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"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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The Beginnings of Catholicism And Protestantism

The editor receives about seventy-five religious publications, including weeklys and monthlys. We are always happy to share the best articles we read in these with our readers. It is thus that we quote from "Grace and Glory" under the issue of March 3, 1939.

Question:

"How did the Catholic and Protestant Hierarchy begin?"

Answer

God ordains churches and Satan develops machines.

God commanded the descendants of Noah to replenish the earth, thus necessitating a voluntary dispersion. The Devil advised them to combine themselves to defeat God's purpose, and led them to depend upon the work of their own hands. Babel was the result—Confusion!

The Lord Jesus established a Missionary Baptist Church and commanded it to "Go . . . make disciples . . . baptize . . . and teach . . ." They replied: "We would rather remain together in safe, comfortable, and complacent fellowship here in Jerusalem, thank you!"

So, the Lord dispersed them by permitting the early persecutions; and, as a result, they organized new Missionary Baptist Churches all over the then known map.

Then, even in early centuries, there arose certain ambitious
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Unitarianism

This past week in driving through the city of Toledo, the editor, by chance, glanced at the bulletin board of the First Unitarian Church. The announcement as to the "menu" by the way of sermon was, "Have Faith In Man."

Of course, we would not expect a Unitarian Church to do otherwise. Judging by their message, they have no God in whom to put their faith.

On seeing this sermon announcement, I recalled the words of the Apostle Paul. "Therefore let no man glory in men." (I Cor. 3:21) "Have no confidence in the flesh." (Phil. 3:3)

Then too, I was reminded of the words of Jesus, who in the days of His flesh, said, "Have faith in God." (Mk. 11:22)

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THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered, scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin
But held it up with a smile.
"What am I bidden, good people," he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar! now two, only two;
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars once, three dollars twice;
Going for three?" But no!
From the room far back a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet,
As sweet as an angel sings.
The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two,
Two thousand, and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice;
And going and gone," said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We don't quite understand
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply,
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BIBLE QUESTIONS

2. What king was fed by a witch?
3. What foolish man owed his life to the quick wit of his wife?
4. What hero killed a bear, and who were killed by bears?
5. What exile was called back to deliver his city?
6. Who hid in a cleft of a rock to see God?
7. On what threshing-floor was an altar built, and why?
8. Where are two of the constellations mentioned in the Bible by the same names which they bear today?
9. Whose bones were hanged as a trophy in an enemy's city, who rescued them, and who buried them?
10. Who heard the army of God pass before him through the tops of the mulberry-trees?
11. Who put his hand on the ark of God, and what happened to him?
12. Who became captain of an army by capturing the most celebrated city in the world?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

Are The Heathen Lost Without The Gospel?

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed" Gal. 3:8.

Are the heathen lost without the gospel? Before we answer this question, it might be well to ask and answer another: what is an heathen? Webster says, "An heathen is an unconverted member of a people or nation who does not accept the God of the Bible." What a contrast between this definition and the one you've always had in mind relative to the heathen. Now be honest: is it not true that you thought an heathen was a savage living without clothes on some wild island—a cannibal—one who eats with his fingers and who lacks the refinement and culture of the more advanced races of civilization? Now isn't this just about the idea you have always had of an heathen?

Webster's definition is in perfect accord with the word of God. In the Bible an heathen literally is anyone who has never been born again. This includes the man in China who has never heard the gospel, or

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In Between The Upper And Nether Millstone

"—the nether or the upper millstone." (Deut.24:6).

Jesus' ecclesia has for nineteen centuries been the subject of human and Satanic on-slaught. First came the Romanists offering a present, visible, universal church composed of all the faithful of the Catholic fold. To off-set this heresy Protestants invented the idea of a now existing, invisible, universal church, consisting of all the saved of all the world. God's New Testament Church has been ground into powder between these, as between the upper and nether millstones. To honor a particular assembly and its ordinances, one is thwarted either in part or in whole by objections arising from one or the other of these erroneous views. The universal church has been assumed, asserted, and insisted on to the irrevocable damage of Jesus' ecclesia. It is our purpose now to show that the universal church is an inconceivable conception; an un-supposable supposition, and an unspeakable superstition.

It is conceded in classic Greek that the word "ecclesia" means a local assembly. In Mt. 16:18, Jesus used this word for the first time. Can it be believed that our Lord in using this word for the first time, would, without any explanation, give a meaning entirely different from what it would be understood
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Mission Rally

The Pollard Baptist Church of Ashland is to be host to the Baptists of Greenup Association on Thursday, March 16, 1939, when the mid-year Associational rally will be held. This will be in connection with the regular monthly meeting of the Preachers Conference, with services being conducted from 10 A. M. through the entire day and evening.

We take great pleasure in inviting the readers of our paper to attend this Mission Rally. The printed program as prepared by the program committee follows:

Moderator G. L. Youman, presiding.

10:00 a. m. Devotional, led by Elder L. A. Music.

10:15 "Evangelism in the Mountains" — L. W. Martin.

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