

After Salvation

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“New Bill”

Marvin Lewis

His first name was Bill. At an early age, he began to drink and live in the depths of sin. Sometimes he was referred to as “Old Bill”. One night in a drunken brawl, a man hit him so hard that his eye was damaged, and he picked up the name “One-eyed Bill”.

Something happened to that wretch of a human being. Bill was told about a Saviour who could save him and give him a new life. In simple faith, he accepted the

Saviour, and his life was completely changed.

For many years after that, Bill worked around the rescue mission in Evansville, Indiana. Because of the remarkable change in this man’s life, many of his old friends began to speak of him as “New Bill.” In fact, he actually went by that name for the rest of his life. While in my junior year of college, I heard “New Bill” give his testimony. I do not even remember his last name, but I remember him as “New Bill”.

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One Would Never Suspect

Bill Brinkworth

N.’s family was one of the most faithful families in the little Romanian church. They hardly ever missed services. They were an integral part of the church’s soul-winning ministry. N., however, fought their dedication at every opportunity. He never wanted to go with his family to the services. He did not want to go to any of the church activities. The young Romanian was very cold to conversations about anything about the Lord. Often he would leave church before the services were over. Sometimes his resistance kept his family from even attending.



The church’s pastor, Missionary Patrick Boyle, was building his family’s house. He had taken out one last bank loan to purchase essentials for the house, including

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Moffat and Africaner

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Africaner was a Hottentot desperado of Mamaqualand. He was such a hardened character that the governor at Cape Town had offered five hundred dollars for him; dead or alive. He and his men were the terror of South Africa. When Robert Moffat went as a missionary to Africaner’s tribe, the people at Cape Town never expected to see him again. They told him that Africaner would use his skull for a drinking cup.

Trusting in God, the brave missionary preached the Gospel to these savages. His first convert was Africaner. Later Moffat took him to Cape Town with him. When the colonial ruler saw the savage changed into a humble, Christian man, he said, “What a miracle! This is the eighth wonder of the world!”

“Conversion is separating ourselves from the course and custom of this world, and devoting ourselves to the conduct of the Word of God.” – Henry

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sinks, toilets, and faucets. These, along with his tools, were left in the unfinished house, while he went home to where he was temporarily staying. When he returned the next day, he was shocked to find everything he had purchased, and much that was left in the house, was gone. He had been robbed!

The missionary's first reaction to the crime was anger. Soon the anger caused him to look down on the people. "We came here to help these people, and they rob us," entered his mind. He started wondering who was it that had robbed him. Most were possible suspects of the burglary of his property. He was overcome with the evil done against him.

Then the ever-present, small "voice" of the Holy Spirit reminded the missionary's heart that they were not there for faucets, toilets, or even the house. They were there because God called them to minister to the gypsy people. Soon, Patrick decided to overcome evil with good. No matter whom they encountered, he was determined to treat all kindly. He doubled his efforts to win the people over to Christ by being a good example.

A year had gone by, and N. started coming back to church. It was not long until this young man

was attending every service. He was growing mightily in the things of the Lord.

One day N. had a private conversation with the missionary. Then, as difficult as it was for him, N. confessed to being the one who had stolen the house's contents. He apologized for what he had done. Through tears, he admitted that his goal was to hurt the work and prove to himself that the missionaries had an easy life, and did not really care for him or his people. He truly expected the missionary and his family to leave, but they did not! It was soon evident to N. that the family had to do without because of his stealing the house's contents. They did not go out and buy new things to replace their loss. The missionary's reaction to what had been done against him had convicted N's heart.

It was not long until the Romanian ex-thief got saved. At one time, the missionary figured that N. was one of those that "probably would never get saved!" Now the young man is one of the most faithful in the congregation. He is a devoted soul-winner, and is even training to be a pastor. It is N. who is now preaching in the Romanian church, while the Pastor is away in the states.

The Holy Spirit's power to convert lives is amazing. Some of the "hardest" and most wicked hearts are mere putty in the hands

of God. He can change all that are willing. For many, they have to reach the "bottom" before they can be changed. For each of us the "bottom" is different. We would never suspect whom God would change or whom He would use. Many may have thought the same about us before we were saved. I am so glad God does not give up on us "impossible" cases.

Father Chiniquy Accepts the Gift

C. Dison

One Sunday morning, a Roman Catholic priest appeared before a congregation of a thousand persons in an Illinois town and said, "My people, I resign my priesthood." He had been there thirty years.

At their earnest request, he gave his reasons why he did so: "Last night I spent every hour praising God. All sleep had left me. After reading the New Testament, I saw that salvation is in Jesus Christ, and is the gift of God's eternal love. Penance is not in it. Purgatory is not in it. Absolution is not in it. On my knees, in my room, I accepted the Gift, and I love the Giver. I walked the room most of the night saying to myself, 'I accept the Gift, and I love the Giver.'"

Thus, for an hour and a half Father Chiniquy expounded to the people the grace of God. At the close of the sermon he asked how many of them would join with him in accepting the Gift

and would love the Giver. Except for about 40, most responded and were saved that service.

How Billy Sunday Got Saved

Gospel Herald

One Sunday afternoon in Chicago, a group of ballplayers entered a saloon. When they emerged, they saw a group of people playing instruments, singing Gospel hymns, and testifying of Christ's power to save from sin.

Memories of a log cabin in Iowa, an old church, and a godly mother raced through the mind of one of the ballplayers. Tears came to his eyes. Presently he said, "Boys, I'm through! I'm goin' to turn to Jesus Christ. We've come to the parting of the ways." Some of his companions mocked him, but others were silent. Only one encouraged him. He turned from the group and entered the Pacific Garden Mission.

Later the ballplayer told what occurred. "I called upon God's mercy. I staggered out of my sins into the outstretched arms of the Saviour. I became instantly a new creature in Him! The next morning at practice, my manager, Mike Kelley, greeted me and said, 'Billy, I read in the paper what occurred yesterday. Religion isn't my long suit, but I won't knock you, and I'll knock the daylights out of anyone who does.'"

The converted ballplayer was Billy Sunday, who became the world-renowned evangelist.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." — II Corinthians 5:17