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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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Why God Blessed Colgate In The Soap Industry

Many years ago a lad of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune. All his worldly possessions were tied up in a bundle, which he carried in his hand. As he trudged along he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canal-boat, who asked the lad what he expected to do. He told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soap and candle making, at which he had helped his father at home.

The old man said: "Some one will be the leading soap-maker in New York. It can be you as well as anyone. I hope it may be. Be a good man: give your heart to Christ: give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar that you earn; make an honest soap: give a full pound and I am certain you will yet be a prosperous and rich man. Upon reaching New York William finally secured employment, then became partner in the business and later the sole owner of the business. He now resolved to keep his promise to the old neighbor; he made an honest soap, gave a full pound, and instructed his book-keeper to open an account with the Lord, and carry one-tenth

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Ingersoll Silenced

Shortly after Ingersoll, the noted infidel, was defeated in his race for the governorship of Ill., he was one day broadly proclaiming his infidelity on board a railroad train between Chicago and Peoria. After being for some time offensively voluble, he turned to a gentleman near him, and defiantly demanded: "Tell me of one great result that Christianity has ever accomplished." The gentleman, not wishing to open an argument with the boaster, hesitated to answer. The train had stopped and all was silent in the car.

Just then an old lady of eighty years, who sat just behind the infidel, touched his arm with trembling hand, and said, "Sir, I do not know who you are, but I think I can tell you of one great and glorious thing which Christianity has done."

"What is it, madam?" said Ingersoll.

"It has kept Robert G. Ingersoll from being governor of the great

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IT'S IN YOUR FACE

"You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or play;
A tried, true barometer serves in the place,—
However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the deceit that you bear in your heart
Will not stay inside where it first got a start;
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace—
What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you can give;
If you live close to God in His infinite grace—
You don't have to tell it,—it shows in your face."

—Author unknown

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What man went to prison for telling the truth?
2. Who was the watchman of the house of Israel?
3. What farmer rescued his nephew by night from the armies of four victorious kings?
4. What woman had an unhappy married life because she did not approve of her husband's dancing?
5. What was the end of Balaam?
6. Who said, "Be sure your sin will find you out," and under what circumstances?
7. Who kept the vultures from a sacrifice all day, and what did he see after dark?
8. Who viewed a ruined city by night and afterward rebuilt it?
9. Who is the first drunken man mentioned in the Bible?
10. What woman ruled a nation, won a battle, and wrote a song?
11. How many of each kind of bird did Noah take into the ark?
12. What two people expected to die when they found that they had been speaking face to face with the angel of Jehovah?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

The Seventh Commandment

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Ex.20:14)

Ere I begin my remarks relative to this text of Scripture, I would like to read to you concerning the first home ever established. "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Gen.2:18-24)

There is no picture to me quite so pleasing as this picture which God gives of the first home. What a scene is presented to us in the method of the creation of the woman wherein God performed the first operation upon human-kind, making Eve from the rib taken from man. This gives us a hint in all probability as to the relationship of husband and wife. She was not taken out of his head to rule over him;

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Will Jones Reports Missionary Work In Brazil

Among other things, this paper is to be a clearing house for missionary information. We expect to share with our readers, the letters we receive from our missionaries. It is thus we print this splendid letter from Bro. Will Jones. How happy we are to know that his work will be augmented through the help of

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February 16, 1939

Elder John R. Gilpin
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Will try and answer your very fine and highly appreciated letter of December 30, 1938 that came to hand several days ago. Many thanks for such a fine letter. It always does me good to receive a letter from my brethren.

The first thing I want to say is an apology for not writing more often, not that I want to justify myself, but because I feel such to be justly due you dear folk, for I noticed on my book that the last letter I wrote you was October 11.

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Cost of Prayer

"I want you to spend fifteen minutes every day praying for the foreign missions," said the pastor to some young people in his congregation. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a costly experiment."

"Costly?" they asked in surprise. "Aye, costly," he cried. "When Carey began to pray for the conversion of the world it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed with him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and after two years of blessed work it cost him his life. Be sure it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work; you will find that you cannot pray and withhold your labor, or pray and withhold your money; nay, that your very life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."

It is always a costly thing to give oneself wholly over to the Lord, to be used as He wills in His service.

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A CORRECTION AND AN APOLOGY

Through the effort of an unsaved friend who desired to assist us with our paper, we accepted an advertisement from a firm who handles among other items wine and whiskies. The advertisement said nothing of either. On the surface the advertisement appeared legitimate. Further more the editor lives four miles from Ashland and at the time the advertisement was solicited had never been seen in that particular store.

Those who know the editor personally, know that he is a foe of immorality in all forms. We would not advertise whiskey knowingly. The same is true of tobacco. We recently refused \$260.00 worth of advertising (five dollars per issue for a year), since it was an "add" for tobacco seed.

The editor does not claim perfection. He is far from being a "Holy Roller". We therefore confess our mistake. Perhaps you will say that we should have been more careful. Well beloved, if this were all we had to do, we perhaps could be. Please remember that in addition to getting out this paper, we pastor a Baptist Church and conduct two broadcasts on Sunday.

However the editor assumes all responsibility for this mistake and wishes hereby to apologize for the error. We assure you that we will try to be more careful in the future. Will you please read Gal:6:1, and remember us in prayer.

WILL JONES REPORTS MISSIONARY WORK IN BRAZIL.

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 1938. My neglect of not writing more often is a real grief to my heart, but I feel in part at least it is justifiable on account of my health, for I have been sick and a great part of the time exceedingly sick since April 1937. I have suffered, the Lord only knows how much, but now thanks to our Blessed God and Loving Father I am just a lot better, and I really believe it to be in answer to prayer to our Father offered in the Holy Name of our Blessed Lord Jesus, and I desire to the best of my understanding to give Him all the glory, praise and honor, and I purpose to worship Him more per-

fectly the few days I have on this earth. However, I ask you and your noble church to forgive me, and forget the past and let us all do better in the future.

As to our work, in spite of my sickness it has pleased the Lord to bless our work here. Over in the state of Maranhao, the first Sunday in January 1939, I had the privilege of burying in baptism sixty-three men and three women, and we have a number interested in their salvation. Also the brother in charge of the work in Sao Luiz writes me they have a number awaiting baptism just as soon as I can go, and I think now that if I keep on improving as I have the last month that in another month or so I will be able to make the trip. Also, I want to ordain two native pastors to the full work of the ministry, and perhaps in the end of this year if the Lord so leads I want to make a visit to the U. S. to see if I can get strong again, but that is with the Lord, and whatever he does will please me. I am always, and have been for a number of years ready to accept what He does as pure gold, and the only right way even before I know what He is going to do. I have tried Him over and over, and I know that our God is everything that His word says He is. I am perfectly satisfied with the Blessed Holy Spirit as my guide, teacher, and comforter, and here is one that shall not be moved. But my not being moved is no sign that I am good, and unmovable, for I am nothing of either, but I shall not be moved because He that loved me with everlasting love and purchased me with His der on Calvary's CROSS—He that own precious, shed BLOOD yon-paid such a price for my redemption — He just won't let me be moved. He won't deliver me over to the enemy. Nothing depends on me, and woe be unto me if it did, but all that I have and am, depends on Him that has been proved and found faithful even unto death, and I am satisfied.

Now, Bro. Gilpin, I want to thank you and your noble Church for your love of this work of the Lord, for your love for me, for your prayers, and for your offerings. I appreciate them all as much as I know how, and with all the

humility of my saved soul I cheerfully and gladly humble myself before Him that loves us and ask Him in the name of the Lord Jesus to richly bless each of you in all your needs, spiritual and temporal. I rejoice with you dear Brethren in the blessings that He has and is already bestowing upon you, and may they be multiplied many times is my prayer and desire.

Will close with love and best wishes, and may the love and grace of our God keep your hearts in full communion always with Him, the fountain of all blessings.

Your Brother in the Lord Jesus Christ by divine Grace.

W. H. Jones

INGERSOLL SILENCED

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 State of Illinois" If a stroke of lightning had flashed through the car the effect would not have been more marked.

Ingersoll turned literally pale with rage and remained silent.

The grand old lady has long since passed to her reward, but her courageous act will ever be remembered.

WHY GOD BLESSED COLGATE IN THE SOAP INDUSTRY

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 of his income to that account. He prospered, his business grew, his family was blessed, his soap sold and he grew rich faster than he had ever hoped. He then gave the Lord two-tenths, and prospered more than ever; then he gave three tenths, then four-tenths, then five-tenths. He educated his family, settled all his plans for life, and gave all his income to the Lord. He prospered more than ever. This is the story of Mr. William Colgate, who has given millions of dollars to the Lord's cause, and left a name that will never die.—From "God's Tenth."

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THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

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nor from his feet to be trampled upon by him; but from his side in order to walk equal with him, from under his arm to be protected by him, and from near his heart to be beloved by him. Surely no more beautiful picture of the home can be found.

In contrast, the Devil always counterfeits everything that is good.

By common consent, the sin of our decade is the sin of sex. There is his counterfeit for the pure, holy love of home, is lust and adultery. There is more fornication and lust today than at any period of the world's history. More than 60,000 young people of the United States drop out of sight each year, their souls and bodies being sacrificed on the altars of adultery. Many a young woman has awakened too late and has found herself disillusioned and destroyed, and is compelled to say:

"Once I was pure as the snow, but I fell,
Fell like the snow flakes from heaven to hell;
Fell to be trampled as filth in the street,
Fell to be scoffed, to be spit on and beat;
Pleading—Cursing—Dreading to die,
Selling my soul to whoever would buy;
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread,
Hating the living and fearing the dead.
Merciful God! have I fallen so low!
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow.

Once I was fair as the beautiful snow,
With an eye like a crystal, a heart like its glow;
Once I was loved for my innocent grace—
Flattered and sought for the charms of my face!
Father—Mother—Sisters—all,
God and myself I have lost by my fall;
The veriest wretch that goes shivering by
Will make a wide sweep, lest I wander too high;
For all that is on or above me, I know,
There is nothing so pure as the beautiful snow.

How strange it should be that this beautiful snow,
Should fall on a sinner with nowhere to go!
How strange it should be, when the night comes again;
If the snow and the ice struck my desperate brain.

Fainting—Freezing—Dying—alone,
Too wicked for prayer, too weak for a moan,
To be heard in the streets of the crazy town,
Gone mad in the joy of snow coming down;
To be and to die in my terrible woe,
With a bed and a shroud of the beautiful snow."

Helpless and foul as the trampled snow,
Sinner, despair not! Christ stoopeth low
To rescue the soul that is lost in sin,
And raise it to life and enjoyment again.

Groaning—Bleeding—Dying—for thee,
The Crucified hung on the cursed tree!
His accents of mercy fall soft on thine ear.
"Is there mercy for Me? Will He heed my weak prayer?
O God! in the stream that for sinners did flow
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

I

In view of the afore mentioned facts, it is time for plain talk. If you don't believe in straight talk, then that's one place where you and the Devil are in solid agreement. Soft words in the pulpit suit the Devil fine. What is needed today in every pulpit is some unshirted Hell. The preachers of the land need to get out of the apple-sauce, soft soap, and white-wash business and need to join the heavy artillery. I don't mean to antagonize anyone with what I have to say tonight, nor in any of these broadcasts. I do want, though, to make it harder to go to Hell and easier to go to Heaven. I am satisfied that the average congregation never heard a sermon on this text before.

I remember going to Cincinnati once to hold a revival meeting several years ago before I went there as pastor. One night I preached on the "Sin of Adultery". A former pastor of the church, who was one of those goody-goody sort of preachers who would not dare to offend anyone, came to me at the close of the service and said, "There isn't a preacher in Cincinnati that would preach a message like that for fear of his position." Well, beloved, I'm not afraid of my position, nor my character, nor my reputation; I'm not afraid of the broadcasting company because our time is all paid for until the 5th day of June; I'm not afraid of the Devil; yet, I do fear God, and because I fear Him, I want to preach that which I know will please Him. In view of this fact, I expect to say some plain things, and I want to speak to you in such a way that you will not have to get a dictionary and look up the meaning of the words I use, when I finish my message tonight.

II

The fact of the matter is, beloved, God speaks plainly. He has never been silent nor indifferent to sin throughout the ages gone by. Listen: "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." (Lev.20:10) "My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion; and that thy lips may keep knowledge. For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them. Hear me now therefore, O ye children and depart not from the words of my mouth. Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house." (Prov.5:1-8)

"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent. Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away." (Prov.6:23-33)

"In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtle of heart. (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. For the Goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death." (Prov.7:9-27)

"A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing. For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city, To call passengers who go right on their ways: Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell." (Prov.9:13-18)

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor.6:9,10)

III

A question logically arises as to how this commandment is violated. Of course, all must realize first of all that it is broken by the overt act. However, it is also violated by the look of lust. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matt.5:27,28) The majority of men ought to be on the fire department, for they certainly would make good hose inspectors. You understand what I mean, don't you, beloved? You let a woman walk down the street, and the eyes of 99 men out of 100 will follow in the direction of her hose. The only reason why the 100th doesn't do so is because he is blind. I imagine though, that I can hear some of the men who are listening tonight, begin to make excuses by saying, "How can a man avoid it—the way in which women dress?" I am perfectly ready to admit, beloved, that the average woman doesn't wear enough clothes

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"WHY WE ARE BAPTIST" by W. K. Wood

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4. This church was in the possession of the Gospel and was preaching the same while Christ was here on the earth. Mark 1:1, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God." Matt. 24:14, "And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world." Mark you, this Gospel, the gospel they were already preaching was to be preached in all the world. It was therefore the same kind of Gospel that Jesus said was to be world-wide in the great commission. This church was undoubtedly commissioned to preach while Jesus was here, for in Matt. 10:7, "As ye go, preach." And mark you this commission to go preach was given to the twelve, whom God says were first set in the church.

5. It was through this church during the days of Christ's personal ministry that He baptized. In John 4:2, "Jesus himself baptized not but his disciples." The same disciples whom He had ordained and who dated their baptism back to John, who received his authority from heaven.

6. They had the Lord's Supper with the Lord Jesus during His personal ministry. In Matt. 26:30, we have the institution of the Lord's Supper. And at the close of the Lord's Supper, they sang a hymn. This is the only place that the Bible speaks of Jesus singing. And in Heb. 2:12, it is stated, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." So we have Jesus with His disciples taking the Lord's Supper in the church. And it was the command of the Lord Jesus to the Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthian brethren, (1 Cor. 11:2) to keep the ordinances as I have delivered them unto you. And according to the 18th verse of the same chapter they were to come together in the church for the observance of the Lord's Supper. We should not take it outside of the place He has commanded it to be observed. It is not to be carried to a sick room. It is not a sacrament. It is to be observed by the church in memory of Christ until He comes.

7. This church could exercise a rule of discipline during the personal ministry of Christ. In Matt. 18:6-18, Jesus lays down this rule. It is for those who have had a difference to try and reconcile their differences between themselves. But if the one who has transgressed will not hear the one who has been transgressed against, let him take two others that every word may be established. Then if he neglect to hear them, tell it to the church. Then if he neglect to hear the church, let him be as a heath-

en man and a publican. How could they tell it to the church if this church did not exist?

8. Jesus gave to this church during His personal ministry, the keys of the kingdom. Matt. 16:19. The keys of the kingdom are the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. The preaching of the Gospel under the influence of the spirit brings people into the kingdom. These are the two keys that open up the kingdom. "That which is born of the spirit, is spirit." "And being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God."

9. They kept some record of their finances as Judas was the treasurer of this church. John 13:29.

10. At the close of Christ's earthly ministry this church had 120 names on its roll. Acts 1:15.

11. It was to this church that three thousand were added on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:42, "They that gladly received the word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Thus far according to Scripture we have found the Baptists to have been organized at the right time which, according to 1 Cor. 12:28 and Luke 6:12-16, was in the days of the personal ministry of Jesus Christ. Baptists are the only folks in the world that can date their origin back to this time.

Alexander Campbell, in McCaula & Campbell Debate on Baptism, page 378-379, states that Baptists date back to the Apostolic age. "From the apostolic age to the present time the sentiments of Baptists and the practice of baptism has had a continued chain of advocates; and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced."

John Clark Ridpath (Meth.), author of Ridpath's History of the World, in a letter to W. A. Jarrell, Baptist Church Perpetuity, page 59 said: "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as A. D. 100, though without doubt there were Baptists then as all Christians were then Baptists."

In 1819 the King of Holland appointed a committee of two, who were members of the Dutch Reform Church, to write a history of the Dutch Reform Church and also to investigate the claims of Dutch Baptists. In preparing the history, a chapter is devoted to the Baptists. From this chapter we quote: "The Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the days of the apostles and as a Christian society which has preserved pure the doctrines of the Gospel through all ages."

It could not be otherwise since Jesus said: "On this rock I build" (Continued on Page Five)

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to flag a hand-car. There was a time when the word "skirt" was a proper name. Today, it is only an abbreviation. However, beloved, this text is not talking about the first look which may be unintentional or unavoidable on your part. These words of Jesus speak of the prolonged gaze which is the look of lust. Jesus says that such a one is as guilty of adultery as the individual who has actually broken the commandment by the overt act of the sin.

Then also, beloved, this commandment is violated by the remarriage of divorced persons. The Lord Jesus Christ gave only one ground for divorce, in the days of His flesh. "The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whose marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." (Matt. 19:3-9)

Thus you see, beloved, the only ground for divorce is that of fornication. And, what is fornication? There is a world a difference between fornication and adultery. Fornication has to do with the sin of sex outside of marriage, while adultery has to do with the same sin after one is married. In other words, an unmarried person can be guilty of the sin of fornication, but only a married person can be guilty of the sin of adultery. The only basis whereby God permits di-

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"WHY WE ARE BAPTIST"

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my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." There isn't another church organization on God's dirt whose date and origin cannot be traced to some man or men this side of the days of Christ's personal ministry. May we give you the dates of some of them:

- Roman Catholic, with its first universal bishop or Pope came into existence in 606
- The Greek Catholic Church separated from the Roman Catholics1050
- The Lutheran Church was founded by Martin Luther in1520
- The Episcopal by King Henry VIII1534
- Presbyterians, by John Calvin 1535
- Dutch Reform Church separated from the Roman Catholics1540
- Congregationalists were founded by Robert Brown1530
- Methodist founded by John Wesley1740
- Freewill Baptist, by Benjamin Randall1780
- Campbellite by Alexander Campbell1827
- Mormans, by John Smith1830
- Hardshell Baptists, by Daniel Parker1832
- Nazarenes, out of which has come about seventeen different kinds of Holiness, by S. F. Breece1835
- Christian Science, by Mary Eddy1884
- Russellites or Millennial Dawn, by Charles T. Russell1884

IV. We are a Baptist because of their doctrine. Six reasons I want to mention.

1. The Bible alone is their only rule of faith and practice. Isa. 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." 2 Tim. 3:13-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." H. B. Taylor had a way of saying: "If it is in the Bible, it is Baptist doctrine. If it is Baptist doctrine, you can find it in their Bible." Bible doctrine is Baptist doctrine. Nothing beyond what is written. Psalms 138:2, "For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Baptists do not teach for doctrine the commandments of men. But they believe as Jesus did that thy word is truth. They say "let God be true and every man a liar."

The rejection of the Word is next to the rejection of the Lord Jesus. The man who rejects the word, will despise Jesus.

2. The depravity of man. Baptists believe that in the fall of man that the whole human race has become depraved. We do not

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forces is on the basis of fornication; that is, in the case of one who has been unclean in his or her conduct before marriage. In this event God permitted the Jews to put away their wives. However, there isn't a Scripture from Genesis to Revelation wherein God permits a man or woman to get a divorce because of adultery on the part of either after that they are married. In fact, beloved, Jesus went so far as to declare that the individual who got a divorce on any other basis than that of fornication and remarried, that his second married life was a state of adulterous love. There is many a person tonight who is living a life of adultery before God in the light of these facts. Many church members are guilty; many who sing in the choir; many deacons and preachers are guilty of this sin, in the light of the words of Jesus.

I realize, beloved, tonight, just as I realized before I started to preach this series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, that it would not increase my popularity one bit as a radio preacher to preach so plainly on these sins which God denounces. I want to make it clear beloved, that I am not preaching to please man, but I am preaching to please God. I tell you that this commandment is violated not only by the overt act of sin but by the look of lust, and by the remarriage of divorced persons who have secured their divorces apart from the basis of fornication.

IV

There are some causes for this sin of adultery. Possibly the first cause which ought to be mentioned is that of an unregenerate heart. I do not mean to say that everyone who is living thus is unregenerated. Yet, beloved, it is good evidence in the light of Jesus' words. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." (Matt.15:19) In the heart of the unsaved are all of these sins, and doubtlessly one of the outstanding causes of this sin is that of an unregenerate heart.

A second cause is that of a double standard of sex morality. This is a peculiar day in which we live. If a woman does one thing indiscreet, she is condemned forever. However, a man may be a whoremonger all his life, settle down, and in six months marry the finest girl in the community. However, beloved, this is nothing new. In the days of Jesus, the world had a double standard of sex morality then just as we have it today. You remember, that in order to trap Jesus by His words, the Pharisees brought to Him a woman whom they said had been taken in the sin of adultery. Their statement was that "she was taken in the very act". They even went so far as to quote the law to Jesus on this question. They told Him what Moses had to say about the matter in the law. They quoted from Deut.22:22. Yet, the interesting thing, beloved, is that they misquoted the verse; for the verse declares that both the man and the woman were to be put to death in the event of sin. Listen to it: "If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so shalt thou put away evil from Israel." (Deut.22:22) You see in view of the fact that they brought only the woman, they were tolerating a double standard of sex morality. As long, beloved, as we tolerate it, we are encouraging the sin of adultery.

"WHICH?"

She was a woman worn and thin,
Whom the world condemned for a single sin;
They cast her out on the King's highway,
And passed her by as they went away.

He was a man, and more to blame,
But the world spared him a breath of shame;
Beneath his feet he saw her lie,
But he raised his head and passed her by.

They were the people who went to pray
At the temple of God on the Holy Day;
They scorned the woman, forgave the man—
It was ever thus since the world began.

Time passed on and the woman died—
On the cross of shame was crucified;
But the world was stern and would not yield,
And they buried her in the potters field.

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The man died, too, and they buried him
In a casket of cloth with a silver rim,
And they said as they turned from his grave
'We've buried an honest man today'.

Two mortals knocked at Heaven's gate,
And stood face to face to enquire their fate;
He carried a passport with earthly sign,
And she stood with a pardon from love divine.
O, ye who judge twixt virtue and vice,
Which think ye entered Paradise?

A third cause of adultery is that of infidelity and unbelief in God. Years ago Reuben Torrey preached in the Moody church in Chicago. Afterwards, he went into the inquiry room where he found a young man weeping bitterly. A few days before, this man had heard Ingersoll lecture in Chicago on the subject of infidelity. Following his lecture this young man had gone into sin. When he talked to Mr. Torrey, he told him of his mother at home whom he had always respected, and of the young lady to whom he was engaged. He then said, "How can I ever meet that girl or my mother again?" Don't you see, beloved, after he had heard Ingersoll lecture on infidelity, and after his faith in God was shaken, it was easy enough for him to fall in sin.

A preacher friend was living in Chicago, at the same time of Ingersoll's lectures there on "infidelity". I have heard him say repeatedly that he saw the medical students walk arm in arm from the lectures to the red-light district and to the houses of ill-fame. With their faith in God shaken and with their belief uprooted, it was easy enough for them to fall into sin.

I once knew of a girl who fell from a position of virtue to vice, who had been in the employ of an infidel doctor. After he and she had lived in sin for a number of months, and he had grown tired of her and had thrown her overboard, she confessed to a friend of mine that the first thing this doctor did in making his advances toward her was to destroy her faith in God; and when once this had been accomplished, it was merely a short step until her virtue was destroyed. One of the reasons this commandment is violated today so promiscuously is because that first of all faith in God is being destroyed. In a lot of our high schools, boys and girls are taught that they came from monkeys and snakes and the lower forms of animal life. They are taught that the Bible is only a human production and that the first chapters of Genesis are only a myth. What else can be expected? When a man's faith in God is destroyed, it is but a step until his faith in man is likewise shaken. When you teach a man that he came from a beast, it is only logical that he will act like a beast. It is natural that we should have an overthrow of morals, for monkey men make monkey morals.

Another cause of adultery is that of mid-night petting, whether at home, or in the auto, or on a park bench, or wherever it may be. Several years ago I talked to Miss Kimball, who was then matron of the Catherine Booth Home in Cincinnati. This is, as you perhaps know, a home for fallen girls. When I asked her the cause which most of the girls attributed for their downfall, she said, "The majority of unmarried mothers come to us as a result of unchaperoned auto rides."

Do I speak to some young girl tonight, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, or eighteen years of age? If so, listen: Did you ever see a piece of material that was shop-worn? No one wanted it did they? You can't sell it; you can't give it away; it is greatly marked down in price. May God help you then not to be a piece of shop-worn goods. I do not believe that there is a man in all this world who would want a girl for a wife who would permit liberties outside of wedlock, which belong only to the marriage vow.

Did you ever read the little book entitled "The Heart Of The Rose"? This is one of the sweetest stories dealing with the problem of intimacies between boys and girls that I have ever seen. This book purports to show that each time a girl permits a boy to kiss her, he is just pulling the petals from a rose; and that eventually all the holiness of love is removed, and these first caresses lead to stronger ones, ultimately to destruction, leaving only a blasted rose bud or a blasted life. Incidentally, if you have never seen this book and would like to have a copy of it, we will mail a copy free of charge to everyone who subscribes to our paper this week requesting a copy of the book.

Another cause of adultery is that of mixed bathing. I know you are going to say that I am an old crank, and a religious fanatic; that I am old-fogy and old-fashioned. It doesn't make a bit of difference to me, beloved, what you may say—I'm not serving you, I'm serving God. I confess to the fact that I am old-fashioned in my ideas even though I am not old in my years. I am so old-fashioned, beloved, that I can't see how that any girl or woman desiring that men should think well of her, would dare to attire herself in a modern bathing suit and go bathing in the presence of men. You may argue that since everybody

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else does so it is perfectly all right. I'll still say, beloved, that it is wrong. I made a statement something like this a little while ago, and a young lady took me to task by saying, "But doesn't the Bible say, 'Unto the pure all things are pure.'" I agreed with her that Titus 1:15 did make that statement, and then I suggested to her that she read the balance of that same verse, for it declares, "Even their mind and conscience is defiled." If we were pure, it would make no difference whether we wore any clothing at all; but with a defiled conscience and mind—a mind and conscience which is totally depraved, then we certainly should be very careful as to our attire. I tell you, beloved, just

as long as America sows mixed bathing, she is going to reap bastard children.

Another cause of adultery is that of dancing. I suspect again that I will come in for several epithets relative to my old-fashioned ideas, but, beloved, I am perfectly frank, honest, and sincere when I tell you that the modern dance is the dry-rot of society. Liberties are taken in the dances that would not be allowed elsewhere by virtuous people. The sole foundation of the dance is lust. If you separate the sexes, you would kill the dance immediately. A man would just as soon hug a telephone pole as to dance with another man. I guess I was born thirty years too late, but I can't see a bit of difference between hugging on the sofa and hugging on the dance floor. The strange thing about it is that so many of you married folk—so many of you church women—so many of you W.M.U. sisters, seem to enjoy these public hugging matches. I would like to make you a suggestion: If you wives can't get enough hugging on the part of your husbands at home, then buy an automatic hugger and wear it all the time; and if you men can't get enough hugging on the part of your husbands at home, then mother-in-law.

The dance, whether it be in a private home or in a public hall, is just a few steps removed from the house of prostitution.

"Home was never like this", she said,

Patting the curls on her silly head;
As she glanced around the gilded cafe
And she saw the dancers go whirling by,
Where hundreds idled the hours away,
The carmine lipped and the bold of eye,
The dolls called women, the chicken, the wren,
The rat eyed things dressed up like men.
And over the scene a swamp-mist lay
Of the rotting hopes of moral decay;
And Satan brooding above his show,
As he gloated over Babylon, long, long ago.
And yawning beyond this gay carouse,
The crimson door of the harlot's house,
And I thought as I watched her where she sat
Her home was never, never like that."

V

I wish, beloved, that I might say a word to you relative to the evil consequences of adultery. There was a time when it was considered a disgrace. It ought to be so today.

A second evil consequence is that of disease. Much insanity is traceable to the sin of adultery. 75% of the blindness of children is caused by it. Much of the eye, ear, nose and throat troubles come by it. It is definitely the cause of 75% of the heart trouble; 70% of the disease which are peculiar to women; 60% of the female operations; and 75% of childless marriages. It is also true that 85% of the children from tainted parents are born dead, feeble-minded, or crippled.

Worse than the disgrace or the disease that grows out of the sin of adultery, is the final consequence of an eternal Hell. The Word of God makes clear the destiny of those guilty of this sin. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Rev.21:8) "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." (Rev.22:15).

VI

A question logically arises which we must answer ere we bring this broadcast to a close. I am satisfied that many who are listening tonight are guilty of this very sin, and since you are guilty, you are asking, "Can an adulterer be saved?" In this case, as in all others, it doesn't make any difference what I think nor what you think; it is all a matter of what does God's Word say. In the fourth chapter of John's Gospel, we have the story of a Samaritan woman who had had five husbands and who was then living with a man who was not

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her husband. It is too bad she didn't live today. She would have been the most popular woman in Russell or Ashland. Her name would have been on the society page of the paper every Sunday. She would have been in Hollywood, and her name would have been displayed on Broadway. This woman, one day came to Jesus, and after her conversation with Him, she went away to the city saying, "Come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" (Jn. 4:29) Surely this is evidence enough that she was saved. The very fact of her testimony for Jesus that "He was the Christ of God" is proof enough that she came to accept Him as Saviour.

But to answer this question again: In the 11th chapter of the book of Hebrews, which is God's Westminster Abbey of the faithful, we read of the harlot Rahab, who was saved when the Jews first captured Palestine as a national home on their return from Egypt. Listen, "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace." (Heb.11:31) In the genealogy of Jesus as given in the first chapter of Matthew, only four women are mentioned. Three of these were fallen women. One of them was Rahab, which shows us that God not only saved, but used this harlot Rahab.

In the days of our Lord Jesus' sojourn in the world, a woman was brought to Him by the Pharisees, who were hoping they might be able to entrap Him in His words. They said that she was taken in the very sin of adultery. After an experience which was most painful to her accusers, Jesus said unto her, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." (Jn. 8:10,11)

Do I speak to one tonight who is stained and spotted with sin? Do I speak to one tonight whose life has not been what it should have been? Maybe your sin has not been that of adultery; perhaps it is some other violation of the law of God. Regardless of what your sin may be, may you hear now the words of sacred writ: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa.1:18) Thank God, Jesus Christ can save sinners. May He save you now!

COST OF PRAYER

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It cost Elijah much persecution, for he was hounded by that woman Jezebel, who eagerly sought his life (1 Kings 19:2).

It cost John the Baptist his head (Matt.14:3-10).

It cost Paul and Silas pain and imprisonment (Acts 16:23).

It cost Stephen his life (Acts 7:60).

It cost the Apostle John banishment to the Isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9).

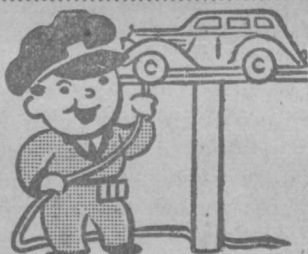
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1. Hanani. (2 Chron.16:7-10)
2. Ezekiel. (Ezek.3:17-21)
3. Abram. (Gen.14:8-16)
4. Michal, the wife of David. She went childless to the day of her death. (2 Sam.6:16,20-23)
5. He was slain by the Israelites in their war against the Midianites. (Num.31:8)
6. Moses, when he warned the tribes of Reuben and Gad of what would happen if they broke their promises. (Num. 32:20-23)
7. Abram. He saw a smoking furnace and a burning lamp pass over his altar. (Gen.15:8-18)
8. Nehemiah. (Neh.2:13)
9. Noah. (Gen.9:21)
10. Deborah. (Judges 4 and 5)
11. Seven. (Gen.7:3)
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