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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). 418

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## How Spurgeon Found Christ-- His Own Story

I had been about five years in the most fearful distress of mind, as a lad. If any human being felt more of the terror of God's law, I can indeed pity and sympathize with him. Bunyan's "Grace Abounding" contains, in the main, my history. Some abysses he went into I never trod; but I plunged into some he never knew.

I thought the sun was blotted out of my sky—that I had sinned so against God that there was no hope for me. I prayed—the Lord knoweth how I prayed; but never had a glimpse of an answer that I knew of. I searched the word of God; the promises were more alarming than the threatenings. I read the privileges of the people of God, but with the fullest persuasion that they were not for me. The secret of my distress was this: I did not know the gospel. I was in a Christian land, I had Christian parents, but I did not fully understand the freeness and simplicity of the gospel.

I attended all the places of worship in the town where I lived, but I honestly believe that I did not hear the gospel fully preached. I do not blame the men, however. One man preached the divine sovereignty. I could hear him with pleasure; but what was that to a poor sinner who wished to know what he should do to be saved?  
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## Why I Attend The Sunday Night Service

1. Because I love my church and want to be there every time the doors are opened.
  2. Because I love my pastor and love to hear him pray and preach.
  3. Because I love the dear old gospel songs of invitation we always sing.
  4. Because I love to give the handgrasp of welcome to the new members who join our church.
  5. Because I love to see the beautiful symbolic ordinance of Baptist baptism.
  6. Because I love to greet and welcome visiting brethren.
  7. Because my presence may en-
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### WHEN—

"When your heart is sad and lonely  
And you're sinking in despair;  
When the clouds are dark and lowering  
And there's grayness in the air;  
When you feel that Life's against you  
And your "spunk" is running low;  
When you feel the strain's too heavy,  
And misfortune strikes another blow;  
When your friends have all deserted  
And the hills look bleak and bare;  
When the valleys lie in shadows  
And there's darkness everywhere;  
When the thunder rolls about you  
And murky waters roar and sweep;  
When adversity swells at flood-tide  
And takes you out to oceans deep;  
When the world's like iron around you  
And you face a cold stone wall;  
When strongest efforts go for naught;  
And your plans all crash and fall;  
When unfriendly darkness is densest  
And the way looks drab and dear;  
When your heart is torn and bleeding  
And your soul is full of fear;  
When life's combat round you rages  
And men are dying on the field;  
When the battle goes against you  
And you feel you're forced to yield;  
When your life is at its darkest  
And you've had your bitter fill,  
Just throw your soul at Jesus' feet  
And know He loves you still!"

### "A NUMBER OF JUNE MARRIAGES"

This has been the "marry" month of June. Especially due to our radio broadcast, we have had a large number of young couples who have come to Russell, Kentucky, to be married by the editor. The following is the list we have married in the month of June:

- Burtis Hamrick and Leonore Coltrell of Spencer, West Virginia.
  - Willard Bias and Gladys Chinn of Huntington, West Virginia.
  - ..... and ..... of Huntington, W. Va.
  - Earl H. Patrick and Alma Surbough of Huntington, W. Va.
  - Donald B. Ingram and Hattie Baier of Charleston, W. Va.
  - Emory McClees and Frances Smith of Huntington, West Virginia.
  - Dale Van Bibber and Dorthy Turner of Columbus Ohio.
  - Ollie Reese and Ester Hargrove of Milburn, West Virginia.
  - Marion C. Mahaffey and Helen Virginia Marshall of Marion, Ohio.
  - Willie Wright and Eva Gore of Milburn, West Virginia.
  - Leo Mershon and Edna Swords of Portsmouth, Ohio.
  - Jimmie Turina and Eleanor Bragg of Huntington, W. Va.
  - Arnold Bowman and Mildred Chaffin of Waverly, Ohio.
  - Bernard Wilson Jordon and Helen Frances Wood of Kenova, W. Va.
  - Todd B. Miller and Charlotte Yeager of Johnstown, Pa.
  - John E. Russell and Violet Robertson of Middleport, Ohio.
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## Should Baptists Enter Into Union Services?

On a recent Sunday, the First Baptist Church of Ironton, Ohio, had the pastor of the First Methodist Church of the same city, fill their pulpit in the absence of their regular pastor, who was then attending the Northern Baptist Convention. It isn't often that we comment relative to the action of a neighboring Baptist church and pastor. In this case, there are three reasons which motivate our doing so.

First, we have a commission from our Lord which demands that we do so. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression." (Isa.58:1)

In the second place, we are often told that self-preservation is the first law of nature. Ironton is located just across the river from where the editor lives and pastors the First Baptist Church. Even though we are separated by the Ohio River, and the churches are affiliated with a different group of Baptists (Northern and Southern), it is only logical that various people wonder why we should be so strict relative to the question of church affiliation in the light of the example of the church at Ironton. It is no more than right that we offer to them an explanation.

In the third place, this is not the first time the First Baptist Church in Ironton has been guilty of heretical practices by way of union  
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## The Bible, A Book Useful In Our Travel

A Christian traveler was packing his suitcase when about to proceed on a journey when he remarked to a friend:

"There is still a little corner in which I desire to pack a guide-book, a lamp, a mirror, a telescope, a book of poems, a number of biographies, a bundle of old letters, a small hymn book, a sharp sword, a small library containing thirty volumes; and all these articles must occupy a space of about three by two inches."

"How are you going to manage that?" queried his friend, and the reply was: "Very easily, for the Bible contains all these things."

—From The Gospel Herald.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### The Historicity of Baptists & Others

"And ye shall know the truth, and truth shall make you free,"  
John 8:32.

A positive and guaranteed, antidote for superstition, ignorance and idolatry is a frank presentation of the truth. If what we have to say is true, then it should free some from denominational error. If what we have to say is true, then it should make Baptists to be-  
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