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A PAPER WITH A NATIONAL CIRCULATION

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

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Alien Baptism Denounced By W. Va. Pastor

DR. WILLIAM L. PETTINGILL has been doing some great preaching and teaching at the Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Huntington. But like so many others in our day, he has gone off offer the Universal church idea with its attendant evils. He denounced Baptists for not receiving the immersions of others as valid baptism, and said we had no Scripture for such refusal.

COMMENT

A Campbellite preacher instructs a lost sinner to be immersed in order to be saved, and that lost sinner believes the preacher and acts upon it. He is immersed in order to be saved. Of what value is that immersion if it does not do for that sinner what it is recommended to do? Salvation was promised him in that immersion, and that is what he received it for and for nothing else.

Dr. Pettingill has a book on "BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH PLUS NOTHING," but here is a "plus," added by both the immersed and the immerser, and Dr. Pettingfil condemns Baptists for not placing value upon this "plus" and receiving it as valid baptism. If the one receiving such immersion applies to a Baptist church for membership 10.

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Close Communion

That there are objections that appeal to the natural man we must admit, but we are exhorted: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." His word is supreme; his way the best.

Now let us consider some of the arguments for open communion: "Close communion is illiberal."

Answer: But I have no right to be liberal with the things of another beyond his instructions. Such liberality would be a breach of trust.

"It is the Lord's table." Answer: Yes, that is right, and we should consult his word and will concerning it.

"Others think they are right." Answer: Yes, and so do the heathen. Paul thought himself right in Persecuting the church, but after-Wards he called himself chief of (Continued on Page Four) SOMEBODY CARES

RUSSELL, KENTUCKY, SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1939

"Somebody knows when your heart aches, And everything seems to go wrong; Somebody knows when the shadows Need chasing away with a song; Someb dy knows when you're lon@ly, Tired, discouraged and blue, Somebody wants you to know Him, And know that He dearly loves you. "Somebody cares when you're tempted,

And the world grows dizzy and aim; Somebody cares when you're weakest, And farthest away from Him. Somebody grieves when you've fallen, Though you're not lost from His sight;

Somebody waits for your coming, Taking the gloom from your night,

"Somebody loves you when weary; Somebody loves you when strong: Always is waiting to h^elp you, Watches you — one of the throng Needing His friendship so holy, Needing His watch-care so true.

His name? We call His name Jesus. His people? Just I and Just You."

Author Unknown

BIBLE QUESTIONS

Who helped build a city with one hand while he carried a weapon in the other?

What prophet prophesied that Christ would come out of Egypt?
Who came to his death by crossing a brook?
In what passage is a prophet supposed to refer to the three days

In what passage is a prophet supposed to refer to the three days before the resurrection?

What was the story of the thistle and the cedar-tree, and who told it? What king rent his clothes before his people so that they saw

that ne wore sackcloth next to his skin? Who are mentioned as the five wisest men?

S. What four creatures are mentioned in the Bible as little but exceeding wise?

What is the Psalm of the Resurrection?

10. What four men received messages of doom from God without a murmer?11. In what place could no man drink wine or strong drink under

penalty of death?

12. What seven men gave dinners to each other ever day of the week?

(See Answers on Page Two)

The First Baptist Pulpit

Are You A Christian?

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance 1.2: 4/4

And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

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Baptism Seen Thru A College Lad's Eyes

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Baptism was in use by John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, and was used even before that in connection with Jewish rites. The Jewish Encyclopedia informs us that sprinkling of blood was always accompanied by immersion. But as an ordinance of the Baptist Church, baptism dates from the first church organized by our Lord Jesus Christ. The disciples certainly were baptized men and when Jesus gave the Great Commission "Go ye therefore and teach (or "make disciples or Christians 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." He included in it the command to baptize. Jesus, Himself, was baptized by John the Baptist and we are told in John 4:1-3 that Jesus' disciples baptized. On the day of Pentecost, Simon Peter, sometimes spoken of as the leader of the apostolic band, intructed the converts to be baptized (Acts 2:38). And in other instances-Lydia became a Christian and was baptised; Paul, after his conversion, was baptized; the Etheopian eunuch was baptized-we get

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Where Is Happiness?

Not in unbelief.—Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Not in pleasure. — Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure, if any on^G did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

Not in money. — Jay Gould, the American millionair⁶, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

Not in position and fame.—Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Not in military glory.—Alexander the Great conquored the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because, be said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

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THE DICKERSONS TO LEAVE

Missions has grown remarkably Cor. 5:17), a child of God (1 Ju. fast in view of the coal strike 3:1,2), an heir of God (Gal. 4:7), and other industrial phenomena. We are therefore designating July as "round-up" month that we shall to finish the missionary offering the power of God (1 Pet. 1:g), unso that Brother Dickerson and his family may be on their way by August 1. We lack approximately \$300, but we feel certain that this money will be provided, and there fore we are urging all our friends to send in a contribution now relative to the completion of this mission fund.

Menary society, and individual and Teacher in the Holy Spirit please take note that it is our (.In. 14:16,26). expectancy that Brother Dickerson and family shall leave New York City by August 1. Therefore, make your offering as large as possible, and send it to us immediately.

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A WORD TO YOU DEAR READER

mean, are you a church member, a paper. This we have been doing. moral character, or one that has been baptized? my question to you is, are you a Christian? TO SIMI- that every growing boy and gitl

a Christian.

not of flesh and blood (Jn. 1:13). 3:6). He is one "quickened from the every one who subscribes for our dead" (Eph. 2:1), "passed from paper, possesses a divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). In him resides the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19), by him the today, or subscribe for some one Lord is to be glorified (Eph. 2:7). and for him are pledged the Triune Our mission fund for Brazilian God. He is a "new creature" (2 and a joint-heir of Jesus Ch (Rom. 8:17). But best of all, he is securely saved, firmly established and wonderfully kept by to the day of Redemption (Eph.

> 4:30). Such my friend is a Christian. Now let me briefly point out some reasons why you ought to be a Christian :---

First, because it means the settlement of the Heaven and Hell question (Jn, 3:18,36; 14:1-3).

2. It means to have a Comforter

3. It means to have Fellowship with the Father through Prayer (Mt. 7:7-11: Acts 2:42).

4. It means to be at Peace with God (Rom. 5:1; Jn. 14:27).

5. It means to receive an Inheritance from God (Eph. 1:14; 1 Pet. 1:3,4).

Now, don't you want to be a Christian? If so, then repent of your sins (Luke 13:5), and accept Christ as your saviour. To repent of your sins means to forsake 00 [them. cf. Isaiah 55:7. To accept Christ as your Saviour means to 00 come to Christ (Jn. 5:24; 6:28,29; Acts 16:30,31).

If you have "repentance toward 50 82 God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ", then upon the authority of God's Word, YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN.

-ROY HAMILTON

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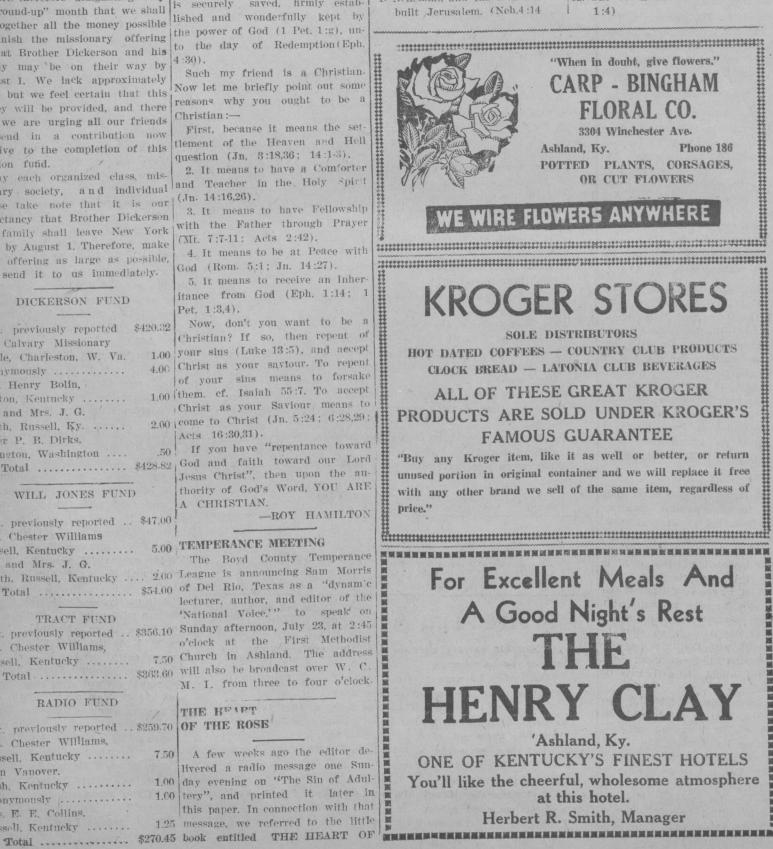
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A few weeks ago the editor de-7.50 livered a radio message one Sun-1.00 day evening on "The Sin of Adul-1.00 tery", and printed it later in this paper. In connection with that 1.25 message, we referred to the little

THE ROSE, which we promised 2. Hosea. (Hos.11:1)

- 3. Shimei. (I Kings 2:37.41-46)
- 4. Hosea, in the passage: "He hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us. In the third day he will raise us up." (Hos.6:1,2) 5. Jehoash, king of Israel, when Amaziah, king of Judah, challenged him to battle, compared Amaziah to the thistle that sent to the cedar of Lebanon, saying, "Give thy daughter to my son to wife." (2 Kings 14:9,10) King Jenoram of Israel, at the siege of Samaria. (2 Kings 6:30)
- Solomon, Ethan, Heman, Calcol and Darda. (1 Kings 4:31)
- The ants, the conies, the locust, and the spider. (Prov.30: 24-28)
- 9. Psalm 16.
- 10. Aaron (Lev.10:3); Job (Job1: 21:2:10); Hezekiah (Isa.39:8) Eli (1 Sam.3:18).
- 11. The tabernacle. (Lev.10:9)



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And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake

unto them.

And he went down with them, and came to. Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:41-52.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." 2 Cor. 13:5 be the how

This afternoon as I was contemplating my message "of tonight, I was reminded that Gypsie Smith was one day holding a revival meeting in a certain town in one of the mid-central states, and a man who had been very prominent in all the meeting, who had made several of the arrangements relative to the meeting, and who had taken a very_active part, having served on two or three committees relative to the meeting, came to Mr. Smith and asked him how that he might be saved. Gypsy Smith said that it was a distinct surprise and an absolute shock to him, for this man had been quite active in all the meeting, and it was now well long toward the end of the meeting. The man said, "Mr. Smith, my parents supposed that I was a christian and they urged me to join the church; my pastor supposed that I was a Christian and he asked me to become a deacon; and on the basis of these two suppositions, I am both a church member and a deacon, but in all these forty years of my life, there has never been a man yet who looked me squarely in the face and asked me if I were right with God." Beloved, I do not believe that this is an isolated case. It is said concerning the parents of Jesus that they supposed that he was in the company, and therefore went a day's journey without Him, They took for granted --- they supposed that Jesus was with them. Just like this instance to which I have referred, the parents supposed the boy was saved and urged him to join the church, the pastor supposed he was saved and suggested that he become a deacon. I say beloved, I don't believe that this I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what it is above the average, and

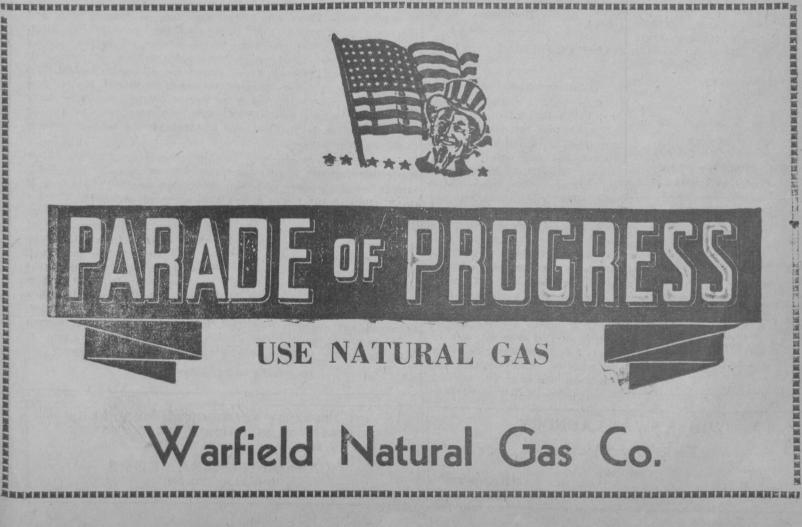
that perhaps even more than half of the professing church members of the world joined the church because some one supposed they were right with the Lord Jesus Christ. In view of that fact, I offer to you this second text that I have read, "Examine yourselves and see it you be in the faith."

I

Now if you are going to examine yourselves, it is going to be necessary that you have some test questions put to you in order that you might conduct this examination. Now, let me be the teacher and let me ask you the questions, and in the light of the Scriptures you take an examination tonight and see whether or not your parents or your pastor may have merely supposed about your experience with the Lord, or whether you are actually a child of the living God.

The first test question I ask is, "Have you fully believed that the death of Jesus Christ at the cross was sufficient for all your sins?" In the Word of God we are told that Christ's death is abundantly sufficient to satisfy the demands of God relative to your soui. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn. 3:18) I read you a second Scripture that brings to us the same truth: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47) And listen to my old stand-by: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto ife." (Jn. 5:24) Now, beloved, in the light of these three Scriptures from God's Word, I ask you, "Have you fully believed that the death of Jesus Christ is sufficient for all of your sins?" There is rarely a day goes by in which I make a call or a series of calls, but what I meet someone who tells me that he is depending partially upon what Jesus did at the cross, and partially upon his church membership, or his good life, or his baptism, or something else besides fully trusting Jesus Christ. Oh, I would ask you tonight, "Are you trusting Jesus only, or is it Jesus Plus something else?" That is the first test question I offer to you in an effort to help you to "examine yourselves to see whether you be in the faith."

There is a second test question that I offer beloved, namely? "Has your attitude toward this present evil world changed since you made a profession of faith in Christ Jesus, or do you have the same attitude toward the world that you had before you said you trusted Jesus as Saviour?" Do you still love the world with all of the lusts thereof in the same manner that you loved it before you said that Jesus Christ was you Saviour?" Listen: "Therefore if any man be in Ci.rist, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17) The man that is saved is an isolated case. I believe that it is a fair average of the majority is a new creation in God, and the old world and everything therein of professing church members of all religius persuasions. In fact passes away and all things become new. New faith, new hope, a new (Continued on Page Four)



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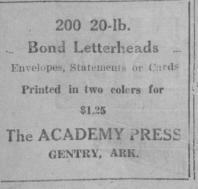
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(Continued from page one) and claims he is saushed with ais baptism, is it not a fact that he is still trusting that immersion for his salvation? If the paptist church receives him, is it not a fact that that church puts its endorsement upon baptismal regeneration? Again do I ask: 1s this Bible baptism? If so, what place does it have in the Christian system? It cannot be the burnal of a dead man, for he has not yet died to sin. In fact, he is supposed to be killed in the act. It cannot be the immersion of a believer. for a believer has eternal line and would not need the baptism to save aim. It cannot be the immersion of a saved man, for this immersion is supposed to save him. It cannot be the immersion of a Christian, for the preacher himself teaches that he is made a Christian in immersion. Both preacher and subject believe he is an "alien sinner" until he comes out of the water. If an "alien sinner" receives immersion in order to save him, a work that the blood of Christ alone can do, would not that baptism be an "alien baptism?" It would be alien to God's plan of salvation, and if the subject be a lost sinner, would not the whole transaction be alien? How could Baptists receive this immersion as valid without believ ing the design of said immersion is Scriptural? I am told that Robert G. Ingersol immersed a man in the name of Trinity. What would be the difference in this immersion and that of a Campbellite preacher?

-A. N. Morris Huntington, W. Va

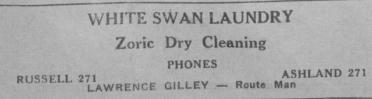
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(Continued from Page One) sinners. See 1 Corinthians 15:9 and 1 Timothy 1:15.

"My mother is a better Christian than I, though she is not a Baptist and was only sprinkled. Answer: This is to honor Christ, not mothers. We honor mother most when true to him. See Matthew 10:37.

"Let character be the test." Ans wer: Yes, and let obedience be the test of character. John 15:14. "It's only a small matter." Answer: Is his command and example a small matter to a loving disciple? He walked over 50 miles to be immersed in the Jordan. The one The loves God does not seek ex way than his way.

-The Watchman-Examiner



ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN? (Continued from Page Three)

outlook on life, new prospects, everything new now that one is in Christ? Has your attitude toward the world changed? I remember a man making a profession of faith many months ago, and after he went home, he said to his wife the next day, "I never saw the grass nor the trees nor he birds so beautiful as they are today." His wife said, 'iney are just the same today as they were yesterday; ne change is not in these phenomena of nature, the change is in yourself." Has your attitude toward the world changed? Listen to the experience of the church at Thessalonica. "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how yet turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." (I Thess. 1:9) This church at Thessalonica was serving idols, and when Faul came and preached to them, they turned from their icons to serve the true and living God. Their attitude toward the world was completely changed, and beloved, if you are a child of God tonight, your attitude toward this world is completely changed to what it was before you professed faith in Jesus Christ. I am frank to say to you tonight if there is not a change in your attitude toward this world, you are still in your sins tonight. If you still love everything the world has to offer-dances and shows and card parties and everything this world offers -- if you love it like you uid before you joined the church, it is the surest evidence in the world that yours is a false profession and that you know not Jesus Christ as a Saviour. The man that is saved has a changed attitude toward this world,

But I ask you another test question: "Do you love God's people now that you have professed faith in Jesus Christ?" "We know that we have have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (I John 3:14) That doesn't mean that I have to have a sickly, silly, sentimental feeling toward everybody who claims to be a member of this church. It doesn't mean that I have to go around loving everybody that is a member of this church; bu; it coes mean that if I am saved I will love to associate with and to have fellowship with those who are members of this church--those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, I ask you tonight, "Are you more at home in a card party than you are at a player meeting? Are you more at home in a moving picture show house than you are in the house of God? Do you find greater satisfaction by associating with the crowd that hangs around a pool room than you do by associating with those who are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ?" "We know that we have passed from death unto, life because we love the brethren", and one of the best evidences in this world that a man can know that he is right with God is that he enjoys to associate with those who profess faith in Jesus Christ. Will you look about on Sunday and observe the folk who are members of this church? There are those individuals who come sometimes on Sunday morning and do not stay for Sunday School and the study of God's word. There are others who come on Sunday night, and that is the last you see of them until the next Sunday night. Thereafter still others who come to the services on Sunday morning and Sunday evening and we never see hide nor hair of them until the next Sunday. Beloved, I am asking you a question tonight, "Do you love to have fellowship with the people of God?" If you love God's people and if you get a joy out of fellowshiping with God's people, it is mighty good evidence that you know the Lord; and if you don't, it is the best evidence that you do not know Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

I would like to give you another test question: "Has the Holy Spirit borne witness in your heart that you are saved"? "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Rom. 8:16) Listen again: "He answered and said. Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." (Jn. 9:25) This is the experience of that man who was born blind when the enemies of Jesus said, "Why you haven't been healed by Jesus, he is a sinner." The man said, "I don't know whether he is a sinner or not, but I do know that whereas I was blind now I see." The man that is saved and is a child of God, knows that he is right with God, and the Holy Spirit has borne witness with his spirit that he is a child of God. I haven't any patience with that individual who says that a man can't know that he is right with God until he dies. If a man is the want to substitute an easier right, he knows that he is right; if he is saved, he knows that

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hip I ask you another test question: "Are you at peace with God high, and do you feel perfectly satisfied and perfectly content and "fectly happy for that experience you have had? "Therefore being wified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus "ist." (Rom. 5:1) Beloved, do you feel tonight that you are at In sace with God? I talked to a man sometime ago, and he said. "I build give anything in this world if I could just feel that my sins "e all blotted out and that I was at peace with God." I said Mo him, "That is only the normal experience of every child of God." here isn't a saved man in all the world but what can have this perience, and if he is saved, it is his experience --- he is at peace th the Lord Jesus Christ.

But I would ask you another test question in order to help you " whether you are a church member or whether you are really Wed: Are you obedient to the Word of God? I do not mean are bu living up to it wholly and perfectly, for if I were to ask you hat and you would say that you were, I would know that you ere lying, for the man doesn't live who is actually fulfilling this ble to the letter, BUT is it the main tendency of your life to ^e obedient to the Word of God? "If ye love me, keep my command-"Sents." (Jn. 14:15) Listen again: "And hereby we do know that ^{be} know him, if we keep his commandments." (I Jn. 2:3) Can a In know that he is right with God while he is yet in this flesh? In he know that he is saved and going to Heaven when he dies? ¹⁸, he can know it if he is keeping the commandments of God., If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth "hteousness is born of him." (I Jn. 2:29) Beloved, you can't do shteousness unless you are born of Him, and if you are born of tim. you are born to be a righteous doer. Therefore, I ask you test question: "Are you obedient to His Word?" Are you observ-" His commands? Are you striving to let your life be an expression " the revealed will of God? Beloved, I fear that even in our radio andience tonight, there are those who may be church members, but Fo are not saved; why may be professors of religion, but are not pos-H "sors of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How then, can one become a Christian? First of all, you have be convicted of the fact that you are a sinner. You can't be aved until you realize that you are lost. You can't be a child of and until you know that you are a child of the Devil. You can't "come a servant of Jesus Christ until you first realize that you te a servant of Satan. When the Apostle Paul would stand to make defense as we find him in Acts 24 in the presence of Felix, he apostle preached to Felix of righteousness, temperance, and didgment to come, and the Word of God says that Felix trembled. Conviction took hold of him, and he was selzed with the realization hat he was a sinner and that he needed a Saviour. I tell you, efore any man can ever be saved, he has to feel that he is a All "fore any man can ever be saved, he has to her Hell. You have be convicted of your sins.

If you would be a. Christian tonight you not only have to be "avidted of your sins, but you have to repent of your sins. What the meaning of the word "repentance?" I preached a few Sun-s ago on the subject of "repentance". What does the Word of and say? "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lk. (3:5) Now if a man is to either repent or perish, I want to know What is repentance? The Lord Jesus tells us about two boys who one ay were admonished of their faither to go out into he field to ork, and one said, "Father, I will go." As soon as the father's ack was turned, he turned and went off in the other direction. the second son said to the father, "No, I will not go, I have I had berter do what matter an changed his mind, and in the same Scripture, the Son of God hid he repented. What then is repentance? Simply, it is a change a man's mind. This young man changed his mind about his 10 other, he changed his mind about his work, he changed his mind the shout himself, and he went off ito work. The man that repents "anges his mind about himself, he changes his mind about what he

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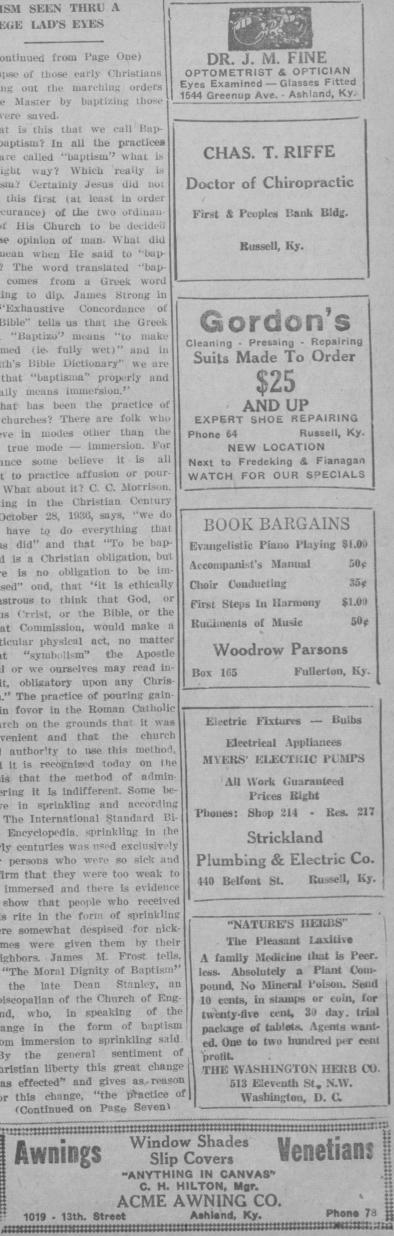
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a glimpse of those early Christians carrying out the marching orders of the Master by baptizing those who were saved.

What is this that we call Baptist baptism? In all the practices .hat are called "baptism" what is the right way? Which really is Baptism? Certainly Jesus did not leave this first (at least in order of occurance) of the two ordinances of His Church to be decided by the opinion of man. What did He mean when He said to "baptize"? The word translated "baptize" comes from a Greek word meaning to dip. James Strong in his "Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible" tells us that the Greek word "Baptizo" means "to make whelmed (ie. fully wet)" and in 'Smith's Bible Dictionary" we are told that "baptisma" properly and literally means immersion."

What has been the practice of the churches? There are folk who believe in modes other than the only true mode - immersion. For instance some believe it is all right to practice affusion or pouring. What about it? C. C. Morrison, writing in the Christian Century of October 28, 1936, says, "we do not have to do everything that Jesus did" and that "To be baptized is a Christian obligation, but there is no obligation to be immersed" ond, that "it is ethically monstrous to think that God, or Jesus Crrist, or the Bible, or the Great Commission, would make a particular physical act, no matter what "symbolism" the Apostle Paul or we ourselves may read into it, obligatory upon any Christian." The practice of pouring gained in fovor in the Roman Catholic Church on the grounds that it was convenient and that the church had authority to use this method, and it is recognized today on the basis that the method of administering it is indifferent. Some believe in sprinkling and according to The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, sprinkling in the early centuries was used exclusively for persons who were so sick and infirm that they were too weak to be immersed and there is evidence to show that people who received this rite in the form of sprinkling were somewhat despised for nicknames were given them by their neighbors. James M. Frost tells, in "The Moral Dignity of Baptism" of the late Dean Stanley, an Episcopalian of the Church of England, who, in speaking of the change in the form of baptism from immersion to sprinkling said. "By the general sentiment of Christian liberty this great change was effected" and gives as, reason for this change, "the practice of (Continued on Page Seven)



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ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

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has been doing, he changes his mind about God — there is a The ainswer is simple, "In Christ complete change of mind when a man repents; he no longer sees alone." He said, "I will see you himself as a pretty good sort of fellow. He no longer sees his sins to be lenient with them, but he sees them now to hate then and to turn his back upon hem. He no longer thinks of God as an angry tyrant, but he sees God as a loving, merciful, Heavenly Father.

If you would be a Christian you not only have to be convicted of your sins and then repent before you can ever be saved, but there is going to have to be some faith exercised in the Lord Jesus Christ before yiu can be saved. Long years ago, a man cried out iu the midnight and said, "What must I do to be saved?" (alread, deeply under conviction) Paul and Silas said to him, "Believe 0. the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Believe what Believe that there is a Christ? No, the Devils of Hell believe that. Believe that Christ came into this world and lived a good life? No, there isn't a Devil in Hell but what believes that. Believe that He died in the cross? No. that will not even save you. What are you to believe then? You have to believe that He died on the cross for you. Oh, I ask you tonight, "Are you a Christian?" If you aren't, then how can you become one? If you are to be a -child on God, you have to be convicted of your sins, you have to repent of those sins, you have to believe on Jesus Christ, -- that His & death at the cross was sufficient for every one of those sins.

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Now there is a question that comes to your mind. Would you like to say to me tonight, "Now preacher, if I repent of my sins, and if I believe on Jesus Christ am I going to have a new nature?" Exactly so. Listen: "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." (II Peter 1:4) The man that is saved partakes of the divine nature. The saved man has something of God inside him. The saved man has something of divinity on the inside --- he is a partaker of the divine nature --- nature of God.

But would you ask me another question? You say, "If I repent my sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, I will have a 1: w nature. All right, how about my old nature, will I still have it, will I still have a nature that will desire to do things that wrong?" You certainly will. Listen: "For I know that in me (that is. in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." (Rom. 7:18) I tell you tonight the man that has believed on Jesus Christ and has been saved, that man receives a new nature from God, but he will find that he still has the old fleshly nature which is ready to battle against him. I talked to a man a few days ago, and he said that the day Jesus Christ saved him, He took the Old sinful nature out of him. I put my hands around on his back and began feeling, I thought probably I might have found an angel. But I did not find any angels wings sprouting, and I concluded at once that that man was mistaken and that he had lied, whether purposely or ignorantly I do not know. I am saying the man that is a Christian has received a new nature from God, but he does not get rid of the old nature.

But would you ask me another question? You say, "Preacher, when I become a Christian, if I sin after I am saved, what's going to happen?" Let me say first of all, you are going to sin. Every time you sin the Lord Jesus Christ is going to chasten you --- He is going to whip you for your sins. Listen: "My Son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him."(Heb. 12:5) That is to say that He whips the man that is saved that sins. If you are a saved man tonight, you can't do like the world does and get by with it. Every time you sin the chastening hand of God rests upon you.

You ask me another question: "Preacher, If I become a old nature which fights against the new nature every day, and if I sin God will whip me, will I loose my salvation if I sin after I am saved?" Listen what the Apostle Paul said when he wrote to Young Timothy: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Tian, 1:12) When I was saved, I did just what you did when were saved I committed my soul VO into the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it isn't mine any more, it isn't in my possession any longer --- I have made a trust --- I have made a deposit-I have committed it to the Lord Jesus Christ and I have the assurance that "He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Listen: "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) How I thank God tonight for (Continued on Page Seven)

WHERE IS HAPPINESS?

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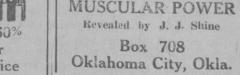
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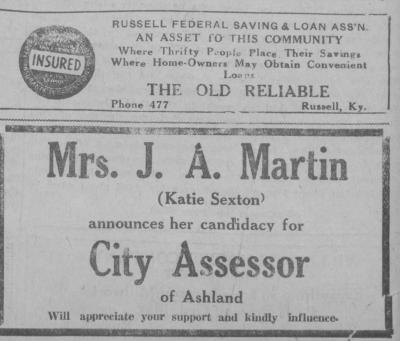
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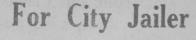
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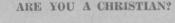
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