## The Essential Gospel

The Gospel is the highest interpretation of the mystery of God. It expresses and enforces the most valuable conceptions the human race has entertained of its Creator. It is the realization of God in such ideals of sacrifice, service and of sovereignty as could never have originated in unalded humanity. It represents God as loving the world with an everlasting love and dying for it in the person of His Son and living again in it unto the final victory of goodness.

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and spiritual omces to be attributed to God, and they are marked by a mental superiority and general elevation and nobility of view which give the divine front of this Gospel commanding power. What amazing elements of grace and judgment, of long ments of grace and judgment, of long suffering and vindication, of pardon and righteous wrath are herewith presented. Devotional temperament has been organized, quickened and directed into historical currents which give rise to the Christian Church and the Christian literature.

Yet the Gospel is not dependent upon these historical currents. They are chroniclings of its former operations and they demonstrate its divine vitality. But the power of God lies in the

and they demonstrate its divine vitality. But the power of God lies in the progress of life. It has all the salient proofs of its sources in Delty. It is the life of God projected into our spirits' deeps by the Incarnate Son of the Highest, the sinless Redeemer whose proprietary rights are guaranteed by His spotless purity and His active, perfect holiness of character.

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spiritual miracle, it can touch no conscience without an ethical sign and wonder, it can commune with no spirit without another resurrection from death. All outward signs and wonders are the sequence of this inwardness of transforming, transfiguring ders are the sequence of this inwardness of transforming, transfiguring and translating authority. And the light and healing which Glpsy Smith's ministry in Christ has brought to hundreds of souls this past week are phenomenal, more truly sublime and more truly worshipful than any physical mystery quoted in the Old Testament as a credential of the prophets. The vision of the Gospel from this standpoint shows its awful solemn investiture. It is not of man, but of God. It comes not by our wisdom and our wit, but by the procession of the Eternal Spirit. There is in it the same "clearisma" which glorified Pentecost. Its efficiencies have bee'n indifferent to time's decay, they did cleanse the modern world. The love which brought Christ down out of the heavenlies and led Him to the cross is still pulsating as lovingly as it beat at Calvary. The vision of sin which made a new type of manhood possible in St. Paul and in St. Augustine is still shining in the terrible eyes of God's holy justice. The magnificent ethic which emerged from the freed wills and the inspired lives of these Christian teachers has never been seduced to obey the temporary vanities and desires of the from the freed wills and the inspired lives of these Christian teachers has never been seduced to obey the temporary vanities and desires of the world. The gleams of truth which were caught into the stored light of the gospels and epistles are still shining forth from the central flames itself. And all the excellency and all the power for which the church waits and the world wonders is at an abiding floodtide in the being of the God of this Gospel and of His Christ. When we look beyond our own lack and soul's poverty, we understand how great are the riches of that grace which is pledged to conquer all our evil, how inexhaustible are those depths of omnipotent might which are in array for the maintenance of this most honorable cause. Faith in this Gospel as the passion flower of God, blooming in His loveliness and fragrant with His holiness, is its realizing light, dispersing the clouds and chasing away the shadows. Then does the fivisible appear to the sight of trust and God is incarnated in us in our measure of capacity, even as He was perfectly expressed in Christ.

the delty. As its vicars, obey it. Think of this great game of life, of all it embraces, of all it predicts and harden not your hearts, as did the fathers in the day of provocation. This day forsake your sin, repent, believe and live in the life eternal.

Blacksod Bay Project

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iated in truth's atmosphere; they perish in reality's environment.

Is Thawism a necessary part of God's plan? Is the jagged, substantial hell-gate of vice only a more distant portal of entrance to heaven's indirect pathway. Delicate, dreamy twilights of thought in remote regions of rosy haze are of no moment when you come to grip with the juggernaut of of thought in remote regions of rosy haze are of no moment when you come to grip with the juggernaut of sin in its wrong and greed and villainy. I say that sin is death by scientific methods of extinction; that it is darkness beyond the glory of God to silluminate, since He willeth not to shine where man will not that He scripture. He sees the transcendencies of his message, he also sees the underworld of opposition and of scorn. But he utters no preamble, he labors in no apology, he wastes nothing in preliminary.

The interests of life and the righteousness of things means more to him than elaborated reasonings. These latter have their place, but that is not here; they have their time, but that is not notives which lurk in men's breasts against favorable action for the Gospel, and he makes a short shrift for the excuser and the apposer. So should we do. We are too often busy proving that which everybody admits, and expatiating on the common-place and self-evident propositions of discourse. Intellectual difficulties are not a sufficient cause for setting aside our obedlence to God and His Gospel. The

## Railway Servants

Their Duty as Seen by the Eyes of the Law

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"I have reserved judgment thus long that I might carefully consider what the penalty is to be. I invited representatives from all quarters and I have been waited upon by several of your former fellow-employees and by those on behalf of organizations of men in like employment. Some have advanced an argument, which is, in effect, that accidents will happen, that men will be careless, and that no punishment, even the most severe, inflicted upon you would prevent the like occurring again. That argument, to my mind, defeats its own object. The railways must, perhaps, by inevitable accident, produce casualties: dangerous they accident, produce casualties dangerous they are, dangerous they must to some extent continue to be; but it is the duty of all to reduce to the very lowest the fearful toll of life and limb exacted. And I am of the opinion that if men in charge of dangerous engines are taught that if negligence on their part result in death or injury, punishment must inexorably follow, we shall cease to hear of so many horrors which could, and, therefore, should, have been prevented. The people must be protected. Men doing their duty in reliance upon their safety being secured by those placed on guard must be protected, and the sentinel must recognize his responsibility. I have been told that I may exact a fine. I refuse even to consider the exaction of a fine or to do anything which could even suggest that the stain of the blood that is on your hands can be washed out with money. And this is no prosecution with which the railway company has anything to do, so that I should consider their loss in even the slightest way. You were prosecuted by the crown for the protection of life.

"II shall direct your imprisonment. The length of that imprisonment will depend to the execution of the court for exerting extent upon. Your own."

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