

A Bible students' convention has been in progress several days in the London Tabernacle, Lancaster, Pa. W. Pastor Russell delivered two addresses during the convention. We report one of them from the text: "Else were your children unholy, but now are they holy—1 Corinthians 7:14."

The pastor declared that his text, which differentiated between the holy and not holy infants, was probably the basis for much of the confusion which has prevailed in all denominations on the subject of infant baptism and infant damnation. Before discussing his text, he wished to call the attention of his hearers to the fact that about two months ago the Presbyterian general assembly in the United States had taken a very advanced theological step on this subject. According to telegraphic dispatches, it has altered the Presbyterian confession of faith so as to save the non-elect infants as well as the elect ones.

The thought that God had arranged a plan by which some infants would go to heaven at death, and other infants would go to eternal torture, has for centuries greatly troubled the mind of all Christian people—Catholic and Protestant. Some said that the elect infants would be saved and the non-elect infants would be tormented. Others had it that any infant by baptism would be brought into the church and be saved, while infants not thus baptized or sprinkled would go to eternal torture. Others had it that none could be saved without regeneration, and those were perplexed to know how infants could be said to be regenerated. Therefore how could they believe that any infants would be saved? The heads of all good people have suffered terribly for many centuries because of these confused ideas.

It is gratifying, the pastor declared, to see that with the Presbyterians, at least, love and sympathy have triumphed; and that, so far as they are concerned, thirty thousand infants daily go to heaven, instead of going to hell. Certainly this is a missionary project of no mean proportions! At this rate they do not believe that heaven will soon begin to have reasonable proportions as compared with hell. We regret that the brethren did not take any measure looking toward the relief of the non-elect infants of the past who now must number thousands of millions. It is worthy of consideration, and we trust will have their attention.

And since the matter is so easily adjusted, why would it not be the proper thing for all Christian denominations to follow the lead and example of the Presbyterians? We fear that not many of the other denominations will join the Presbyterians in their generous work of helping the infants. They might reason that if all infants dying in infancy are saved, it might be the safest thing that parents could do for their children to insure their eternal salvation by killing them in infancy. Then baby incubators and various devices—medicines, food, etc.—intended for the preservation of infants' lives might come to be considered detrimental to the eternal interests of the children!

But how foolish all such theories seem! How beautiful by contrast is the simple teaching of the Bible, that the salvation for all—old and young, of heathen lands as well as of Christian lands—is through the resurrection power of Messiah's kingdom—through its enlightening and uplifting, or resurrecting influence! Why should we longer trouble with the errors of the dark ages when God's message, the Bible, is now opening up for His people, shining as an electric lamp, in contrast with the tallow-candle darkness of the creeds?

Unable to Agree.

Pastor Russell declared that he felt great sympathy for the move made by the Presbyterian brethren, but, nevertheless, he was unable to agree with their conclusions, believing that the Bible teaches otherwise. He realized that the Presbyterian view of the death made it difficult for them to deal with the non-elect, both adults and infants. He found the scriptures declaring that God is selecting, or electing, the church from amongst the world. He concluded that those not elected

would be properly termed non-elect. But he found nothing in the Bible to justify a non-elect going to joint hell with the elect. He would mean predestination to an eternity of torture.

The pastor realized, too, that the Presbyterian friends must feel considerable embarrassment in trying to adjust themselves to their changed creed. For if there are no non-elect infants, then all infants are elect; and if elect when infants, how could their predestination change with advancing years? His sympathetic advice to Presbyterian brethren is, that the entire creed be revised; or, better still, that it and all other creeds be abandoned, and the Bible as a whole be accepted. Then, he argued, all Bible students could come together without prejudice for mutual assistance and untrammeled growth in grace along Bible lines.

While the pastor mentioned Presbyterians, his thought included all Christians. For surely many others than Presbyterians have been consigning adults and infants to the number of at least 99,999 every day, or 22,000,000 every year, to eternal torture, if not because non-elect, then because unregenerate, or unbaptized. Surely all intelligent people are out of accord with such a proposition. Surely all must agree that some great mistake has been made during the dark ages, and that upon the influence of that mistake, as expressed in our creeds, our God has been slandered. Surely today every thinking person will concede that a human being planning such atrocities would be a thousand times more devilish than any one known in history. And surely our great God, our Creator, could not be worse than the worst and most depraved of all His creatures.

On the contrary, God must of necessity be the very personification of all the graces—justice, wisdom, love and power. Evidently the God who foreknew and determined to send these 22,000,000 human beings per year to an eternity of torture would not only not be a God at all, but would be the most terrible devil that the human mind could conceive!

Bible students are realizing that a great mistake has occurred, and that the Bible teaches nothing of the kind we had supposed. More and more, as the eyes of their understanding open to proper interpretations of God's word, they are appreciating the divine character and the Bible as never before.

The pastor declared that a week from now he will consider some of the Master's dark sayings, and show how they have been misinterpreted and misapplied. Today he must content himself with the subject in hand. He must discuss God's relationship to the heathen and to infants.

He Still Sees Difficulties.

As we understand it, said the pastor, our Presbyterian friends have changed the sentiment of the creed, which formerly read, "Elect infants dying in infancy are saved"—taking out the word "elect," and letting it read, "Infants dying in infancy are saved." But is this true? Do our Presbyterian friends believe this?

Come, let us reason together. Are not the children as well as the more mature members of Adam's family born in sin and misshapen in iniquity? Are not all these by nature "children of wrath"? Did not every member of Adam's family come under his sentence and participate in the penalty or curse of his sin—"Dying, thou shalt die"? Is not this the reason that infants die at all? Will not all concede that had there been no sin there had been no death in the human family? Does not St. Paul distinctly state this, saying: "By one man's disobedience sin entered the world, and death as the result of sin, and thus death passed upon all men because all are sinners"—Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5.

All Condemned Nod Redemption.

Surely all Christian people, Presbyterians especially, will agree with me that the sentence of death, passed upon Father Adam and inherited by his race, must needs be settled, canceled, before any of his posterity, old or young, could be released from the penalty. True, we all agree that the death of the Lord Jesus Christ is the redemption

price and that He provided it more than eighteen centuries ago. But do we not also agree that Jesus' death, of itself, saves nobody; that His merit becomes applicable merely to use of the church at such time as we believe in it and accept it, appropriating it to ourselves?

Is not this the proclamation of the gospel age—Believe! Believe! Do we not remember the Bible declaration that we are justified by faith, not by being infants? And do we not all agree that faith cannot be exercised except by a more or less developed mind? Hence all should agree that the scriptural proposition is, that infants shared in Adam's sentence of death, and have provision also in the redemptive work of Jesus. Nevertheless, they can be saved only by coming to a knowledge of God and of Jesus, and by their exercising faith and obedience to the extent of ability. We believe this to be an undebatable proposition.

If this be so then our Presbyterian brethren overstate the matter when they declare that all infants dying in infancy are saved. They might very properly say: All infants dying in infancy, and everybody else, come under the provision of divine grace in Christ, and must all be brought to a knowledge of the truth, that they may be saved; and then when thus brought to know the Lord and the terms of salvation, the results will depend upon themselves. If they accept, they may have the everlasting life provided; if they reject, they will experience the second death.

What Say the Scriptures?

We have already intimated the teachings of the Bible. All mankind came under the divine curse, or sentence of death, not eternal torment. "In due time Christ died for the ungodly"—for those who lived before His crucifixion, and of all born since—for white and black, old and young—in every nation. Because of this general redemption, coextensive with the curse, or sentence of death, there is to be a recovery from the curse of death. All mankind are thus to be made amenable to a release from the death penalty—to have the opportunity of being rescued, out of sin and death conditions back to perfect life conditions. Only those who willfully and intelligently reject this grace of God will die the second death—be blotted out as though they had never been—perish like natural brute beasts.—2 Peter 2:12.

From this standpoint we see that nobody is saved yet. All—both infants and adults, heathen and Christians—go to Sheol, Hades, the tomb, until the glorious morning of the new dispensation, Messiah's kingdom of glory. Then the church will constitute the first resurrection class, to heavenly glories and honors and divine nature.

Following this, the church with her Lord will reign as kings and priests, for the blessing of the entire human family, of all ages, nationalities and colors.

In other words, according to the Bible, none have gone to heaven. As Jesus said, "No man hath ascended into Heaven." (John 3:13.) Hence there are no infants in heaven. All infants who have died have gone to the Bible hell, the tomb, and "know not anything." They merely await the time when the kingdom shall be in power, and the awakening processes shall begin to operate, and they shall come forth from death—each in his own kind, or company.—1 Corinthians 15:21; John 5:28-29.

There is another theological theory, which has no scriptural foundation, but which claims that every infant is immortal, and that the present life, long or short, favorable or unfavorable, constitutes the only opportunity ever to be enjoyed for reforming character and becoming fit for a happy eternity. Hence, according to this scriptural theory, the children of unbelievers—conceived and born in sin and depravity as are all mankind, more or less—are unprepared for an eternity of bliss, and consequently must spend that eternity in pain and horror.

But let us fill the mind of this false theory, and see how it fares. As the word of God declares, "God only hath immortality." Therefore, no infants are immortal. When God said, "The soul that sinneth it shall die," He meant it. When He declared, "All the wicked I shall destroy," He meant it. The penalty upon Adam and his race is death; and therefore children born in sin and depravity are therefore the children of unbelievers would be dead, if the one man's ransom was the ransom for all. The children of unbelievers were redeemed from the entire condemnation of death. Indeed, none but sinners were redeemed. "Christ died for the ungodly." All are ungodly; all are sinners, none, all die; and all need to be redeemed, else they would have no hope of a resurrection.

In the Messianic kingdom, the resurrection age, children of believers will have a little advantage over the children of unbelievers, in that they will have less depraved organisms when awakened. But under the grand resurrection processes then at work, such disadvantages will soon be overcome. All who are willing and obedient shall be brought to a full knowledge of the truth and full opportunities for complete restitution, back to all that was lost in Adam, for himself and his posterity. In that day it will no more be said, "The fathers have eaten a sour grape and the children's teeth are set on edge." "Everyone shall die for his own iniquity." The soul that sinneth it shall die.—Jeremiah 31:29-30; Ezekiel 18:2-4.

How reasonable are the ways of God! How plainly are they stated in the word! Those who have the eye and the ear of faith, who are hearkening to the word of the living God rather than to the joy and peace of mind which is source of strength unknown to others.

According to the divine arrangement, parents are responsible in respect to their children. The conscientious parent has a wonderful opportunity to train his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Christian parent should earnestly seek for the wisdom from above, that he may be able to rightly discharge his duties under all circumstances, even the most trying.

STYLES FOR EARLY AUTUMN WEAR SHOW MANY SMART NEW FEATURES

New York, Aug. 16.—The summer ending, women's thought turn eagerly to fashions for fall. Already the features which will characterize the modes for the approaching season have been announced by the arbiters of style, and begin to appear in the early models. There have been whisperings about history repeating itself, of a return to the evolution in progress, of the ultimate ermine; but it must, indeed, be a seer to predict such a reversal in the face of such feminine fashions as now hold sway. Could the artists who have created the clinging robes of such consummate grace and beauty of the past few seasons perpetrate such horrors as the old-time hooded skirts? Modern woman forbid! We will not, at least, contemplate the crossing of that bridge till it falls upon it. The present, with all its fascinating illusions in various little, delicate lace, chiffons, crepes and the softest of silks, is still delightfully ours, and will merge much of its charm into the approaching season.

Pur upon a midsummer frock seemed paradoxical. Playing a similar prank, Dame Fashion now chooses for frosty weather the filmy fabrics that previously have been considered the prerogatives of spring and summer. Mid-lady's fall wardrobe may embrace gowns of almost creation and most ethereal lightness; but, of course, the more substantial things will be there, too, and it is perhaps more essential to know about these in detail. In selecting a model for the early fall street costume, one could scarcely do better than to choose the chic skirt and blouse represented in the first figure. The fashionable skirt of tartan plaid, in green, blue and tan broadcloth, and waist of green faille silk, with tan



FIGURE ONE.

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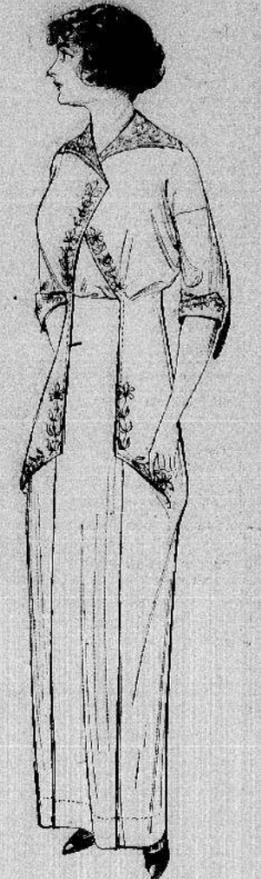


FIGURE TWO.

latin collar and cuffs, both show the most up-to-date lines; a stunning two-piece dress. Both skirt and blouse show smart button trimming, a popular feature for the season.

Do not fail to notice the correct new pelum, lapping, with the blouse, from left to right. This is the way the women of Japan close their kimono, and is the way all men's garments are lapped, but it seems an innovation for woman's dress here, and a really new idea. A modish costume like this would be appropriate for many occasions, and with the addition of ice or net accessories, such as are so much in vogue, a more dressy appearance may at once be effected. Also, if one has a particularly fetching grille or scarf, this will give a vivid touch of color and would prove very attractive. A black velvet girdle, with a smart little bow and buckle, would look well with this, and with various other blouses.

The woman who knows the value and economy in providing for her toilettes the newest in dress accessories will have at hand a dozen different arrangements to vary her gowns, and this always look smartly dressed, it is oftenest in the details that effect is obtained. The main thing at present, however, is to achieve the fashionable figure. This does not mean, as it once did, that one's natural form must be distorted by uncomfortably tight-laced corsets. Just the contrary. The ultra blouse of the corset, and the increased fulness of the skirt about waist and hips, speak for absolute freedom of the body, and ease of pose and movement. This necessitates a very noticeable change in corsets, and it is hinted they may be entirely discarded. The figure must be natural, and the difference in the silhouette as seen in the near future will be occasioned only by the newer pleated pelum and the Persian tunics, as the drapery will still be of the kind that hangs to the figure. Even the tailored coat is of amazing suppleness and clinging grace; but being vague in outline, and of excessive looseness, there is no delineation of the figure.

There are, as usual, new weaves and finishes in materials for the tailored suit. In mixtures of Australian wool and cashmere are peau de peche and peau de loutre. The Jacquard weaves are popular, and faille, plain and with damask designs, is seen in some of the prettiest gowns. The plaid broadcloths are special favorites, and are effectively combined with the plain. Wool and silk crepes are much in demand for morning and afternoon toilettes.

The problem of choosing a gown for these semidress occasions, one which is to be in frequent requisition, and that will be neither lacking in decorative features nor embellished with easily perishable trimming, is solved with great satisfaction in a gown of Canton crepe, with embroidered garniture. Such a one is reproduced in the second figure. The color is ecru, that always fashionable hue, and just now much in vogue. The collar and cuffs are in rather blue broadcloth crepe, which furnishes a beautiful background for the embroidery in peacock shades of blue and green, bronze and rust-red. Using an Oriental idea, and one which the Chinese have proved most effective, the blouse fronts and sides of the skirt also show ornament in embroidery. The result is a gown of elegance, but one which will wear extremely well and retain all its charm as long as it lasts, and this appeals to all women with more or less limited incomes. The embroidery can be done in a short time, as course and loose stitches are the mode. For receptions, afternoon teas and informal evenings, the woman in such a frock as this will appear correctly gowned.

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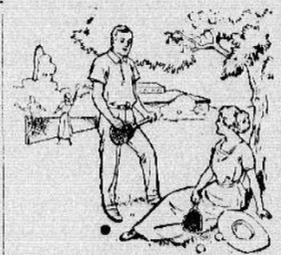
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