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LIVES REMADE

John 3:3

Introduction:

We are all concerned about the restoration and the healing of our lives. Those that have been damaged by life's encounters. We all wonder how we can make an improvement on our personalities.

Cotter Morrison said, nothing is gained by disregarding the fact that there is no remedy for a bad heart.

Now this is a statement that is echoed by so many. You can't change human nature. And these words have almost become kind of a proverb in our civilization. Every time a group of citizens sit down and discuss the economic improvement of the masses of people, and talk about the education of people, or the elimination of race prejudices - there are those who always say, well, you can't change human nature.

The science of psychology declares as an established fact, that human personality can be formed, deformed, and reformed. That of all the creatures, man is most subject to change. That heredity counts but not for the most. That it is the inner most force that makes the transformation.

The heart of the Christian Gospel is the teaching that no man or woman need despair. There is a remedy for a bad heart. The transforming power of Christ.

Our bewildered, frustrated generation is hungry for a word of assurance - that life has meaning and purpose. We find the limitless confidence in the Gospel. Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life,

and put on the new nature created after the likeness of God.

Human beings have a tendency to regard a saying as coming down from one generation to another. And quite often, untrue statements will live and be repeated for centuries.

(Human nature) is one of the few things that can be changed. The (laws) of the physical universe are unchangeable. And they cannot alter the rise and the fall of the tides. He cannot change gravity or the rotation of the earth - the law that guides the planets and the stars in their courses. These are fixed and will remain so.

Human nature, the deeply ingrained prejudices of men and women, the purpose for which they live, their ambitions, their loves, and their hates - these all can be altered.

(Professor John Dewey) said, if human nature is unchangeable, then there is no such thing as education. And all of our efforts to educate are doom to failure. The (word) educate comes from a Latin word, educere. To lead out, to bring forth, to inform, to enlighten, to indoctrinate. The purpose of education is to improve a human being.

The sciences that are in existence today - when a (patient) goes to a doctor, he has to have faith that there will be new insights given to him. And this will give a constructive way of thinking, and acting. At the heart of the Bible there is this truth.

(Paul) declares it more frequently more than anyone else - speaking and writing of his experience. 2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new

creature. Now in the new version - they use the word creation. Now this perhaps, is closer to the meaning of the Greek word used by Paul, which was implied to describe the creation of the world or the universe. Webster describes creations as something brought into existence. Invested with a new character. And the Apostle is telling us that when Christ comes into a human life, a revolution takes place in personality. He becomes a different kind of person, his nature is changed, and he is a new creation. And creation is the work of God.

John Wesley said, only the power that makes a world, can make Christians.

Paul adds - the old has passed away, the new has come.

[What happens to a man who becomes a new creation.]

First, his pattern of thinking is altered. He looks out upon the world and upon his fellow men through the eyes of Christ. His attitude toward other people is changed.

Among the Lord's disciples there was Simon Zealot. He carried a sword under his cloak to strike down one of the despised Romans, it would have been wonderful for him.

Further more, in the second place, the man who comes into a new creation is a transformed person.

The best illustration is Paul himself. Before his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus - he was divided, defeated, and he tells us that he was powerless to do right. What he wished to do he could not. What he strived not to do, he did. His confession of moral defeat could be echoed by many a man and woman today. I do the very thing, I hate. Rom. 7:15.

One day Saul lay prostrate on his face. He heard a voice saying, Saul, Saul - it is hard for you to kick against the goads. Acts 9:5. In his mind there flashed a picture of an oxen kicking against a steel headed pole. Here he imagines himself at war with himself. Never had he been able to blot out the memory of that hour when he saw Stephen die. He hated Christians, and he hated Christ, and yet he felt that he was under some sort of a spell. Then came the moment of that most glorious surrender. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ. Now his life is lived from a new center. Nevertheless, I now live, not I but Christ liveth in me. Gal. 2:20. And there was wonderful peace in his heart - the peace of God, which passeth all understanding.

Now the life began that day for Paul was no parade ground experience. Every day he had bitter opposition and conflict. For Christ's sake, I am content with weaknesses, insult, hardships, persecutions - for when I am weak - then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:10.

The third thing we note is that human nature can be changed at any age. Often the subject is mentioned - you can't teach an old dog new tricks. And that is supposed to settle the matter. Possibly that is true of any old dog. But today we are not discussing dogs - we are discussing human beings made in the image of God.

Think about Paul's story - Totstoj. At the age of 50 - the Russian author underwent a change that was conversion. Later he wrote of his experience - 5 years ago, faith came to me. I believe in the life of Jesus and my whole life suddenly underwent a transformation. In the last 20 years of his life, he was probably the most venerated person in the world.

Another illustration is the spiritual experience. Dr. Elwood Worcester tells of a 50 year old man who came to him. Despite of his own scientific gift - his whole life he felt was a failure. His name was unknown, his works were unpublished. And his disposition was unsocial. He was a sick soul. The scientist came to the Christian minister for help and guidance - and he was brought to Christ. He learned of the mighty spiritual resources that were available to him. Life was transformed. The story of Worcester would seem like a fairy tale, if they were all recorded. A transformation of personality. Almost identical to that which occurred in the life of the Apostle Paul.

Now this eternal truth of conversion, Jesus pressed home in the mind of Nicodemus on that midnight meeting. As they talked, the olive tree leaves rustled in the breeze. You hear the wind, Jesus said. It blows where it chooses. You hear the sounds - but you can't tell where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone born of the Spirit - John 3:8.

How true that is, people talk how all conversions should be sudden, or gradual, or follow a fixed pattern. But Christ says the operation of God's spirit defies all plotting and planning. You can't put God's work into a neat little formula and you have no right to try to run any man's life into the mold of your own religious experience. It may be too narrow for him. God may have other plans in mind for that person. This attempt we often make as advisors.

William James, gives an excellent explanation of conversion, in the New Testament - a self hitherto dividing and consciously wrong, inferior, and unhappy - becomes unified and consciously right, superior and right and happy in consequence of it's former hold on religious realities.

In a (variety of ways), men are ushered into Christ's kingdom. (Paul's) final change came sudden. (Peter's) came slowly with stumbling, faltering steps. (John's) life was transformed, not in a rush, of personal revolution - but as gentle as a flower unfolds to the sunlight.

God says Emerson, "Enters into every life by a private door."

But back of all these special forms stands one (fact) - men and women can be transformed by the spirit of God. There is a triumphant tilt in these words of the New Testament. Adulterers, thieves, drunkards, - such were some of you - but ye are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the spirit of God. I Cor. 6:8,9,10.

No matter how great have been a man's failures, follies, his selfishness and sins of the past - he need not stay that way. The power of God can give him a new life. A new nature for the old. A new creation in the likeness of God.

Charles Spurgeon said one night to a congregation of 5,000 people who crowded into the tabernacle in London, though thou hast raked in the very kennels of Hell, if thou wilt come to Christ, and ask mercy - he will absolve thee from all sin.

Eph. 4:22 - wherefore put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life, put on the new nature created after the likeness of God.

What then is the meaning of conversion. Conversion comes from the Latin word - convertere. And means to pause, to turn, to direct, to turn about. It signifies a complete change of direction. It means that a life that was faced

in one direction, now faces the opposite way. When John Mansfield was 14 years of age, he ran off to sea. He meet with many assorted experiences. His acquaintances at that time little dreamed that he was destined one day to become a poet of Brittain. At the age of 22 he was idling thumbing through a volume of Chucer's poems. When suddenly one poem gripped him and fascinated him. Later he wrote that it became the poem of my conversion. Leading me into a new glad world in fellowship with Milton, Shelley, and Keets. Now here we find a word conversion used in a secular sense.

Conversion is also employed in the sense of one's willingness to turn from deliberate sinning to the obedience of the will of God. When it is so used, it views the experienced conversion from human standpoint. It emphasizes man's part in the great transaction between the human soul and God. It signifies a fundamental change. With the consent of the will in the direction of life.

On the other hand, we should stress God's part in the experience of conversion. Which is a more accurate word - regeneration - to be reborn.

We use this word when we view conversion from the divine side. Regeneration emphasizes that this change is brought about by God and consists of imparting his own character to us. A new life has now begun.

The results of a man's conversion are visible, to his friends, neighbors, his generation. Spiritual rebirth is visible only to God.

When a man is saved and regenerated - we often refer to it as being saved. And evangelists talk of the saved and the lost. We mean that we are converted to Christ - that we have been spiritually reborn, by God's Holy Spirit.

What are some of the mistaken beliefs about conversion. There are some errors that has crept in.

First, that everyone must be converted or saved in the same way. Such an assertion is false. Sometimes a preacher or religious leader will describe his own conversion. And imply that this is the only road by which men and women can truly find God. The result is that some people, especially young people, who have had a genuine experience with Christ, will begin to doubt its reality and become confused and worried about their spiritual state. Jonathan Edwards was a brilliant young man. From his diary - "The chief thing that makes me in any measure question my good estate is my not having experienced conversion. In those particular steps wherein the people in New England and anciently the people of the old England used to experience in." Now that is pathetic. He began to think that God dispenses his salvation only to those who received it and accepted it in the New England fashion.

Now let us not forget, God regenerates human souls. With as many diverse approaches as there are individuals. The transformation from darkness to light may be as sudden as a flash of lightning. Or it may come as gradual as the coming of Spring. Now we do not have a corner on a standardized conversion.

Second, there is a mistake that the moment of decision is of primary importance. While ignoring the necessity of a life long discipleship, in the school of Christ.

*We do what we believe - Think about that - If I love someone I show -
I know what I believe by what I do - ! " " Church " "*

The moment of surrender to Christ is important. If the Christian experience is to be real, it must be transformed into Christian living. Now this point should be stressed.

We come back to the word save or saved. It is used in the New Testament in

three tenses - the past, the present, and the future. We are saved from the past. It's tyranny over us is broken. Our sins are forgiven. We have been set upon a new pathway. We are saved. So Paul writes to Timothy. According to the power of God who has saved us.

But the same word is used in the present imperfect - we are being saved in the present, Paul writes. To us who are being Saved. I Cor. 1:18. Salvation is a continuous process. It is not static - it is moving forward.

There is also the future perfect tense of the word as used in Matthews Gospel. Where he quotes the words of Jesus - he who endures to the end will be saved. Matt. 24:13.

Now unfortunately there are people who are not informed about this word saved, and this is one of the greatest weaknesses today. You have heard a person get up and say the red letter day in my life was January 20, 1960 or 1970. And that was the day of days - I was saved. It stands out before my eyes.

Now Dr. G. Campbell Morgan says that he grew weary of this kind of person. He described him as a Christian with one eye on Christ and one eye on the calendar. He said he felt like asking the man if God went out of business on January 21st. What have you been doing with your salvation ever since. What progress have you made - have you grown in grace and effectiveness as a witness. What are you planning to do for Him, in the future - the truth is that when we are saved from our past sins and are undergoing this spiritual re-birth - we are really at the beginning of things. There should follow a lifetime of spiritual things - education and discipline, and spiritual training. Paul said work out your own salvation for it is God that worketh in you. Phil. 2:12. But Christian salvation is a beginning and we are to work it out. It is not to

learn or earn by good works this salvation. Because nothing in my hand I bring - simply to the cross I cling.

Paul writes we are sometimes disobedient, disceived, foolish - serving lust and pleasures - living in envy and hating one another. And after that, the kindness and the love of God - our Saviour toward man appeared. The righteousness which we have done according to his mercy - he saved us through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Now it is significant that immediately after this glorious statement of salvation - that Paul says this is a faithful saying that these things I will that thou affirm constantly - that those that believe in God will be careful to maintain good works. Chapter 3:8. We are saved by divine mercy. We work out our own salvation and remember that it is God that worketh in us.

I guess a good way to illustrate this would be like a young person who went from one job to another. And will not submit himself to the discipline of work, and advance in any one of them.

Beecher once said the church is not a museum or exhibition of perfect Christians - but a school for the education of the imperfect ones. It is the school of Christ. The very word disciple means learner. Therefore, we work out our own salvation for it is God that worketh in you.

If this truth is ever brought home - to the consciencés of thousands of church members - we would not have on our church roll many static Christians. We would have less self-righteousness. Christians would be so busy developing their own Christ-likeness that they wouldn't have time to pass judgement on their fellow believers.

Is there a good story about conversion in the New Testament.

In Luke 19 - we have what what is meant by Christian conversion. On the way to the cross, our Lord passed through Jericho. It was an important city, 100,000 inhabitants. And it was fruitfull - figs, dates, palms - fruits of all kinds. Passing through here - he observed a man of short stature in the lower branches of a fig - mulberry tree, right over the route where he must pass. An informant said, his name is Zacchaeus. He's the receiver general of Roman taxes for this area. He is the most hated man in Jericho.

The evangelist writes that he was a tax collector and rich. Enormous taxes were collected on behalf of Rome. And out of them, Zacchaeus had unjustly enriched himself. Jesus looked up into that tree and his eyes meet Zacchaeus. And he saw the loneliness, the disappointment, the frustration. And the eager longing in his eyes. He said, Zacchaeus, come down quickly. I must have dinner at your house today.

Now this is a startling example of our Lord. He disregarded all popularity and prejudices, of the religious leaders and the people of his day. He knew that every Jew in the city would be out-raged if he would go to the home of a man who was standing up for Rome. He was a trader to his country. The people did not know that Jesus had come to seek and save that which is lost. And Zacchaeus was almost hopelessly lost.

Momentous things then happened under the roof as Jesus sat at Zacchaeus' table. When the meal was ended - our Lord finished his conversation with Zacchaeus the tax collector. He went to the door with the Master - and he addressed a crowd that had gathered there in the street. He said, Master, I want to be your follower. I want to show my gratitude and love by serving you

every day of my life. As proof of my conversion - I will examine my tax records. And where anyone has been unjustly treated, I will restore to him not merely what the law demands - but four times that which I have taken as proof of my change of heart. I want you to know that I intend to make 50% of my fortune available to distribute to the poor of Jericho.

Amazement went up in the crowd - could this be the man that they had known and hated for years. He was the same man and yet a different man. He was a new creation in Christ Jesus. In glowing terms, Jesus said, this day has salvation come to your house. Not merely to the tax collector himself - but all those who lived under the roof were richly blessed of God.

Now this is genuine conversion. And regeneration - it is spiritual re-birth. There was really no emotional experience. But an authentic change of heart. And it reached every area of his life. So every true conversion changes our attitude in each situation. The home, the social life, the business life, the religious life - our standards are cleansed and elevated.

What prevents so many people from experiencing this great lesson,

The problem is not lack of knowledge. It is lack of a purpose and needful power. We are prevented by forces that are too strong for us. From becoming men and women that we have always known that we ought to be. We are powerless to help or save ourselves. Now right here is where the divine miracle occurs. We cannot do for ourselves what God can do for us.

Now one of the sins that may hinder conversion is self-righteousness. We have arrived - we are perfect. Instead of keeping the Lord ever before us - we speak our own motto. And we begin to look around at our fellow Christians

and their sincerity. And we become guilty of blasphemy. Because we discover that here is a man who is false and hasn't any experience at all that I've had.

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant to his own master he stands or falls. He shall be holding up - God is able to make him stand. Rom. 14:4. Men become their own slaves - they are hampered by their own ineffectiveness.

Let us look away from our fellowmen. And let us lay aside every weight and every sin that so easily besets us. Let us run with patience the race that is set before us - looking unto Jesus. The author and finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:1,2.

Now here are some questions that each one can ask themselves.

What next step in spiritual progress will I make in curbing my impatience - mastering my selfishness, overcoming moral laxity. Am I satisfied with myself as I am. With the help of Christ, am I ready to take the next step, in spiritual advance. God put us here in this world for a purpose. Every man's life said Bushnell is a plan of God.

Now the New Testament has a long line of records containing changed lives. Men and women, who in the presence of Christ, became changed personalities. At least 28 personal interviews with Jesus are recorded in the Gospels. When we turn from the New Testament to the pages of personal history, we find that there are tens of thousands of persons - with some the change was gradual. With others it was spectacular. Revolutionary.

In the second half of the fourth century there was a young brilliant scholar who was frustrated with tears - Oh Lord, how long, how long. Tomorrow, and

tomorrow, and tomorrow. Why not now, why not this hour make an end of my weaknesses. The sound of his voice breaks in distress. And he takes up and he reads a copy of Paul's Epistle. And the first words that first meet his eyes - Rom. 13:13. Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day - not in drunkardness, not in quarrellings and jealousy, but put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provisions for the flesh gratify it's desire. Then followed the miracle of inward renewal. And Augustine became a mighty advocate of the church.

Many years later, in Italy, a well to do young man was making his way happily along the streets. He was going to a banquet hall and his name was Giovanni. He was a born leader. But in the midst of all of the riotous celebration, he disappears. His friends are bewildered. They can find him no where - he has disappeared from their midst. Now he must make his surrender to Christ. When his friends meet him again - he is totally changed. They find him devoting his life to prayer and to the service of the poor. His example and preaching instituted a revival of religion in Italy and he won the hearts of many. This young man had a great compassion and became known in history as Francis of Assisi.

There are so many illustrations - in the 20th century a young man 19 years of age enrolled in Oxford University. Before the year is over, he enlisted in the British Army. And he was in the thick of the fighting in France. He was wounded. And he was an invalid. And they sent him back to England and back to Oxford. His chief joy in his clever way was to cast barbs at Christians and Christianity.

But he kept on in Oxford and a voice above kept speaking to him. And the crisis came in Magdalene College. In his own bedroom he kneels in prayer.

And he makes a commitment to Christ. Today Prof. C. S. Lewis, who is the author of 18 books or more - the best known of which is "The Screwtape Letter" - it is recognized as the ablest defense in Brittain. He now labors to exhalt the faith of Christ, that he long tried to destroy. For if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away - behold, the new has come.
2 Cor. 5:17.

Evidence of the transforming power of Christ, in human life, ought to be manifest in every Christian church, as a normal part of his work.

There is no more powerful and compelling answer to this indifferent world than a spiritual dynamic which enters into the hearts of men and women, changes them to the very depths of their being.

In the Apostolic days, Peter and John stood on trial, before the Sanhedrin - it is recorded that the man who had been healed by the Apostles, at the beautiful gate of the temple - took his place beside them. We read, and beholding the man that was healed, standing with them, they could say nothing against it.
Acts 4:14.

There was a witness that was unanswerable. There was an argument for Christianity. The healed man. In the church of today, we must produce healed men and women. We must bring the best possible testimony to an unbelieving world.

The ~~church~~ in the United States and Canada, and throughout the world, has witnessed transformation of human lives, that have been as far reaching as those recorded in the New Testament. Discouraged men and women win the battle at every point, of their former defeat. Enslaved men and women to drugs - mastering

the passions. The things that had previously mastered them. Frustrated men and women have feelings of guilt for the wrongs they have done - confronted suddenly by Christ. And they experience the divine experience of going forth with the peace of God, keeping guard over their hearts.

The transformation of human lives recorded in the Bible are all reproducible experiences. Or else they would have no value for us. They are being repeated in our day.

So shall the restless, confused, and spiritually hungry multitudes seeing healed men and women appearing in the churches not only will be able to say nothing against it, but will be persuaded by God's Holy Spirit to turn their feet to the ways of God's commands.

There are so many illustrations in which we could give you statements by people who have had this same experience and been changed. I read about a young woman who was converted before she was 16, and she thought that God wanted her to work in Christian service, or as a medical missionary. And so she entered a nurse's course to equip her for this. But she never was happy and she began to blame God for allowing things to happen in her family and also to her. And then she soon began to feel like everybody was a hypocrite and that she was too. And she said, how could I say that I really love God, and have all of these grudges in my heart. When I sing God is love - and I felt that he had forgotten all about us. It wasn't long before she stopped going to church altogether.

Back in her mind, there was that scripture - no man having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. This haunted her day and night.

But the attitude in her heart didn't make for happiness. Her heart aches were indescribable. She said that she was afraid even of her own shadow. And she said that the bright idea came to me that if I might get rid of all of my books, that linked me with the past, I might feel better. So I began to destroy them. I gave away my expensive books - I tore up my examination papers, that I had been real proud of. I had cast aside things that I had stored for years in a trunk. I had made two attempts to destroy my whole life. But it failed. I realize that I had too much bitterness toward God, toward life, and it only increased, and I hated everything. And for five years everything went from bad to worse and I was under the constant care of a doctor. I was tossed about like a rubber ball. They finally decided to hospitalize me. I had terrific headaches and after many tests they decided to operate and explore the brain and this produced nothing. And so after going through all of this and the doctors which she had attending her - one Sunday afternoon she was listening to Dr. Bonnell over the radio preach. He asked his listeners to write him and let him know if there was anything that they would like him to discuss. These letters would guide him in meeting the needs of his audience. That afternoon she wrote him a letter. She waited several weeks and finally one day she received a letter. He told her that in going across his mail - he had come across her letter. This was about May, 1955. And he invited her to come and talk with him. She went to his office expecting very little.

He asked some questions - and she said she answered them matter of factly. And we talked about different things - and suddenly she began to cry. And there was no sound except my crying. The preacher was watching, thinking, and praying. And then quietly he began to recite some scripture verses from the Old Testament, Psa. 103. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Secretly I felt that I didn't have anything to bless the Lord for. Where were the benefits. He kept right on. And he came to the verse - as far as the East is from the West -

so far has he removed our transgressions from us. That verse struck my heart like an arrow. He finished and then he repeated that verse. As far as the East is from the West - so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Finally she said, I felt myself becoming calm - I stopped crying. Maybe this is what I had been looking for all of these years. Suddenly there flashed in my mind that 20 years had been wasted. I saw all the sins, my stubbornness, bitterness, selfishness, and my efforts to try to run away from things. I thought if I could get away from everything as far as the East is from the West, then somehow by chance it might bring me a measure of happiness.

The preacher ceased this opportunity to say, shall we pray. Shall we tell God all about it - all the terrible things you feel have happened to you. How you feel about him, about yourself, about people. Tell God all about it. She said, I said yes. I will, but I want to ask you one question first. What about those 20 wasted years - what do I do with them - what will I have to do about them. Just what happened to them.

He said, just take those 20 wasted years and drop them in the sea of God's forgetfulness. Together we prayed. We came back to the verse - Psalm 103 - and made it personal. And that night I became a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Now that is the personal testimony of a young woman talking to a group of 70 ministerial students and their wives at Princeton Theological Seminary.

That was the beginning of an entirely new life for her. It hasn't always been easy. And don't ever let anyone tell you that the Devil isn't real. She said, I know he is, I have battled him. She said never will I forget the first Sunday morning service I attended at 5th Avenue Church. I felt as though when I walked in - that every eye was upon me. The church was crowded. The usher found

me a seat in the balcony on the front row. And I felt that all of those eyes were looking upon me. And when the choir sang the final Amen - I finally made my way up to the front to speak to the preacher. I was almost breathless. All I could say was, well, I made it. Nobody but God and I will ever know what a victory that has been for me. Even if it had been a shakey one - but since that first service, the church has become sacred to me. And when I stood at the front of the church and was accepted as a member, it was one of the happiest moments of my life. I was happy to be alive - with a whole new life. And I said maybe there is some little job behind the scenes that I can do - and as the opportunities presented themselves - I was anxious that my concern was to live for him one day at a time to the best of my abilities and to leave the future in His hands.

I have often used as a prayer some verses from the beautiful hymn --

Oh Master let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free
Til me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way
In peace that only thoust can give
With thee, oh master, let me live.

The task of Christians is not to help people adjust or conform to their environment, or to help people lower their morals - but it is to lead them to any experience where there will be a transformation - where life will be made over again.

Paul stated it - do not be conformed to this world - but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. That ye may prove what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable, and perfect.

So it is not sorrow for your sins. You may find a few defeats - and wish the heart was as clean as the linen of the bed. Almost everyone feels remorse for his wrong doings. But leading a farm horse along a race track - will not make him a race horse. And just joining the church will not make you a Christian - unless through that experience your nature is changed. Have you been born again - the spiritual birth. The sin been cast off.

It is waiting for you. A God given life can be yours.

It is now your move - you must claim it.

I've been told that there is a vast estate of 3 million dollars in a Chicago bank waiting for the rightful heir to come and claim it. But as yet, there are no takers.

God has provided a much better inheritance for you - but being a just ethical, righteous God, he will not force it upon you. It is a gift. Will you take it. It is an inheritance, will you receive it. It is the greatest proposition ever offered to man. Will you accept it.

This conversion is a real revolutionary birth. It is new - old things were passed away. Now we are not setting down a lot of do's and don'ts for you. We are bringing to you what Jesus said. Now a carpenter will tell you it is better and more economical to construct a new house than to patch up an old one. Now in the spiritual realm - there is nothing in our old nature

that is worth saving. Our thoughts are full of deceit, our mouths full of cursing, the way of peace we have not known. There is none that doeth good - no, not one. Turn to Christ today - He will save you!