

SIN Is Not Weakness Or Shortcoming; It Is Disease and Crime Against God

Only the Blood of Christ Can Cleanse Mankind of Sinfulness; Don't Put Limitations On God's Power.

By Rev. J. F. WILLIAMS, D. D., Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

"Though your sin be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isaiah, 1:18.

THE Bible is a fearful book on sin. God is displeased with the red handed sinner, but there is something, it seems to me, far more displeasing to him—sacrifice and burnt offering which are mere formalism.

When we make salvation depend upon a mere economy or membership in a church instead of faith in Christ, we do hopeless injury to immortal souls.

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In the light of the cross no thinking man can look lightly upon sin. I read this incident. A son had forged his father's name and drawn money from a bank.

Yes, it was for crimes that I had done he groined upon the tree. Consider in the second place the other erroneous view of sin, far less prevalent than the one just presented—that there is mercy for me, will he heed a man has a true conception of the awfulness of sin, a realization of the punishment sin deserves, and by very reason of these facts he desires to be saved.

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Pleading, cursing, dreading to die; Selling my soul to whoever would buy; Denying in shame for a morsel of bread; Hating the living and fearing the dead.

Would he abundantly Repaid. If I could know that my appeal at the coffin side of that young woman availed to turn even one of her associates in shame to a life of purity, I would be a thousandfold repaid for the message on that occasion.

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Building of Railroads in Far Northern Territory Encourages Church Bodies to Greater Effort; Unitarian Plan to Change Name; Peace Conferences For Europe Are Planned.

CHRISTIAN leaders alert for new fields are fixing their ambitious eyes on Alaska. The decision of the United States government as to the railroad routes into that territory is being anticipated.

UNITARIANS PLAN TO ADOPT A NEW NAME. Another Christian body is disintegrating with its name and is hunting for a new one. A month ago the secretary of the American Unitarian association, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, uttered what is said to be the first plan to abolish the name "Unitarianism."

CONGREGATIONALISTS NOW HAVE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY. Congregational organizations, the missionary ones leading, have elected an educational secretary whose work is to be on the lines pushed by Rev. John M. Moore for Baptists and Rev. W. R. Gray for Episcopalians.

SENTENCE SERMONS BY EL PASO MINISTERS. GODNESS is the goal of the whole process of creation.—Rev. Miles Hanson of the First Congregational church.

have been proceeding for a decade or more. The American society is sending Rev. Dr. William I. Haven, one of its secretaries, to visit its agencies in the Far East, including Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines, Siam, and on the way back the agency in the Levant, with headquarters at Constantinople.

PEACE COUNCILS TO BE HELD IN EUROPE. Two peace councils are to be held in Europe this summer, one for Protestants and ministers in Constantinople, Switzerland, the other for Catholics ones in London.

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