

WHERE WE ANSWER THE PREACHER'S CHALLENGE

"Why I Preach Jesus" — A
Sermon by Rev. Chas. H.
Harrington.

Rev. Charles H. Harrington, a
pastor of the Baptist Church
in Andover, stopped over night with
Andover friends, attended the prayer
meeting at the Baptist Church and
will be in the morning on the edit-
ors of the News. Thru the years past
he has left Andover we have al-
ways remained warm personal
friends. So when the genial pastor
came on leaving us Friday
morning, he gave me a copy of one of
his good sermons out of his pocket
in pamphlet form with the challenge:
"You don't dare print that." We
could make no rejoinder, but our an-
swer follows.

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West Virginia.

Matthew 16-18 "And Simon, Peter
answered and said, Thou art the
Christ, the Son of the living God."

It was on that last journey thru
Galilee, Philip, that Jesus asked the
question, "Whom do men say that I,
the Son of Man, am?" a time when
the heart was craving for human sym-
pathy and understanding, and Peter
gave the testimony that he be-
lieved Jesus was the Son of God. It
must have cheered the heart of the
Master. Then after the resurrec-
tion, Thomas had said that he would
believe that Jesus had risen from the
dead, until he could put his finger
in the print of the nails in His
hands, and also in the spear wound
in His side. It was when Jesus ap-
peared before him in that upper
room, that Thomas fell at his feet
and cried "My Lord and My God!"
I am quite sure that if somebody
said to you, "Thou art the Christ,"
or, "My Lord and my God," you
would rebuke them and say what
Peter said to Cornelius, when Cor-
nelius fell down to worship him.
"Stand on thy feet, for I also am
a man as thou art." You would say,
"Please excuse me, you have come
to the wrong person." But Jesus
did not rebuke either Peter or Thom-
as, but commended them, and ac-
cepted their worship. Jesus was
what He represented himself to be,
and he was a pronounced hypo-

rite. Jesus was not a victim of men-
tal hallucination, He was just what
Thomas proclaimed Him to be, The
Son of God.

To be a preacher is the greatest
calling in the world, and to preach
Jesus Christ is the greatest theme
any man in the world ever had.
Some men tell men they are called
to preach, but evidently God called
the wrong number. Men for ages
have been asked the question, like
a school boy, "Who was Jesus?"
And no other question is quite so
important as this, except that other
one, "What are you going to do with
Jesus?" When you find out who He is,
when you discover Him, you will have
the solution to many, nay all, of the
questions and problems that trouble
you; that are connected with the per-
son of Jesus. Great is the mystery
of Godliness, and minds have sought
for a definition of that word Godli-
ness, and grappled with its mystery.
The Holy Spirit has revealed much to
us—but, after all, we stand as
Sir Isaac Newton said, "Like a school
boy walking on the seashore picking
up a pebble, while a vast ocean rolls
at our feet."

I have no time to debate the doc-
trine of the Deity of Christ. If I
did we would never all agree. I
have no patience with the heresy
hunters who spend their time split-
ting theological hairs over some little
deflection of doctrine or word. But
we must come to an understanding
and agree upon the one thing upon
which the whole Christian religion
rests. The Deity of Jesus Christ;
there must be of one mind on that
point. Deny it, and the whole sys-
tem will collapse, for you have taken
the keystone from the arch.

Deity and Divinity
I have been asked, "What is the
difference between the divinity and
deity?" There is one Deity. He
is God, and if Christ was God, John
was right when he said "The word
was made flesh and dwelt among us."
Then Jesus Christ was Deity as
God is Deity.

Men say to me, "I can believe
that Jesus was divine," I ask, "But,
how do you believe he is divine?"
The reply comes, "I can believe a
rose is divine, or a tin can may be
divine, if you will allow me my own
definition of divinity." But I say,
"Tell me do you believe Jesus was
divine?" "Yes," he replies, "Just as
any other good man is divine: that
is, Jesus had no distinctive divinity,
nothing peculiar that other men did
not have. He was the best man that
ever lived, perhaps in that sense he
was divine. He had only the same
kind of divinity you and I have."

Who Filled the Jail?
Then comes applause from the

galleries, and the Scribes and Pharisees, and Doctors of the Law, with
the little spider legged students, their
hair plastered down with bear grease,
eyes like owls thru horn spectacles,
and dum bell coats that make them
look like a kangaroo, cry out their
"huzzas." But if I know the Greek,
Hebrew, or straight plain unvarnished
English, it robs Jesus of His
Saviorhood, and power to redeem a
soul from sin. But the bunch out
there say there is no such thing as
sin, it is error, Error? Ask them
the question, "Who robbed that wo-
man of all that is worthwhile?"
"Who sends the poor soiled dove
home to her mother, in shame and
despair?" "Who filled up the county
jail?" Error? No, it is sin—SIN.

Unbelievers Testimony
You may tell me that when Pilate
tried Jesus, he found no fault in
Him, or when Diderot spoke of Jesus
he called him, "The Unsurpassed."
Napoleon, called him "The Emperor
of Love." I need something more than
a statement of his character, what
I need is a Saviour from sin, a God,
to be my Saviour. Doesn't the Bible
make that plain? But men say it
is mysterious. Yes, there are many
things that I cannot understand, but
here is the challenge, "Who do
men say that I am?" You must
answer that. You cannot evade it.
We need a clear understanding about
it.

Leave Christ the Redeemer out
of the teachings of men, and out of
the human heart, and we have hu-
manitarianism, that men call a gospel
of sweetness and light, but it is a
gospel without the power to save.

The Microscope
Science declares, and chemists
have recently stated, that man is a
compound of just enough fat for
seven bars of soap, enough iron to
make two ten-penny nails, enough sug-
ar for one cup of coffee; enough lime
to white-wash a chicken coop; enough
sulphur to rid a little yellow dog of
fleas. But the thing that wills, sor-
rows, and joys, cannot be put there
by science. You will never find Je-
sus thru a microscope. Just your eye
to the Bible and you will find Jesus.

Refined Paganism
What have the teachings for years,
with their infidelity brought about?
The teaching of the "survival of the
fittest," what has it done for the
people over the seas? They are cry-
ing over there, "To hell with your
order." Society is filled with a re-
fined paganism. The world's ache
is heart ache. Jeremiahs are never
welcomed. They are never wanted.
We do not want a skeleton at the
feast. But these are perilous times.
We are on the edge of a starless

night, standing by the deep abyss.
What have the teachings of the
Liberalists brought about? The mod-
ern philosophy that denies the crea-
tion given by God in the first three
chapters of Genesis, that teaches
that man came from fortuitous cir-
cumstances, from a monkey, rather
than being a creative act of the Al-
mighty God. I believe in the 'Old
Book, and The Old Faith.' (Some of
my ancestors may have hung by the
neck, but one thing I am sure of
they never hung by their tail.)

What has this teaching done?
Taken away my Lord, abolished fam-
ily altars, taken the Bible out of
Public Schools, made personal piety
totter, and loosened morality. The
secular press reports that in England,
"Communist mobs are repeatedly
breaking up the public worship of
Christians. Recently an organized
attack of these cult-crazed hoodlums
was made on one of Gypsy Smith's
meetings. Pandemonium reigned,
prayer was interrupted by blasphem-
ous cries, and hymns were counter-
ed by the red flag. The organist
was threatened and compelled to stop
playing, and for the first time in his
life Gypsy Smith was refused a hear-
ing."

How Long?
How long before we shall have this
in America? The teaching of the
sweet theories of human philosophies
of foolish preachers who in their
lust for world applause slander
Christ and Christianity; how shall
we meet it? With Jesus Christ, the
Son of God, conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of a woman, who lived
suffered the death of the cross, rose
again, and who is now at the right
hand of God.

That is why I preach Jesus. He
is the cure for the world's heartache.
Isaiah called Him "The Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father." John said
"The word was made flesh and dwelt
among us, (and we beheld His glory
as the only begotten of the Father,) full
of grace and truth."

Peter said, "For he received from
God the Father honor and glory,
when there came a voice the excel-
lent glory, 'This is my beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased.'"

Paul said, "He is the God of glory,
Christ who is ever all God blessed,
blessed forever." I preach Jesus be-
cause of His divine power. There
is no other way to know God. "No
man knoweth the Son, but the Fa-
ther, and no man knoweth the Fa-
ther, but the Son, and he to whom
soever the Son will reveal him."
Matt IX 27.

Why I Preach Jesus
What daring the language He
used. What divine power he dis-
played. "Whatsoever the Father

giveth the Son doeth likewise,"
"Power to raise the dead," pow-
er to forgive sin, divine authority
over the seas, disease and sin." I
preach Jesus because of all these
and because of His matchless char-
acter. He never wavered, His word
and works agreed. I say he never
wavered a single second. Born in a
particular place and age, He has the
world of all ages at His feet. Every
man has his good points but Jesus
had them all. I preach Jesus because
of His teachings, His masterful lead-
ership. "Never man spake like this
man, the whole world has gone after
him," was the statement of his ene-
mies.

In moments of sorrow he reveals
Himself as the resurrection and the
life. Blessed be God, I preach Him
because of His faithfulness. I
PREACH JESUS A GREAT SA-
VIOR. A Saviour that changes
darkness into light, dirt and disease
into purity and light.

I saw them transform the dirty
water that stood in the pool, thru
the process of filtration, into a clear
water that sparkled like crystal in
the sunlight. Jesus took Paul, and
changed him, from an unbeliever
and persecutor of the saints, to Paul
the Apostle, and the Hero of the
faith.

He took John Fulton, that drunken
saloon keeper, and changed him into
a man of God, a souls winner, and
mission worker.

He took "Mel" Trotter, who says
he was so low down that he had to
reach up to touch bottom, and sent
him out to preach the gospel of
Jesus Christ. He took me and saved
me. He takes poor worthless men
and women and changes them. Do
you think I am going to turn my
back on a Saviour like that? No
sir.

Do you want a Christ like that?
What shall the end be to them that
obey not the gospel? You cannot
afford to live without him.

A Man's Job

What are you going to do when
the undertaker comes to measure
you for your shroud? What will
you do when the night comes and
the stars are dead? In my vision
I saw the great Judge on the throne.
I looked thru the gates. The rich
man came and pointed to his bags
of gold and his stocks and bonds,
his vast treasures, and the angel
pointed to the streets that are paved
with gold. The moral man came with
his good deeds and the angel said,
"Not by works of righteousness lest
any man should boast." Another
came with his good name from his
neighbors, but the angel shook his
head, "There is none other name
given under heaven, whereby we must

be saved first by the name of Jesus."
Then another came showing empty
hands outstretched, and saying
"Nothing in my hands I bring, simply
to thy cross I cling." The gates
rolled back. The hallelujah chorus
sang. I heard the host of the re-
deemed crying:

"The mighty God, the everlasting
Father, the Prince of peace.
Then it seemed that heavens' or-
chestra played while the angels and
saints of heaven sang:
"All hail the power of Jesus name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him, Lord of all."
Will you crown Him? Will you
make Him your Saviour tonight?
God help you to do it. Come, make
Him king. It is a big proposition.
It's a man's job but it is worth it.

OUR CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. C. H. Whelan, Pastor.
Sunday morning, August 12, 1923
Rev. H. H. Witham, Superintendent
of Clean District, will preach.

BAPTIST

Rev. A. D. Shepard, Pastor

Morning worship 10:30
Subject "Calls from Christ."
Bible School 12 M.
Evening worship 7:30.
Theme "Beauty for Ashes."
Thursday evening is our mid-week
meeting for prayer and testimony.
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you will reap a great blessing.
Our Slogan—The whole of the
Christ, and the whole of the the
Bible for the whole world.
The Home-like Church with a wel-
come for all.

PRESBYTERIAN

Royal E. MacGowan, B. D., S. T. B.

Sunday, August 12th.
Morning Service, 10:30 A. M.
Sermon: "The Radiant Glory of
God."

The usual evening services of the
church will be omitted during the
month of August.

On Monday evening, August 13th,
there will be a meeting of the ladies,
and others interested in the Harvest
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The annual Harvest Home celebra-
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