

The Baptist Examiner

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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Two Thousand Subscribers Wanted!

The Policy And Program of This Paper

A Good Foundation For a Great Paper

It is fitting in this first issue of The Baptist Examiner that we give an outline of the policy and program that we shall follow. All that read this issue are urged to give close attention to what we have to say; and if it is found that the policy and program of the paper are worthwhile, or such as to make it profitable to them in any way, they are urged to subscribe immediately. **This paper solicits support either on the ground of its merit as a potentially effective medium for the propagation of the truth, or on the ground of its value to the individual. We solicit support on these grounds and these alone.** Here are the ten planks in our platform:

1. This paper is a real Baptist paper.

There are many different kinds of colors of "Baptists." Consequently, the name is not always as distinguishing as it should be. Therefore, for the sake of clearness the editor wishes to say that he belongs to the largest group of "Baptists," which group was formerly known (in England) as Particular Baptists; later (in America) as Regular Baptists; still later as Missionary Baptists; and now generally as simply Baptists. But there are some that affiliate with this group who are Baptists only in name. For that reason we specify that this paper is a **real Baptist paper**. It will stand four square for those distinctive principles that have ever made Baptists a separate people,—viz., the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures; the complete separation of "church" and state, and religious liberty; baptism as immersion in water of a saved person by a duly authorized administrator; close communion; the democratic polity of New Testament churches under the headship of Christ; total depravity; the absolute sovereignty of God and unconditional election; and the eternal preservation and perseverance of every believer in Jesus Christ. We will stand also for the perpetuity of New Testament churches from New Testament days to the coming of our Lord for his saints.

T. T. Eaton is quoted as saying: "Some say they are Baptists, but not a Baptist and a half. The only reason I am not a Baptist and a half is that there is only one of me. If I had another half, it would be Baptist too." The editor can truly say that these are his sentiments. Some say that they are Baptists, but not fool Baptists. The editor is what many call a fool Baptist. Some say they are Baptists, but not narrow Baptists. The editor is a narrow Baptist because the truth is always narrow. The truth is just one definite thing; not two or three things. Some say they are Baptists, but not fighting Baptists. The editor is a fighting Baptist because the scriptures command him to put on the whole armor of God and to fight the good fight of faith. They also command him to contend earnestly for the once delivered faith, and the Greek

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Intensive And Extensive Subscription Campaign Now Being Launched

Representatives Wanted

This paper has come into existence because it is believed that there is a need for it to meet and a mission for it to fulfill. That need and mission are indicated in the accompanying article on the policy and program of the paper. With this first issue we are launching an intensive and extensive subscription campaign. **This campaign will last from now until Jan. 1, 1932. BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN WE WANT TWO THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS.** Elsewhere we are making some startling subscription offers. In the majority of cases we offer you more than your money's worth, and then throw in a subscription for good measure. Is that not fair enough? **SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

No pains will be spared to make this a live, throbbing, interesting, edifying, attractive paper. We hope to make it such a paper that no real Baptist can afford to be without it. Give us the opportunity of proving this to you.

We want live representatives everywhere. We are prepared to offer them a good commission for their work. All that are interested are urged to write us immediately, stating age, sex, place of church membership, and in what territory subscriptions will be solicited. This is an opportunity to earn a little money, and at the same time be a fellowhelper to the truth. **WRITE NOW!**

THE NAME OF THE PAPER IS SIGNIFICANT

The name of this paper has not been selected carelessly. It was decided upon after much thought, prayer, and consultation with others. A number of names were considered, and the name that the paper carries was selected as the most suitable and appropriate one that could be found. The name describes the mission of the paper. Its mission is to examine such as may claim its attention in the light of the scripture. The passage of scripture we are using immediately under the name fits both the name and the mission of the paper. Our appeal will ever be "to the law and to the testimony." This is the highest court of appeal for all those who accept the Bible as the inerrant, complete, and all-sufficient standard for faith and practice.

EXCHANGES WANTED

We welcome the establishment of exchanges with any and all religious papers that are pleased to exchange with us. We are sending out a number of copies of this issue to various religious papers over the country. **These are invitations to these papers to establish exchanges with us.** Let those papers that are pleased to exchange with us, put us on their list, and when we receive the paper we will know what it means and will act accordingly.