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sermons of equal quality or value.—  
Charles C. Ryrie.

### Personalities of the New Testament.

By Ralph G. Turnbull. (Baker  
Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.,

Apoca. 3. For the one who really  
loves God's Book the reading of this  
volume is a thrilling experience.—  
Graham Gilmer.

**Deliverance to the Captives.** By Karl  
Barth. (Harper & Brothers, New York  
16; \$3.) A theologian at a jail service!  
Karl Barth is generally not known as  
a jail preacher, but this little-known  
side of the ministry of the theologian  
is recorded in this book. Most of the  
18 sermons in the volume were de-  
livered to the inmates of the prison  
of Basel, and they reveal something of  
the heart as well as the theology of  
the man.

The messages are simple, and they  
were evidently preached with the in-  
tent of reaching the hearts of the crim-  
inals who heard them. They are not  
scholarly addresses or academic trea-  
tises, but messages from a man obviously  
burdened to reach people with what he  
believes to be the Word of God. But  
just as obviously, they are Barthian in  
viewpoint! The central tenet of neo-  
orthodoxy—that God has spoken to  
men in His Son—is as clearly seen here  
as in any of Barth's works. Christ as  
the revealer of God is the emphasis,  
and while this is truth, it is not the  
whole picture. Even when Christ is  
presented as Saviour by Barth, it is  
because He revealed God's hatred of  
sin and love for man. It is not a sub-  
stitutionary atonement through His  
blood that is the basis for salvation,  
but a revelation of God through Christ's  
life (and even death) that is.

Serious preachers and students may  
find this book of some interest even  
though they will not agree with the  
theological framework nor find the

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