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## PREPARING FOR DEATH

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Many of the old-time theologians painted the
Many of of as terrors. A vast burning, seething, sulphurou lake as surrounded by innumerable devils who met the
lakembling sinners as they ieft this world and gleefully plunged them into this lake, gloating as the burning
quivering flesh.
quivering flesh. To such an end for did not destroy their majority of the human race.
As against this they pictured heaven, above this hell but not so far away that the fortunate and select few deniwens of devils they might enjoy the anguish of the impeni-
with the dent sinners below and constantly congratulate themselves hat by accepting the leadership of these word painters of the future life they had escaped the fate of those who did
not accept it.
These pictures of course constituted a background or basis for the appeal which they made to the sinner to induc him to accept the brand of salvation which they offered and which they guaranteed would save him from the terrors of
hell and secure for him the joys of this pictured heaven This salvation did not come as a result of the individual over coming the propensities and impulses of the physical, carna nature, either with or without the help of Christ.
contrary he was talyght that mortal man could not overcome them. By a merely intellectual belief in the Savior, by mak-
ing a public confession of his faith and uniting himself with the church organization of the particular theological leader the blood of Jesus would miraculously wash away the effect of his base and sinful life, no matter how dark it was, apd
make him a white winged angel fit for the companionship of the saints. This without the overcoming of the physical life which Jesus commanded, without the good and unselfish works with which his life was filled, without any pronouncd manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit such as
accompanied the early conversions wrought by the disciples and apostles. The only preparation for the future life and and apostles. The only preparation for the future life and Christ lived and died for him and ally himithelf Lord Jesus gious organization of the
ponents of these doctrines.
These old ideas still dominate the religious thought many people. Could anything be more terrible, even to th ordinary normal, human being, to say nothing of one who is
spiritual, who has overcome himself, who is regenerated so spiritual, who has overcome himself, who is regenerated so
that he has really become a Christian according to the Bible, the Christ standard? Could anything be more repugnant to all ideas of justice, more destructive of all religious or moral
effort? If this were the Christianity preached and lived by effort? If this were the Christianity preached and lived by
Jesus then the intelligence of this age-of any age-would be compelled to reject it and to class it with all those religions of the past and present based upon superstitions which we are to believe minds and souls of men. Fortunately, if horrible, unreasonable, brutalizing, soul-enslaving, growthdestroying doctrines. His teachings as they have come to us

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Does He not teack that it is what one does and lives and
is not what he professes or thinks he is or is to be, that de-
termines his real statua here and hereafter? Does He not
 mandments, who do good forey evil, who have overcome the
flesh even as He overcame it, and who constantly manifest flesh even as He overcame it, and who constantly manifest
His spirit who are accepted by Him, who are His brethren, His spirit who are accepted yy hingdo within us? The
heirs with Him of the heavenly ko those who call the loudest
pure in heart are to see God, not those
for His mercy. He who ministers unto the least of the weak for His mercy. He who ministers unto the least of the weak
and needy and sinful, the little ones of the earth, ministers
unto Him. Not those who keep the outside clean, but those Un Hime
Unselfish helpfulness and service, forgiveness, gentleness, love, even of our enemies, righteosness, moral and
spiritual strength and power -these are the outstanding ele-
ments of His character, and He has made it perfectly clear
that except as we approach these in our lives and in the dehat except as we approach these in our lives and in the de-
velopment of our own characters we are none of His and He velopment of our own characters we are none of His and
will have no fellowship with us either here or hereafter.
According to the teachings of Jesus, then, the best pre-
paration for death and the life hereafter, is with His help to
live and do and be the best we can here. The treasures which live and do and be the best we can here. The treasures which
He urges us to lay up in heaven are nothing less than pure nd holy thoughts and upright and righteous olopment of the
helpfulness and love; the growth and develo
piritual, the heavenly elements within us bringing us into
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$\qquad$ this mundane state of existence. - To faithfully and loycommands of God, of Christ, to constantly seek to develop the kingdom of heaven within uss by bringing our own lives
into harmony with His, to give ourselves to unselfish service to humanity-these are the things to keep us on the road that leads to heaven here as well as hereafter. And if we are no
able fully to live up to our ideals, every effort we make to

If you know something in fa- accepted Protestant version" and


## $\xlongequal[\text { Clemenceau says he is resolved }]{ } \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { law which prohibits the acquit } \\ & \text { sition of sectarian books by the } \\ & \text { public schools. The decision }\end{aligned}\right.$

## Clemenceau says he is resolved to defend Americical schools. The decision re- to deinst any. $\begin{aligned} & \text { versed a ruling by the Kings } \\ & \text { ody." That will help to get him } \\ & \text { county court which gave a high }\end{aligned}$ <br> \section*{sympathetic hearing, though he l sill school permission to to purchase

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