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A PAPER WITH A NATIONAL CIRCULATION

"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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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 over 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. Pettingill 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

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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 afterwards he called himself chief of

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SOMEBODY CARES

"Somebody knows when your heart aches,
And everything seems to go wrong;
Somebody knows when the shadows
Need chasing away with a song;
Somebody knows when you're lonely,
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 dim;
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 help 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

1. Who helped build a city with one hand while he carried a weapon in the other?
2. What prophet prophesied that Christ would come out of Egypt?
3. Who came to his death by crossing a brook?
4. In what passage is a prophet supposed to refer to the three days before the resurrection?
5. What was the story of the thistle and the cedar-tree, and who told it?
6. What king rent his clothes before his people so that they saw that he wore sackcloth next to his skin?
7. Who are mentioned as the five wisest men?
8. What four creatures are mentioned in the Bible as little but exceeding wise?
9. What is the Psalm of the Resurrection?
10. What four men received messages of doom from God without a murmur?
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?

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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.

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

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 always, 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, instructed 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 Ethiopian 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 one did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

Not in money. — Jay Gould, the American millionaire, 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 conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, because, he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

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