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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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WHOLE NO. 68

Two Different Views Relative To Whiskey

In the days when Bob Ingersoll was at the height of his career, he sent his friend Buckley some whiskey as a gift. The first letter which follows was Ingersoll's letter to Buckley accompanying the gift, while the second letter is Buckley's letter to Ingersoll refusing it. Though we have seen these in print from time to time, they are still most interesting and we are therefore sharing them with our readers.

Dear Mr. Buckley:

I am sending you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the feast of painted landscapes in the brain of man. It's the mingled soul of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chase each other over billowy fields the breath of June, the carol of the lark, the dew of the night, the wealth of summer and autumn's rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it and you will hear the voices of men and maidens singing the "Harvest Home", mingled with the voices of children. Drink it and you will feel within your blood the starred dawns, the dreamy, tawny dusk of perfect days. For forty years this imprisoned liquid joy has been confined within staves of oak longing

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Except My Property

I must not be regarded as irreverent when I express my conviction of how multitudes of people sing songs of surrender with very decided reservations. Frances Ridley Havergal has written for us one of the most effective hymns of consecration in our entire hymnal. But note how many people sing it:

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord to Thee
(Except my property).

Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee
(Except my property)"

My readers will protest that this ruins the hymn. Certainly it does. It ruins the harmony. It breaks the meter. It destroys the rhythm. But that is exactly what happens when I leave my property out of my surrender to God. If Christ is to be Lord of my life, I must crown Him Lord of my property as well as the

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INFLUENCE.

"An old man going a lone highway,
Came at evening, cold and gray
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide;
The old man crossed at the twilight dim:
The sullen stream had no fear for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

'Old Man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You're wasting your strength with building here
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?'

The builder lifted his old gray head—
'Good friend, in the path I've come', he said
There followed after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Who found an angel under an oak tree?
2. What message did an old man receive from the stars?
3. What king never had father nor mother?
4. Who wrestled all night with an unknown wrestler?
5. Who was protected by a host of horses and chariots?
6. What man brought upon himself a dreadful curse by rebuilding a city?
7. What was the forgotten dream that nearly caused the death of a host of men?
8. Who slaughtered sixty-nine of his brothers on one stone?
9. What nation first fought with the Israelites after they crossed the Red sea, and what was its fate?
10. Who loved so well that seven years of service seemed to him but a few days?
11. What murderer became king and reigned seven days?
12. Who was the second oldest man in the Bible?

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The First Baptist Pulpit

When The Angels Acted As Pallbearers

"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

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Much Interest In Dickerson's Going To Brazil

Since this paper is a clearing house for missionary information, it gives us no little joy to share with you the letters relative to our missionary work. The following letter was written by the aged father of our Bro. C. W. Dickerson, who is soon to go to Brazil as a missionary.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Please find enclosed fifty cents as subscription price for your paper for one year beginning with the the sample copy you sent me date of March 18, 1939, which gave me the news of my only son, C. W. Dickerson, being called of God to take His gospel message to the lost of Brazil.

Of course, it makes me very sad to have him so far away. When he was small, he slept with me, and on the night of his sixth birthday, after he had gone to sleep, I took him in my arms and dedicated him in my weak way, but in the best way knew how, to God. Lately I have been praying to God for him to give Charlie a place to preach His word and to make him a great soul winner. It grieves me knowing I may never see him any more this side of the judgment, yet I must say, God's will be done.

May the Lord bless you and
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Bible Conferences

Sunday, Mar. 26, the editor visited Ashland Avenue Baptist Church at Lexington, Kentucky, on the occasion of the opening of their annual Bible Conference. This is the church of which Bro. Clarence Walker is pastor.

Just to be with brother and sister Walker and their church is a happy season of fellowship. This year was no exception. For the past seven years it has been the editor's great privilege to preach for this church on the opening Sunday of their annual Conference. Since last year's pilgrimage with them, they have enlarged and painted their auditorium, added more Sunday school rooms, and installed a new organ. We also observed a growth in attendance in the Sunday school and in the crowds at the preaching services. However, the best growth was noted in the spiritual interest and reception of the mes-

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Our Tract Fund

Our requests for tracts continue to pour in. We aim to send these out as the Lord provides the funds. As I told you in the issue of March 4, we are now in need of a new printing press which will expedite our printing facilities. We have had one response to our appeal for help in that editorial. For this we are deeply grateful. Each week on this page, we expect to print a list of contributors and the amounts contributed toward this work. How we do pray that God shall move upon the hearts of hundreds of His own, to have a part in this work of scattering the Gospel through the printed page. We invite you to give us a dollar shower for this work.

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Ever since we started our paper, we have received requests asking us to publish anonymous articles. We are sorry, but we cannot do it.

The Western Recorder

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This is a most unusual book, being the life story and experiences of Mrs. Abigail Townsend Luffe, familiarly known as Sister Abigail. If you do not believe in prayer, you need to read this book. If you do believe in it, reading of this book will strengthen you in your prayer life. It brought to the editor this stirring thought that miracles are even possible today, whenever God is working. This book is attractively bound in cloth. It is published by the Sword and Shield Book Store of Buffalo, New York, and should be ordered directly from them. It sells at the price of \$1.00 and contains over 200 pages.

The Hope Of The Ages

This is another of the splendid books written by Arno Clemens Gaebelin. Of course, "The Hope Of The Ages" is the literal return of Jesus Christ. The book has two divisions. Part I represents the "hope" as given in God's revelation. Part II traces the "hope" in history—from the apostolic days to our time. One is impressed with the fact that the author is familiar with both Old Testament prophecies and history. The author denounces Amillennialism, Post-millennialism, Catholicism, Modernism, Seventh Day Adventism, Pentecostalism, and McPhersonism. At the same time, he makes the Lord Jesus Christ as the only hope. The only point wherein we differ is relative to the author's definition of Jesus' church. We heartily agree with Mr. Chafer, the author of the foreword to this book, who says, "If I could say but three words in my foreword to this volume, I would say, 'Read this book'. If I could say but twenty-one words, I would only repeat those three words seven times." The book is published by "Our Hope", contains 187 pages; is well bound in cloth, and sells most reasonably for \$1.00.

The Acts of the Apostles

This is an unusually interesting study of primitive Christianity. It is written by W. H. Griffith Thomas. To any one who desires to study the Acts, we recommend this book most highly. It is printed

in both paper and cloth bindings. Years ago, the editor read it for the first time and was highly impressed with it then; and even more so now, twelve years after reading it for the first time. We have always felt that chapter one of the book is worth its entire price. Both preachers and laymen should secure a copy of this book and make a fresh study of the book of Acts. It is published by the Bible Institute Colportage Ass'n., Chicago, and contains approximately 100 pages.

Yesterday's Rain

This is another of those great novels written by Paul Hutchens. Of those which we have read, it surpasses them all. The author's familiarity with the Scriptures is most apparent. In itself, it is a marvelous commentary on Romans 8:28. In new language it presents the old truth that the sun-shine follows the rain. The love story which is woven into this novel is very fascinating. The author's literary style is really unique. It is a most excellent story. It is published by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. It is well bound in cloth, contains approximately 200 pages, and the price is unbelievably low—\$1.00 postpaid. Order directly from THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

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WHEN THE ANGELS ACTED AS PALLBEARERS

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And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from thence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:19-31)

This chapter is the unveiling of the unseen world. It is the very words of Jesus, Himself, relative to the future. My method of studying it this evening will be to ask questions and to seek to find the answers therein.

I

Does death end all? This is a very pertinent question which constantly comes into the minds of many. One can scarcely spend an afternoon calling without having someone ask, "Does death end all?"

Our Scripture gives the answer. Two men lived, two men died, and two men lived after death. They were conscious after death. They knew each other. Abraham had been dead for centuries, yet the rich man saw him and recognized him. Surely death did not end all in the case of these two.

It is true that death ends all things earthly, both for the believer and the unbeliever. For the Godly Lazarus it ended the company of dogs and brought the company of angels; it ended his lying outside the gate, and began his living in the mansions of God; it ended the ministration of dogs, and began the ministrations of angels. For the rich man, death ended all his pleasure and began his pain. When God's long-suffering ended, the rich man's long-suffering began. Death ended his reveling in wine, and began his eternal torment of everlasting thirst; death ended his luxury, and began his poverty; death ended his comforts, and began his curses; death ended his singing, and began his sighing; death ended his mercies, and began his miseries. In view of this, my answer to the question is that death ends all things earthly, and begins all things which belong to eternity.

II

Does fire consume the unsaved? The rich man, in hell, did not say, "I am being consumed", but, "I am tormented." Hell, beloved, does not annihilate nor destroy one's existence. "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." 2 Thess. 1:7-9)

I know that there are many who can not understand how that one can be burned eternally without ever being consumed. Note this Scripture: "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt." (Dan.3:25) In this instance, three Jews, who were saved, were cast into the flames. When they were brought out therefrom, not a hair of their heads were singed neither were their coats changed, nor could the smell of fire be detected upon them. If God can make fire whereby His redeemed may walk in it without being burned, certainly God can make fire whereby the unredeemed may be tormented in it eternally without ever being consumed.

III

Will God punish sinners? Just a few days ago, as I came out of the railroad offices here in town, I invited one of the officials to our services. He confessed immediately that he did not care a great deal about going to church, and that hell never entered his mind. For, said he, "God is a God of love, and therefore there is no future punishment". This man is not an isolated character; he does not stand alone. I realize that there are multiplied thousands who would say tonight that God will never punish the lost. Yet, beloved, will you not listen to what God says Himself: "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he might dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." (Jas. 16:23-25) "And I saw a great white throne, and him

that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev.20:11-15)

I imagine, though, that I can hear some one object by saying, "We get our punishment here on earth." Ah no, beloved, this is far from true. In fact, the more one sins, the less one suffers in life. A pure, refined young maiden may, in a moment of anger, speak a blasphemous word which will haunt and taunt her mind for days. Yet, that same word may be used dozens of times by men around town without it affecting their conscience one particle. In other words, the more those individuals have sinned, the less they suffer. A man may kill some one, and night after night, the murdered one will awaken him by rubbing his icy hands over the murderer's forehead. Night becomes a troubled insomnia to the murderer. Yet, I have read of both gangsters and pirates who said that after they had killed two or three, or several individuals, that it meant no more to them to shoot a man than it did to shoot a chicken or any animal for food. Don't you see, the more the individual sins, the less he suffers. Or take the sin of adultery, for example. The first time a young girl may fall into this sin, her conscience will keenly accuse her, and the remorse of her soul will doubtlessly be exceedingly great. Yet, there are women, who day by day, live the same kind of life and commit the same sin over and over day by day, and who never even consider the consequences thereof. I would say then to the objector who thinks that we get our punishment here on earth, that he is exactly 100 percent wrong, for the more one sins the less that one suffers.

Someone else would object to this idea of punishment by saying that the thought of it is so horrible. I am ready to grant that this is true, but this does not change the reality of it. The thought of tuberculosis is horrible, but it is a reality just the same. I saw one recently fall away in flesh until at death she only weighed about 70 pounds. I saw her gasp for breath. I beheld the horrible sufferings through which she passed. Yes, the thought of tuberculosis is horrible, but it is a reality nevertheless. I saw one sometime ago, suffering with cancer. The whole nose, eyes, upper lip, and part of the lower lip and the forehead had been eaten away. The stench of it was nauseating. No one could say that it was other than horrible, yet it was real just the same. So it is with hell and future punishment. I am ready to admit that the thought of brimstone and fire, the thought of hollow shrieks and sullen moans coming from tortured ghosts in the abyss of hell is horrible; the thought of men being cast out eternally from the presence of God into outer darkness, and the further fact of their gnashing upon one another with their teeth as dogs growl and snarl at one another while feeding is a detestable, horrible picture, yet it is real just the same. I thus answer the question, "Will God punish sinners", with an emphatic affirmative. Most assuredly they must be punished.

IV

Can a sinner be saved after death? One great church system has devised a plan or scheme whereby those who die in their sins may be taken out of the place of punishment upon the payment of certain sums of money. Bereaved friends and relatives pay their money in order that various religious exercises, shall be entered into by those religious ones in authority, in order that the departed unsaved one might be saved, and that that individual might get out of purgatory into Heaven. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the 26th verse of this chapter to refute such evil teachings. Listen to it: "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." (Lk. 16:26)

Then there are others who teach a doctrine of a second chance. I have often been jokingly introduced as a Russellite because I live in the town of Russell. In that respect I am a Russellite. However, I do not believe in the doctrine of Russellism. As I gathered from listening to one of their speakers some time ago, they teach that everyone who dies sleeps. That is, both body and soul sleeps until the resurrection. Then, Jesus comes to them and preaches, and if the individual repents and is saved, well enough. By this second chance, they have been able to enter into Heaven. If he refuses, then he is burned up and that is the end of him. I am ready to grant you beloved, that this is a mighty comforting heresy for those who have lost a father or mother, brother or sister, when you know absolutely that that one died unsaved. Yet, beloved, it is a false comfort, for it is an out and out heresy. Listen: "If the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." (Eccl.11:3) Whichever way

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soon need bracing, and too many
eye openers will soon close both
eyes.**"WHY WE ARE BAPTIST" by W. K. Wood**

(Continued from last week)

2. The depravity of man. Baptists believe that in the fall of man that the whole human race has become depraved. We do not mean by that that every man is as mean as he can be or as mean as he will be. But we do mean that there is not a particle about man which has not been defiled by sin. "And that the whole head is sick, the whole heart is faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores that have not been closed neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. They came into the world in a very bad state. Psalms 51:5, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalms 58:3, "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." Rom. 3:10-13, "There is none righteous, no not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. There is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps are under their lips; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood. Destruction and misery are in their ways. And the way of peace have they not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes." Many other Scriptures could be given to show that every faculty of man has been ruined by sin.

3. Election. In 1 Peter 1:2, the apostle Peter, a Baptist preacher, states that election is according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. And Paul, another Baptist preacher, in Eph. 1:4-5, says: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (2 Thess. 2:13) "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (2 Tim. 2:10) "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." (Rom. 11:5)

4. We believe in the doctrine of

salvation by Grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun.

5. We believe in God's order of repentance and faith as preached by the Baptists and taught by the Lord Jesus. "For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him, and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him." (Matt. 21:32) "Repent ye and believe the gospel." (Mk. 1:15) "And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law." (Acts 21:20) God says: "I tell you Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk. 13:5) And Jesus states: "He that believeth not shall be damned." Baptists sound out clearly on these great doctrines laid down in their order by the Lord Jesus. The order is not faith and repentance, but repentance and faith.

6. Again we must agree with the doctrine of once-for-all salvation as taught by the Baptists and that has been given to those who repent of their sin and believe in Christ to the salvation of their soul. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Jn. 3:36) "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither

shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (Jn. 10:28, 29) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:3-5)

He certainly has the power to keep. Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Therefore we can say with Paul: "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38-39. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. For the Lord loveth judgment and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever." Note the word preserved. Get your dictionary and read carefully the definition of the word. A few years ago Brother J. W. Mullens, a consecrated Baptist preacher, was visiting friends on Kinnekinick River in Lewis County. At the noon hour they served as a part of their lunch some preserves that had been handed down for three generations. If a woman can take the fruit from the vine and preserve it in safe keeping for three generations so as to make a portion of a delightful meal, how much more can the God of Heaven preserve his saints forever! Praise God, they are preserved forever. Psalms 37:23-24, 28.

V. We are a Baptist because of their church ordinances. There are two, namely: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

1. Baptism.

(1) It came from heaven. "The Baptism of John," said Jesus. "Was it from heaven or of man?" Every baptism that does not date back to John's baptism is of man. And Jesus said of a certain crowd that they had rejected the council of God against themselves not being baptized with the baptism of John.

(2) Handed down to them by the Lord Jesus. Mt. 28:16, 19, 20. "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain

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where He had appointed them. And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Baptists are the only people carrying out the commission of our blessed Lord. They make and baptize disciples. That was Christ's order.

(3) Baptists do not baptize in order to take away sin. John the Baptist demanded that people should bring forth fruits meet for repentance before he would baptize them. Baptists of today demand the same evidence: that is, that people must believe in Christ as their personal Saviour before they are baptized. Then the proper subject for Bible baptism, which is Baptist baptism, is a believer—one

who has repented, accepted Christ, and has been saved. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Phillip answered, "If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest." There is neither precept nor command any where is God's word to baptize anybody in order to make them a Christian. Baptism has nothing in the world to do with making anybody a Christian. Paul said in 1 Cor. 1:14, "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius." Verse 17: "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel." What is the Gospel? The Gospel is how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. And this Gospel (not baptism) is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death. That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life; and as we have been buried together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection." When a person enters the baptismal waters, they say to the world, "We are dead to sin and alive to God." They picture to the world the Gospel of Christ's death, burial, and glorious resurrection.

A young man of Van Lear, Ky., seeing this Gospel in picture at a Baptist baptizing, witnessed too, by me, saw in it Christ's death and burial, and resurrection, and believing that in his heart, he was gloriously saved, and jumped into the creek with his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes on, demanding baptism at the hands of Van Lear Baptist Church through its administrator, J. S. Thompson.

(4) In Baptist baptism, which is Bible baptism, we have six things

stated concerning the water in which they are baptized.

A. It requires much water. In John 3:23, we read that John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salem because there was much water there. It requires much water for a Baptist baptizing.

B. Baptist baptizing requires a going down into the water. Acts 8:38, "And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and Eunuch and he baptized him."

When A. J. Holt and S. S. Orris, professor of Greek in Princeton Theological Seminary, were making a trip through the Holy Land, they occupied a carriage together and sat facing each other. From Bethlehem they went directly south on the Doman road to Hebron visiting Solomon's Pools, about eleven miles out from Bethlehem. These pools were from 200 to 400 feet in dimension.

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Some people carry their religion on their shoulder like a burden instead of in their hearts like a song.—William Evans.

MUCH INTEREST IN DICKERSON'S GOING TO BRAZIL

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yours.

Your brother,
A. Dickerson,
Harrodsburg, Ky.

This next letter came from Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

This morning I received a sample copy of "The Baptist Examiner." I was quite surprised to read about Mr. Dickerson going to Brazil as a missionary. He is my mother's only brother and the only uncle that I have that really loves the Lord. How I do praise God that he has called Uncle Charlie and Aunt Ina to serve Him in Brazil. It is my desire that He will some day call me to some Mission field.

If it is convenient please send me 4th, -that has the article "Mis a copy of the paper published Mar. sions in the Amazon Valley." (Sorry, but that issue is exhausted —Ed.)

I am sending one dollar to help send Uncle Charlie to Brazil. Will try to send another one soon.

May the Lord richly bless you in your work.

Yours in Him,
Miss Laura MacWright.

This morning's mail (March 28) brought a much appreciated letter from some dear friends in Huntington—friends whom we have come to know and love through our radio broadcasts. Wouldn't it be marvelous if a hundred others, as a memory to some departed loved one,

would honor the Saviour as these friends have!

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

As a memory to our dear mother, we are enclosing a small donation for the missionary fund. This small gift we feel sure would give her great pleasure as she, in her earlier days, was active in foreign mission work—was corresponding secretary for the Foreign Missionary Society of her church for years.

We wish for Mr. Dickerson and family God's richest blessings in their new home. Oh, what a privilege is theirs!

We missed you very much yesterday.

Your friend,
Sam Close and Sisters

Then the noon mail today brought the following letter from Brother A. M. Hawley who lead the examination the day Bro. Dickerson was ordained to the ministry.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Please find inclosed \$5.78 to help to send Bro. C. W. Dickerson to Brazil. I have been praying to God to call some good sound Baptist to go to assist Bro. Will Jones in that needy field.

I am personally acquainted with Bro. Dickerson. Was in the Presbytery that help to ordain him. He is my type of preacher.

This offering is from Ledbetter Baptist church. We will be sending you some more as the days go by.

Your brother in Christ,
A. M. Hawley

In the last issue of our paper we promised to publish a full report of the funds as they were received for Bro. Dickerson's passage to Brazil. The following is the amount which we have on hand to date, but does not include promises and pledges which many have voluntarily made:

Collinwood Baptist Church, Collinwood, Tenn.	\$10.00.
Mrs. Everett Hensley, Rice Kentucky,	\$3.00
Miss Laura MacWright, Evansville, Ind.,	\$1.00
Elder C. E. Sands, Akron, O.	.50
Sam Close, Huntington, W Va.,	\$5
A. M. Hawley, Hazel, Ky.,	\$5.78

EXCEPT MY PROPERTY

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Lord of my personality. How futile and how faithless to sing:

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the tree falls, there it shall lie. And, beloved, whichever way a sinner falls in death, there he shall be on the morning of the resurrection. No one will ever have a second opportunity to be anything after death that he was not in life.

I recently attended a service where a so-called preacher even spoke about baptizing living saints in behalf of dead sinners. He declared that every time a living saint was baptized in the name of a dead sinner, that the soul of that sinner was released from his suffering. This would mean to say that sinners can be saved after death. How utterly contrary and even contradictory to the Word of God. "Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come." (Jn. 8:21) These were Jesus' words. He said to those who died as sinners, "Whither I go ye cannot come". He says the same today, so that the man who dies unsaved will be unsaved throughout a never-ending eternity. Read the message of John the Revelator, "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Rev.14:10,11)

Let me repeat it, let me emphatically declare it again; there is no hope of salvation for the one who dies without Jesus Christ. To turn away from Christ is to close eternally the door into Heaven. There is only one way to keep a man out of hell, and that is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ while the man is alive. Though there is only one way to keep one out of hell, there is not even one way to get a man out of hell when once he goes there.

V

Do the unsaved believe in missions? This rich man showed no concern for the spiritual welfare of his brothers when here on earth. After death, he exhibited a deep concern. When living, he did not care for Lazarus' gospel message; after death he realized it was what his brothers needed. Hence he made a request that Lazarus be permitted to go preach to them. "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." (Lk.16:27,28) Thus we see, beloved, he had changed his mind about preaching, and about missions. There is many a man out in the cemetery, tonight, who feels much differently about the preaching of the Word of God, and about the cause of missions, to what he felt when he was hanging around a saloon or a beer parlor, or a den of shame. There is many an old sister, tonight, whose body is rotting in the grave, who feels much differently about this question of attending church services, and about the doctrine of Missions — the preaching of the gospel to every creature — than she did when she was wasting her time at a bridge club or in some of these modern social poker games. How I would to God tonight, as pastor of this church, that I might take some of these Hardshell Baptists, who do not believe in Missions, and some of these Hardshell Missionary Baptists, who say they believe in Missions but don't practice it — how I would to God that I might stick each of them down into hell for just a few minutes. I am positive of one fact, that when the fellow got out, he would have a different attitude toward the preaching of the Word of God and toward the doctrine of Missions to what he has had before in life.

VI

Do the dead know what we are doing on earth? This is a much discussed question. Let God's Word answer again. Listen: "Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." (Lk.16:29) Abraham knew that there was a Moses, though he had died several hundred years before Moses was born. He knew there were several prophets after Moses. Hence, he knew that they had written books. He knew that these five brothers had these books in their homes. He knew that they neither read nor believed these books. Thus this Scripture would lead us to believe that the dead do know that which is taking place on earth.

This is not the only Scripture which bears out this same truth. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." (Heb.12:1) This refers to a great crowd of witnesses. The word for witness in the Greek is the word for "spectator", and it refers immediately to the preceding chapter which speaks of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph, and many others who are now dead. The writer thus literally says that in view of this crowd of heavenly witnesses or spectators, let us thus live for Jesus.

I am sure, beloved, that each of the dead know precisely what is

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Your friend,
BUCKLEY.

BIBLE CONFERENCES

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 sage, for in the seven consecutive years we have visited this church for their Bible Conference, we have never known as fine spiritual interest as was manifested on this occasion.

We would have enjoyed spending the entire week with them had it been possible, for they had planned a very helpful program. Other speakers for the week include Joe McCauley, Sault St. Marie, Canada; W. K. Wood, Ashland, Kentucky; John Ross, Petoskey, Mich.; and Walter Walker of Woodlake, Ky.

This is the season of Bible Institutes, Conferences, baccalaureate sermons, and commencement addresses. Other engagements immediately will carry us on April 7 to Greenup, Kentucky to preach for Bro. Hamilton and his church in the closing night of their Bible Institute. On April 18, we go to the Central Kentucky Baptist Pastors Conference with the First Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky. On April 19-20 we will go to Burnside, Kentucky to be with pastor McAlpin and his flock. On May 18 we will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Proctorville, Ohio High School.

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taking place on earth today. I am sure that like the rich man, each unsaved person, who is dead, knows that his family is following in his footsteps, and is hot-footing the road of vice into hell. I am sure that each saved one knows what is taking place on earth just as Abraham knew all about the home of this rich man.

A question logically arises: How can the saved be happy if they know what is taking place? When they see one of their loved ones sin, or when they behold us in our difficulties and troubles, with our problems and anxieties, how can they be happy? Here is the answer, beloved, How can God be happy under the same circumstances? He knows the end from the beginning. He knows that the sin and misfortunes and the problems which we have are all for the best. Has He not said, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom.8:28) The saints of God see, and know, and understand just like God. In view of this, our earthly vicissitudes and problems do not affect them.

VII

Will the sufferings of hell change one's nature? On earth, this rich man lived just for himself. His plans and his desires always came first. When he went to hell, he first thought of himself. The first thing he prayed for was water to quench his own thirst. The second thing he prayed for was for his brothers on earth. Thus he prayed first for his own comfort, and his brothers afterward. This was just like he had been on earth, for there his plans and his desires had always been first. Thus his nature remained the same.

Further, in life he had rejected the Word of God. Because of this, God rejected him. Incidentally, beloved, God will reject everyone who rejects his Word. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (Jn.12:48) In hell, this rich man still rejected God's Word. "And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent." (Lk.16:30) He wasn't interested in his brothers reading the Bible, but he insisted upon disturbing Lazarus, and sending him forth to preach to those who were on the road to hell. Thus, he had more faith in the words of a dead man than he had in the Word of the living God. Don't you see, beloved, he was still rejecting the Word of God just as he had in life?

Though he was suffering, his nature remained the same. In substance, he was unchanged as to his nature. There is only one way whereby one's nature may be changed. This, beloved, comes through the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Without the gospel, no change can ever take place. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (Jn.3:3) Listen to these Scriptures: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Pet.1:4) "For he hath made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor.5:21) "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness." (1 Pet.2:24) "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (1 Pet.3:18)

If every devil in hell were turned loose, tonight, he would be just as big a devil tonight, and perhaps even bigger, than when consigned to hell. He would be just the same as to his nature. The only thing that will change one's nature — which will take out the heart of stone and give to us a heart of flesh, is the gospel, namely, that Jesus Christ died for our sins. May God help you to believe it, receive it, and accept it for your salvation, now.

ANSWER TO BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Gideon. (Judg.6:4-12)
2. Abram was told that his descendants should be like the stars of the sky for number. (Gen.15:5).
3. Melchizedek, the king of Salem (Gen.14:18; Heb.7:1-3).
4. Jacob. (Gen.32:24-29).
5. Elisha. (2 Kings 6:17).
6. Hiel, the Bethelite, lost his two

sons by rebuilding Jericho in spite of the curse laid by Joshua upon the man that should build that city again. (1 Kings 16:34; Josh. 26).

7. The dream of Nebuchadnezzar. (Dan.2).

8. Abimelech, the son of Gideon. (Judg.9:5).

9. Amalek. (Exod.17:8). It was entirely destroyed. Deut.6:19).

10. Jacob. (Gen.29:20).

11. Zimri. (1 Kings 16:9,15).

12. Jared. (Gen.5:19).

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