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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would appreciate it very much if you would please insert in the "Letter to the Editor" column, the very important message printed below. Thank you very much for your time and efforts.

Yours truly,

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MESSAGE FOR LETTER TO EDITOR COLUMN

"MAN CANNOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE!" (Math. 4:4) These are Jesus famous words in His epic battle with satan; and are just as true today as when spoken 2,000 years ago.

To overcome financial, physical, mental or health problems in this life, and at the same time gain eternal life; read five chapters each day from the gospels, (Matthew - John) and BELIEVE.

John 17:17

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Salvation or Religion



BY T.L. OSBORN

I HAVE TRAVELED all over the world. The thing which has amazed me the most is the many different religions. Every country has its own kind. Many countries have many kinds.

All of these religions cannot be right. There is only one God, the Creator of all things. God made man in His own likeness. God loves man. What is the right way to find God, to please Him and to serve Him?

I have decided that one religion is about as good as another. But religion cannot save—no matter what kind it is.

In some countries I have seen people burn incense, bring offerings and pray to large images. But they went away sorrowful. No answer came. No miracle was wrought. No change was made.

I've watched people torture themselves, walk through fire, cut themselves, flog their own bodies until blood ran freely; I've watched others stick pins and nails through their flesh. But when it was done, they still were unchanged. No miracles were wrought. No change was made. No peace came. They had to go again and again in a constant effort to find peace.

I've seen others crawl long distances on their knees, until their legs bled, or sit for hours looking at the sun, or go long periods without food. But no lasting peace came.

Others attend religious services, and read prayers, but no miracles take place; no new life comes; no salvation.

My friend, religion cannot save. There is no salvation in any religion regardless of what kind it is.

God made us. God can give us peace. He alone has shown us the way—the only way. It is through faith in Him and in His Word.

Religion cannot impart a new life, and you must receive a new life to be saved. Salvation is a new life within you—not a form or a ceremony you go through.

Man was created perfect and fellowship with God. But Satan came, tempted man and he sinned. His sin separated him from God. Man feels a sense of guilt and shame before God and he always tries to find a way to please God. That is why we have all of these different religions. They are evidence that men are seeking God. But sin has blinded their way and that is why they do so many things without finding the peace they seek.

God has provided a way for us to be redeemed and saved from our sins. He gave His Son, Jesus, who came and laid down His life in death on the cross. When He did that, He was suffering the punishment of our sins for us. Now that He gave His life and blood for us, our sins are blotted out if we believe on Jesus Christ, and He is willing to come into our lives

and impart to us His life and His salvation.

The Bible says: "Neither is there salvation in any other: For there is none other Name under heaven . . . whereby we must be saved" (Ac. 4:12).

The Bible says: "Call His Name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21).

Salvation is found only in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for us. Jesus saves. Religion does not save.

Jesus told about two men praying. One trusted in "religion." One knew He was a sinner and needed a new life.

The religious man bragged of himself and said: "I thank thee that I am not as others are, unjust, adulterers, or like that sinner there." Then he told God how he gave money to his religion and fasted.

Then the other poor man prayed. But he did not even feel worthy to look up to God but bowed low, smote his breast, and said: "Oh, God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus said the last one received mercy but the "religious" man received nothing!

A very great religious man came to Jesus (Jn. 3). The Bible says he was devout—a religious ruler. His religion had high moral standards, they had long prayers and days of . . . ng.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (Jn. 3:7).

Oh, he was shocked, but Jesus said,

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Religion, no matter how good, can't take away our sin. Only Jesus can save us from our sins. The Bible says, "(He) taketh away the sin of the world" (Jn. 1:29). Oh, trust Him.

My friends, "the wages of sin is death" (Ro. 6:23). And God says He has no pleasure in the soul that dieth (Eze. 18:32). He says: "Come to me and receive life." Do not trust your soul on some religion. Trust Jesus Christ to save you.

Religion is a form. Jesus gives you life. The Bible says, "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son . . . hath not life" (I Jn. 5:11-12).

This is a miracle. It is a new birth. You were born of the flesh. But when Jesus comes into you as your Saviour, He imparts to you eternal life. You will be a new creation, A new person, a new life. You will be born again. His peace will fill your soul. Your guilt will be gone. You will be changed—made new—new with the life of Jesus Christ.

No religion can save. Even the Christian religion cannot save. A church cannot save you. Jesus Christ the Son of God is the only Saviour. He shed His blood for your sins. Believe on Him. Receive Him by faith into your heart now. Believe His promise. He will blot out every sin. He will save your soul. He alone can impart a new life to you.

Accept Him now. ▲

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