

from the origin of sin and evil. So, many laughed at the idea of Christ as Saviour.

According to the Bible, there is only one Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He not only lived a sinless life while in the body, thus conquering sin in Himself, but He also went down into death and accepted in Himself the result and consequence of sin, thus conquering both sin and its resultant.

According to the Greeks, "there is no death," for everybody lives on in a different state and mode.

According to the Bible, our Lord Jesus Christ is "the first-born from the dead," and the "first-fruit of them that slept." Of course, if "the immortality of the soul" is correct, then nobody has ever really died, and the Biblical teaching about "the firstborn from the dead" is pure nonsense. Christ is not unique at all!

I am sure that many Roman Catholics are entirely unaware of the degree to which their traditions have covered up and negated the teachings of the Bible. Is it possible that traditions have also covered up the Bible for Protestants? This entire problem is vastly greater than the correct translation of a verse or two in the Bible.

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The 2300 Day Hassle in La Sierra

By Donald E. Mote

Many of the readers will recall that in the Jan-Feb, 1961 issue, (in the "News And Views" section), we told about the three major Sabbatarian groups, the Adventists, the Seventh Day Baptists, and the Church of God, (7th-day), all holding evangelistic meetings in the Riverside area during the months of February and March. All three of these groups made some gains, although nothing spectacular.

Of special interest were the Church of God, (7th day) meetings in La Sierra, Feb. 12th through the 25th.

For the benefit of those who donot know, La Sierra is chiefly an Adventist community in the outskirts of Arlington, which in turn, is now a part of the corporate limits of Riverside. In the last issue, (the May-June) we promised to bring you a report on the incident in this issue.

It is at La Sierra that the Adventist college and Loma Food factory are located. La Sierra has always been an Adventist center and has often been dubbed "Adventville" by the residents of the Riverside area.

The Church of God, (7th day) meetings were held at the La Sierra Community Hall. The meetings were conducted by Elder Trinidad Padilla, of the Bloomington, Calif., Church of

God, (7th day). Elder Padilla and his wife are of Spanish descent and came out of Catholicism.

The subjects of Elder Padilla's talks were designed to be of special interest to Adventists, being on such subjects as "The 144,000," "The 2300 Days," "The Sanctuary," "The Day of Atonement," "The Seven Last Plagues," "Armageddon," etc.

However, the meetings were well attended by the Church of God, (7th day), people. Very few Adventists were attending any of the meetings, to start with, at least. We attended a few of the meetings, mainly out of curiosity to see what the Adventist reaction would be. We usually went with brother and sister Reese Carlin of Riverside, who were formerly Adventists, but now with the Church of God, (7th day).

Brother Carlin became very distressed over the fact that they were not getting more of the Adventists to turn out to the meetings. We were not surprised at this, however, because we know from past experience how difficult it is to get an Adventist to attend any religious exercises sponsored by any denomination other than their own. Brother Carlin appealed to me for some solution to the problem. I told him that it would require something of a startling

Read are especially enlightening here. "Many of the matters presented by false teachers may appear at first sight to be the truth of God, but careful study will reveal that many errors are interwoven with the truth. This was also foreseen by the messenger of the Lord." I say that these words are especially interesting, because of all people to join the group mentioned in these words written by Elder Read is Elder Read himself. (5)

Ellen G. White wrote that "no line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world." (9) In view of these words, and in view of the background material presented earlier, it is most unfortunate that the hierarchy cannot see the part which they are playing in the destruction of that movement which they pretend to love and to respect. It is indeed tragic that such men as Richards and Unruh and Froom cannot live in a manner that will be consistent with their own principles. For as Elder Nichol puts it: "No man ever loses by being frank and unequivocal, particularly when by so doing he helps to maintain and protect the good name of those with whom he may have no kinship." (4)

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—William Hockman
"Christian Herald"