game of football between St. Joseph and Oregon high schools at Oregon an agitation against the game was started in northwest Missouri. The game was the first Oregon had played in three years. Goll was seventeen years old, captain and tackle of his team.

Hammer Throw Record for McGrath.

New York, Sept. 30.—Matt McGrath the world's champion hammer thrower, added a new world's record to his string at Celtic park. He threw the sixteen-pound hammer with unlimited run and follow 191 feet 5 inches, the former record being 180 feet 1 inch made by J. J. Flanagan on the same grounds three years ago.

Sedgwick Opera House Destroyed.

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 30.—Fire at Sedgwick, near here, destroyed the opera house and a general store, occupying the lower floors of the building. The postoffice building was partially burned. The loss was about \$50,000, about half covered by insurance.

Earth Shocks Rock Portion of Illinois.

Sterling, Ill., Sept. 30.—What appeared to be earthquake shocks were felt in several sections of Whiteside township. Pictures were shaken from the walls and dishes scattered from shelves. The shocks caused much alarm.

Nicaraguan Insurgents Surrender.

San Juan Del Sur, Sept. 30.—A report received here says that the insurgents at Masaya ran up a white flag. This leaves Leon the only stronghold still defying the government.

RED SOX BATTERY.

Joe Wood, Famous Pitcher,
And Catcher Carrigan to
Give Giants a Tussle.



Photos by American Press Association.

Above, Wood, who is one of the pitching sensations of the American league this year and the man the Giants fear; below, Carrigan, the old reliable Red Sox backstop.

CRIPPLED NEWSBOY SACRIFICES LEG

Skin from Useless Member Grafted
on Girl's Burned Body.

Gary, Ind., Sept. 30.—William Rugh, the crippled Gary newsboy, parted with his useless leg in order that skin might be obtained to save the life of Miss Ethel Smith, who was burned in a motorcycle accident.

Rugh and Miss Smith were placed on adjoining tables in a local hospital. One hundred and fifty square inches of skin was transferred from the boy's useless leg, after which it was amputated. Letters protesting against amputating the newsboy's leg were received from all over the country.

Efforts to Terminate Strike Unavailing

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 30.—Another conference between Mayor Barrett and representatives of the street railway company proved unavailing in an effort to bring about a settlement of the street car strike. The city is quiet after the excitement of the last few days, in which three citizens were shot to death by members of the state militia.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

National League. American League.

N. L. P.	A. L. P.
N. York 100 45 690 Boston 101 46 687	
Chicago 89 56 612 Wash. 89 58 605	
Pittsburgh 90 56 616 Phila. 87 60 592	
Cin. natl. 73 75 493 Chicago 74 75 493	
Phila. 69 76 476 Cleveland 70 78 473	
St. Louis 60 89 403 Detroit 69 80 462	
Brooklyn 56 91 381 St. Louis 52 98 347	
Boston 49 98 333 N. York 50 96 342	

Western League.

W. L. P.	W. L. P.
Denver 98 63 611 Des M. 82 89 493	
St. Joe 94 72 566 Soo City 74 85 466	
Omaha 92 71 565 Wichita 75 89 465	
Lincoln 83 81 506 Topeka 51 108 320	

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

National League.

At Chicago:	R.H.E.
Pittsburgh 101 100 213-9	13 1
Chicago 000 000 000-0	2 3
O'Toole-Simon; Richie-Archer.	
At St. Louis: <th>R.H.E.</th>	R.H.E.
Cincinnati 200 001 1020-5	7 0
St. Louis 000 001 1011-8	10 2
Benton-Severid; Griner-Wingo.	

American League.

At Cleveland:	R.H.E.
Cleveland 200 210 03-8	13 0
Detroit 001 000 000-1	5 2
Gregg-O'Neil; Lake-Stange.	
At Chicago: <th>R.H.E.</th>	R.H.E.
Chicago 000 000 400-4	6 2
St. Louis 000 000 000-0	4 2
Walsh-Schalk; Baumgardner-Crossen.	

Western League.

At St. Joseph—First game:	R.H.E.
Omaha 001 000 000-1	6 0
St. Joseph 101 000 020-4	10 2
Hall-Johnson; Thomas-Gossett.	
Second game: <th>R.H.E.</th>	R.H.E.
Omaha 000 000 000-0	5 2
St. Joseph 200 001 111-5	11 0
Hicks-Johnson; Thomas-Gossett.	