



THIS IS THE GOSPEL;

Text: (Rom. 5-12). For by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin. And so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

I want to speak on the subject of the power of sin. Sin begins as a little thing in the heart of an individual. Man is born into this world under its curse, and under condemnation to God. (Rom. 3-23) the Bible says, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." As this sin is allowed to grow in the heart of the individual, he or she is brought under its power more and more until finally they become a slave to its power, and sin holds dominion over them. It's sin that makes the social drinker a drunkard. It's a tobacco demon that makes people a slave to the tobacco habit.

There are thousands of demon Spirits in this world today. They cannot be seen, but never the less they are active. They are under the leadership of Satan, the Ruler of the darkness of this world. Much of the extreme nervous conditions many people are bothered with today, and oppression of the mind, can be attributed to demon spirits. Jesus encountered them in his day, and so did the Apostles. These demon spirits are more active today than ever before, afflicting people's bodies with sickness and disease. And turning them from God and his plan of salvation. It was sin that caused Cain to kill Abel. It was sin that caused God to bring the flood down on the people of Noah's day. Sin is a transgression of Gods law, and it separates the soul from God. Paul speaks about sin worrying in his members and making him a slave to its power. In (Rom. 7, 19-20) he said, "for the good that I would I do not. But the evil that I would not that I do." This Scripture refers to his fallen state, before his conversion. And shows that he was a slave to its power. Sin blights and ruins men's lives. It breaks up homes, it causes murder, lawlessness, the fires of passion and greed, hate and lust, are sweeping this earth, of ours because of sin. History has reached a climax, something must give. The morale of this nation is lower than it's been in any generation before I for one believe

we have passed the point of no return. The Bible says sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death. This does not refer to the natural death, but to the spiritual death, or (Hell). In (Ps. 9-17) the Bible says, the wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all Nations that forget God. In (Rev. 21-8) the Bible declares, the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, and whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake, which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death. This will be the wages for living a sinful life.

But its not Gods will for any to perish, but that all should come to repentance. Whether one wants to acknowledge it or not, every Bible sign points to the very near end of this age, and the return of Jesus Christ, for his Church. Will his coming find you ready? After almost two thousand years, the cross upon which he died still stands as a witness that Satans power and works have been destroyed. In (I Jn. 3-8) the Bible says, he that committeth sin is of the devil, for this purpose was the son of God manifested that he might destroy the works of the Devil. God loves you sinner friend, he loves you backslider, but there is a possibility of one waiting too long to find God. Sins power may hold you captive, but sins power has been broken, and destroyed at Calvary. The five enemies of man are, sin, sick-

ness, demons, fear and death. Jesus Christ destroyed all of these through his death on the cross, and his Resurrection from the dead the third day. In (Rev. 1-18) Jesus said I am he that was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore, and have the keys to death, and of Hell. He's the first and the last, the beginning and the ending. He's the rose of Sharron, the Lily of the valley, he's the bright and morning star. He's the cure for every ill, he is redemption, and salvation, for every believer. He is a Saviour and, a refuge for all who will trust and believe in him, Amen. Is he your Savior? If not, make him so now.

If you have a problem, or prayer request and feel that I may be able to help you, call 682-2437, Burnsville, N. C. Rev. O. E. Grinson, Pastor, West Eurnsville Church of God.



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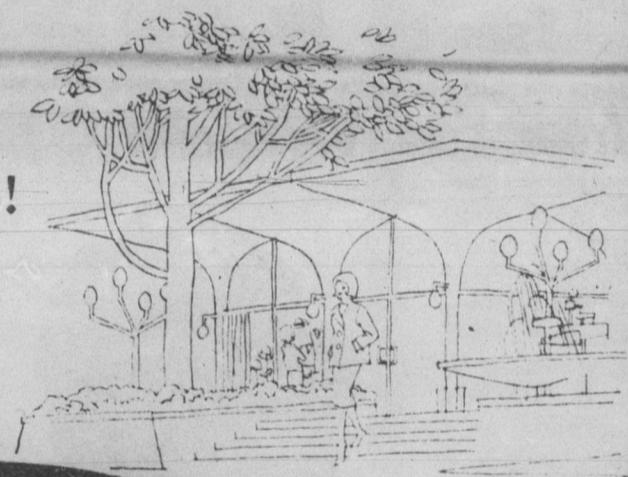
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