

trespasses and sins. And what man needs is filling stations maintained along life's way that will tell him how to get out of the condition of death and come into the glorious light and the liberty of the sons of God. We need to maintain institutions, churches, missionary societies that will tell men how they can find God.

I can tell you right now, as I said in the beginning, one dead man cannot help another dead man. One dead man cannot become alive unless someone helps him to become alive. There is one remedy alone and that is that God Himself in His infinite mercy is mysteriously able, and His irresistible grace came down into a world of death and darkness to tell us how we could find God. Only God who is alive can help men who are dead. That's it. The whole story of the Christian religion is that God Almighty sent His only begotten Son, who was in the bosom of the father, into this world where you and I live on this little shrinking planet, in order that He might deal with this question of death, and what caused death — the sting of death, which is sin — and to deal with sin and to make the atonement for it and to make it possible for God to pardon it on the basis of His merit and His righteousness and His sacrifice; and then that we could have deliverance from death, the veil could be opened, the awful darkness could be dispelled, and we could come into the light and into the knowledge of the true and living God. The only way for a dead man to find life is for God to give it to him, and God has provided for that in Jesus Christ, our Saviour. That is why Easter time means so much to us. It is not the wisdom of men; it is an empty tomb. It is not the philosophies of this world with their vanities; it is a living Christ, who appeared to His disciples. They saw Him and talked to Him and handled Him. They touched Him and then they went with Him to the top of the Mount of Olives. They saw Him go into Heaven. And we have, as Luke says in Acts, "many infallible proofs" of the glorious appearance and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The only message that can help sinners out of the grave is the message of a crucified and risen Christ.

No matter where you start, you must come

back to the Cross. And no matter who or where you are, you have to listen to the Gospel to be saved. No man knows the things of God save the Spirit of God. And it is the Spirit of God that takes this Gospel and gives to you the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Once you have come to the knowledge of Christ, the light is here, and death is vanquished.

I said we had an appointment with death. Yes, we have. We all have. Death is the consequence of sin, but Jesus has opened the tomb, and, when you come to that appointment as a believer, the door opens into His presence. For the unbeliever, it is a door that opens into eternal judgment and hell itself. It is in the midst of uncertainties, it is in the midst of the shortness of life, it is in the midst of the darkness that you must act and make a decision now to come to Jesus, or you will be lost. All that you need do to be lost is just nothing. In order to be lost, enjoy the darkness. In order to be lost, refuse to listen to the Gospel of Christ as the evangelist comes and preaches it to you. In order to be lost, say No to Christ, say No to the Gospel, say No to God's pleading and His invitation that you will come and put your faith and your trust in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

After I had preached my sermon on "God Is Not Dead," we were invited to the home of my older daughter for dinner. Her older son, who is in the third grade, was there. He came over to talk to me, and as we were talking, all of a sudden without any warning whatever, he said, "What you were talking about this morning about building a house?" And I said, "Yes." He said, "You know, man couldn't even build a house without God. God has to make the clay for the bricks, and," he said, "God has to grow the trees for the wood. And you couldn't even put up a house without God."

I asked him, "Son, where did you get that?" And he said, "I just thought of it."

Yes, you do think of these things when you have some light. You cannot even build a house — God had to grow the trees. You cannot even build a house — He has to make clay to make the bricks. When you have a mind that understands the truth of God, it expands, it builds, and