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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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## The Blood Of Baptists Martyrs

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."—Rev.17:6.

Virtually every sane commentator of any reputation has exegeted the 17th chapter of Revelation as being descriptive of the church of Rome. The sixth verse, in particular, gives in accurate detail the attitude of Rome toward all Christians other than Catholics during the period of the Dark Ages.

How Baptists suffered in those days! The pages of history fairly ooze with Baptist blood. Catholic swords and spears drip with the blood of Baptist martyrs. The air is filled with the shrieks and the groans of Baptists who sealed their faith with their life's blood. The blood of 50,000,000 Baptists cries out from the ground, which it has stained, like Abel's blood of old cried out to God for vengeance. Baptist blood flowed like water in the streets. The continent of Europe has been literally drenched with Baptist blood. By fire and fagot, sword and spear, countless Baptists have suffered at the hands of Rome.

In Piedmont, in 1160, the Waldenses established a home. They were harmless and inoffensive both in conversation and behavior. They paid tithes to Rome, yet the latter was not contented. Accordingly the Waldenses were branded as heretics because:

1. They did not believe in the doctrines of the church of Rome.
2. They made no offerings for

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## The Ages Of A Drinker

The seven ages of the steady drinker also constitute a horrible example:

1. The Stripling. The other boys drink and he doesn't want to appear afraid. Age 20.
2. Sociable Fellow. Sure, glad to have a cocktail. Age 24.
3. Regular Guy. Occasionally gets a little to munch. Age 28. Easy to quit now.
4. Booze Artist. Can drink anybody under the table. Age 33.
5. The Rummy. Doesn't get any kick out of it, but can't quit. Age 40.
6. The Soak. Age 45. At it all the time. No thought of quitting.

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## Danger! Unsaved Beware!

Although Jesus Christ has tarried for a long time, He is coming again to catch away His own out of this world unto Himself. His coming will be sudden and will take place "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." The sudden disappearance of all saved people from the world will create many strange and even dangerous situations among the unsaved who remain here. If you are unsaved you should give most earnest heed to these warning "Don't's."

1. DON'T ride in an auto with a Christian at the wheel. He may leave that wheel any instant and the next chapter of your life (if you escape with your life) may be weary months of suffering in the hospital.

For the same reason, don't adventure yourself in a railroad  
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### BR'ER JOHNSING

#### PREACHES

Keep up de prayin', brethren,  
De powers ob Hell aim loose,  
Ole Sutan's cotchin' white folks,  
An' niggers in his noose.

Ef you'se been hookin' chickens,  
De debbel's got a pull,  
Yo' won't come nigh to glory,  
Wid feathers in yo' wool.

St. Peter's been a'watchin',  
Yo' capers here and there,  
Down on yo' knees, pore sinners,  
An' bust yo're hearts in prayer.

I hears dem loud hosannas,  
I sees dem white robed saint,  
Salvation's free, my brethren,  
But this here preachin' ain't.

Yo' pore ole hard shell niggers,  
Wha' fo' you want to wait?  
Now, jine in hallelujahs,  
While Sam Jones pas de plate.

A few days ago while John Millis of Russell, who is County Clerk of Greenup County, was recuperating his health at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he sent me a post card similar to the above. A colored preacher friend was in the office at the time that I received the card, and at his suggestion, I am happy to present it to our readers. Thanks genial John, I got a hearty laugh from your card and I trust our readers do likewise.



## The First Baptist Pulpit

## "What Happened On The Day Of Pentecost?"

"But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said, unto them, Ye men of Judaea; and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren—  
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## With Dickerson In Brazil

Since the last issue of our paper, we have had two more letters from Brother Dickerson. So many of our readers have expressed their appreciation for these interesting and spiritually helpful letters, that we are publishing both of these letters for the edification of our readers.

Belem, Para  
Nov. 6, 1939

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Mail boats are so slow and uncertain I think I'll send you another letter via air mail.

We trust you all are well. We enjoy our usual health. This climate is enervating, however. I believe coming from an altitude of over 500 feet above sea level, to sea level, is responsible.

My reason for writing is to inform you that, feeling lead of the Lord, I have

### HIRED A COLPORTER

who goes to work in the morning. I worked three vacation periods at that work, and I am having him do as I did—make a report showing number of homes visited, Bibles, tracts, etc., distributed (sold or otherwise), and sermons preached. I am having him to make a weekly report—and receive pay weekly. My tithe of this check of October 1st, and the ten dollars from the Vota-Vita Class will keep him going the first month, and I am sure from the way the Lord is leading, that He will supply from then on. Brother Jones recom-

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## The Trail Of Blood

Elder T. P. Simmons, former editor of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, will begin a meeting at Crozet, Virginia, November 26, assisting Pastor John Robert Stiff. Knowing Brother Simmons as we do, and also holding Brother Stiff in the highest of regard, the editor bespeaks for them a season of glorious fellowship in the service of the Lord.

While Brother Simmons is in that section of Virginia, he would be glad to deliver his lectures on "The Trail of Blood" to other churches, or to be of service to them in any way possible.

I would like to urge the readers  
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BRAZILLIAN MISSIONS

Since sending our last check to  
Brother Dickerson, we have on  
hand \$16.75  
Mrs. Earl Artist \$1.00  
Russell, Kentucky  
Anonymously \$10.00  
Total \$27.75

RADIO FUND

This past week we have received  
three small gifts for this fund.  
Lonnie Siple \$1.00  
Russell, Kentucky  
Mrs. Earl Artist \$1.00  
Russell, Kentucky  
Mrs. Mann Burton, \$5.00  
Russell, Kentucky  
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your move, if possible, for every  
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had difficulty in delivering this  
paper to our Kenova subscribers.  
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we have complaints from some of  
them, which is only logical. We  
regret this exceedingly. We have  
done everything we can to make  
proper adjustments. We have had  
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papers to this one town than we  
have had concerning all the bal-  
ance of our subscribers. We trust  
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week that you will write us im-  
mediately. Please know that we  
are doing our best to send it to  
you, but circumstances out of our  
control, are contrary to us.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

On Thursday morning, November  
30, at 8:30, we will have our us-  
ual Thanksgiving service. We trust  
that it will be as heretofore —  
a service never to be forgotten.  
We are inviting our friends to  
worship with us regardless of  
where you live in the Tri-state  
area. We urge you to come to  
services with us this particular  
morning. We are trusting that we  
shall have this year the greatest  
service we have ever had.

THE AGES OF A DRINKER

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7. Just Another Bum. Age 50.  
(If his liver hasn't downed  
him.)  
—Dr. Logan Clendenen

THE TRAIL OF BLOOD

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of our paper who live in and near  
Crozet, to attend the services there,  
and other churches in Virginia and  
elsewhere are urged to invite Bro-  
ther Simmons as the Lord may  
lead to deliver his great lectures  
on "The Trail of Blood."

BOOK REVIEWS

From William B. Eerdmans Pub-  
lishing Company of Grand Rapids,  
Mich.

MASTERING MARCUS. By Paul

Hutchens. 233 pages. Cloth bind-  
ing. Price, \$1.60. Personally, the  
editor believes this to be the best  
book Paul Hutchens has ever  
written. In fact, of all the books  
read this past year, it seemingly  
stands above the entire group. It  
is a rare book in many ways, and  
particularly in that it deals with  
the problem of the old nature. It  
surely depicts the struggle of the  
old nature and the way of triumph  
in Christ.

The question of suicide meets its  
answer finally and completely in  
this book. You will never be able  
to forget Vera Harper and her  
princely father, the minister. The  
scene of Jim Bob conducting a  
religious service in his own home  
town will linger long with you.  
Perhaps the greatest lesson of all  
is that it pays to put the Lord  
Jesus first. Jim Bob wanted Ar-  
lowene, being deeply in love with  
her; but on receiving Christ and  
living to honor Him, he not only  
got the girl of his choice, but  
better still, by his determination  
to live for Christ, he won her like-  
wise for the Master.

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story. Order one of these books  
today.

The Red Light---  
Danger

Returning some time ago from a  
meeting in the Calvary Baptist  
Church in New York City, where  
the editor preached that night, we  
noticed along Riverside drive from

a distance, way up in the air a  
red light. Finally, we discovered the  
red light on top of a certain church  
tower, which in the Editor's hum-  
ble opinion is far from beautiful  
though very costly. The red light  
was put there to warn the sailors  
of the sky not to get too near it,  
to keep away from it, to get a  
few hundred feet above it, or  
there might be a crash and a  
disaster.

The red light warning is atop  
the Riverside "Baptist" Church, the  
pastor of which is the high priest  
of modernism, Dr. Harry Emer-  
son Fosdick.

There ought to be a few red  
lights of warning over every en-  
trance into that building. It re-  
minds us of a certain church which  
was in the course of erection.  
The pastor of that Church just  
like Dr. Fosdick, denied the es-  
sential Deity of Jesus Christ, His  
holy birth and His precious blood.  
The workmen had put up a sign  
of warning. It read — "Danger!  
Keep out!"

If an aviator should crash into  
Fosdick's tower it would mean the  
loss of life. But to listen to a  
man who denies the supernatural  
Christ, the Christ who died for our  
sins, the Christ who arose from  
among the dead, that He lives at  
the right hand of God, may lead  
to the loss of his soul. The red  
danger signal at the top of the  
Fosdick Church tower is well plac-  
ed. —A. C. Gaebele in Our  
Hope.

Some people are so bent upon  
loving their enemies they treat  
their friends coldly.



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This Thanksgiving EAT OUT



**'WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?'**

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ren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent; and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words, did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:14,37-42)

W. H. Griffith—Thomas in his commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, enumerates five powers governing society. They are eloquence, learning, wealth, rank and army. The First Baptist Church of Jerusalem had none of these. In fact, all five were arrayed against it. In spite of this, this church conquered.

At Jesus' death, there were only 120 disciples. Even this 120 were terror stricken. When He was taken to Calvary, they fled and left Him to die alone. On the day of Pentecost that number was increased by 3000. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41) A little later their number was added to by 5000. "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand." (Acts 4:4) Still again, after the death of Annias and Sapphira, we read: "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both men and women." (Acts 5:14) Thus we see that in a short time this church with all the five great powers of society arrayed against it, increased its membership to more than 8000.

These went about preaching boldly. There was certainly a decided contrast between the terror stricken disciples that fled from Jesus' crucifixion, and the crowd of 8000 who went about boldly witnessing both as to His death and resurrection. So decided was the change and so marked was the contrast, that the citizenry of Jerusalem took note of it. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

There is only one way whereby that this change may be accounted for—namely, Pentecost. What a marvelous day it was! Prophecies of both the Old and New Testament were that day fulfilled. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." (Joel 2:28) "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire." (Matt. 3:11) Christ, in the days of His flesh, had established His church, and now it was filled by the Holy Spirit. The disciples began to speak with other tongues. If you will read the first part of this second chapter, you will find that they spoke in at least seventeen languages. The people of Jerusalem thought they were drunk, and in mockery of their spiritual demonstrations, they said, "These men are full of new wine." (Acts 2:13) Then came Peter's sermon in which he magnified the Lord Jesus Christ, finally concluding his message with the accusation that the Christ Who had died and was now raised from the grave, had been crucified by the crowd that was assembled before him. Conviction—pungent, heart-felt, deep conviction fell upon the entire assembly; and as a result of this fearless sermon on the day of Pentecost, 3000 souls were saved, baptized, and added to this First Baptist Church of Jerusalem. It was the spirit of that day which carried them through many days which followed. Of this we are assured in Acts 2:46,47: "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

I say to you then, beloved, that this was a memorable day, and that it was the events of this day which changed this church and made it a power for God.

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I want us to notice in the very outset what did not happen on the day of Pentecost. First of all, the kingdom of God did not begin then. Sometime ago I heard a preacher of the Campbellian Persuasion declare vehemently that the kingdom of God began on the day of Pentecost. Will you listen to this Scripture: "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3:1,2) John the Baptist declared that the kingdom of God was "at hand." The Greek word translated "at hand" actually

indicates that it had already come. But notice the words of Jesus concerning the establishment of the kingdom of God: "And as ye go, preach, saying: The kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 10:7) Thus as Jesus sent forth His first preachers even in the days of His flesh, He told them to proclaim the glad truth that the kingdom had already begun. Just a little while later, Jesus spoke concerning John the Baptist: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matt. 11:11,12) In these verses, Jesus emphatically declares that the kingdom of God existed from the days of John the Baptist.

Still again, we find Jesus saying, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached." (Lk. 16:16) In this verse, He declared that God's kingdom on earth had existed from the days of John the Baptist on. I, therefore, say, beloved, on the basis of the words of Christ Himself that the kingdom of God did not begin on the day of Pentecost.

In the second place, the gospel did not begin on the day of Pentecost. We go again to the words of Jesus for our proof. On a certain day in the beginning of His ministry, He went into the city of Nazareth. We read of this experience in Lk. 4:16-18. Then notice Jesus' comment: "And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Lk. 4:21) He had read from the Scripture that He Himself was "to preach the gospel to the poor." Then He declared that the Scripture was that day fulfilled. This would then tell us that the gospel did not begin on the day of Pentecost, but was already being preached in the days of Jesus. Several months before Pentecost you hear Jesus also say, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." (Matt. 24:14) Even in the beginning of His ministry, we read, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Matt. 4:23) Not only Matthew, but Mark also declares that the gospel was preached even from the beginning of Jesus' ministry. "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled; and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mk. 1:14,16)

In the light of these verses, I declare that the gospel did not begin on the day of Pentecost. Listen to this Scripture: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mk. 1:1) This would look mighty good in the second chapter of Acts, which speaks about the day of Pentecost; but beloved, it isn't there; it is in the first chapter of Mark, describing events that happened at least three years before the day of Pentecost. Now if you belong to one of those groups who is preaching that the gospel did not begin until the day of Pentecost, don't get mad at me, because I am reading Mark 1:1 to you. I didn't write the Bible. I'm just preaching it to you as it is written.

In fact, beloved, the gospel did not even begin with Jesus. The gospel had been preached throughout all ages gone by. Read Gal. 3:8: "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." This verse would even declare that Abraham had the gospel preached unto them.

Listen to the poet as he would describe the beginning of the gospel:

"Go back now for a while with me—  
Away back into eternity.  
Back, beyond Creation's youth  
Where everything that was, was truth.  
Back, beyond sorrows and tears;  
Back, beyond sufferings and fears;  
Back, beyond anguish and gloom;  
Back, beyond shades of the tomb;  
Back, beyond trouble and pain;  
Back, beyond losses and gain;  
Back, beyond sobs and sighs;  
Back, beyond the limit of skies;  
Back, before a ray of light;  
Back, before a day or night;  
Back, before a prayer was prayed;  
Back, before a world was made;  
Back, before the moon or sun;  
Back, before old time begun;  
Back, before a now or then;  
Back, before a where or when;  
Back, before a here or there;

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**DANGER! UNSAVED BEWARE!**

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train, plane, or any conveyance with a Christian at the controls. Always make sure that an unsaved person is at that important post.

2. DON'T climb a ladder that is held by a Christian. Any instant he may disappear from his post of duty and you may or may not land "right side up with care."

3. DON'T go under the knife at the hand of a Christian surgeon. He may disappear when half through with the operation and his assistant (if he is left) may or may not be able to put you together again.

4. DON'T send a Christian on any important errand. If the trumpet should sound while he is enroute

your errand would never be completed.

5. DON'T do any credit business with a Christian. Without warning he will disappear some day and you may find it difficult or impossible to collect from the "estate."

6. DON'T swim in deep water under the protection of a Christian life guard. Just when you need him he may have gone to meet the Lord in the air and you can "sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish."

7. DON'T send an important telegram or letter. It is very likely to be handled somewhere along the line by a Christian. The sudden disappearance of that Christian may mean that your message will be delayed, possibly never delivered at all. Better drive those hundreds of miles to make sure.

8. DON'T employ a Christian for a responsible position, especially where the safety of other lives is involved. He is apt to be missing at some crucial moment with a toll of lives as a result and plenty of trouble for you when the "investigation" has been completed.

9. DON'T do anything that makes your well being dependent upon a Christian. For, as surely as God's Word is true, that Christian is going to leave the world one of these moments, unannounced, and you are going to be the loser.

But this loss will be very slight indeed compared to another. You will be left behind as a lost soul with nothing ahead but dire judgment for a Christ rejecting world and a Christless, joyless, hopeless eternity in the lake of fire.

There is one thing you can do by which you will escape the dangers we have pointed out and the judgment that is sure to come: Entrust yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ Who paid the penalty of your sin at Calvary and Who lives to make you a new creature in Himself. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9.

When you have truly done this you can rejoice with all other saved ones in the blessed hope of His sure return when "we shall be caught up....to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thess. 4:17

**"WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?"**

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Back, of anything, anywhere;  
Back, a thousand million years;  
Back, further still with godly fears.  
Back of the birth of all the past;  
Back to find the place at last;  
Back, from whence you faintly see;  
Back to the first of eternity.  
Back, before God gave any space;  
Or aught of anything to trace;  
Back, where all around, below, above;  
Showed unlimited power and love—  
Away back there, beyond our sight,  
Where everything that was, was right;  
Away back there preceding sin,  
Is where the Gospel did begin."

In the third place, Christian baptism did not begin on the day of Pentecost. I realize that there are a great number who discredit the baptism administered by John the Baptist, especially since they do not have Baptist baptism themselves. Therefore, because of their spurious baptism they would gladly make it appear that John's baptism was different to the baptism administered on the day of Pentecost, and that John's baptism wasn't Christian baptism. I want to tell you, beloved, it was good enough for the Lord Jesus Christ, for the only baptism He ever had was that which he received at the hands of John the Baptist. Listen: "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo; the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him," (Matt. 3:13-16) It was not only good enough for Jesus, it actually pleased God the Father, for He spoke from heaven on the day of Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17)

Furthermore, it was good enough for all the disciples, for there wasn't a one of the original apostles but what had the baptism of John the Baptist. Of this we are assured in that when the disciples would choose a successor for Judas, one of the characteristics he had to have was that he possessed John's baptism, for we read: "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John." (Acts 1:21,22). And finally, we are assured that John himself had a definite commission from heaven to baptize. "He sent me to baptize with water." (Jn. 1:33) Therefore, beloved; in view of the fact that it was good enough for Jesus, and that the Father Himself spoke His appreciation of it, and since all the disciples received John's baptism, and since he had a definite commission from heaven to baptize—therefore, my conclusion is that John's baptism was and is the only Christian baptism the world has ever seen. In view of the fact that the disciples as well as Jesus never had anything else except John's baptism, then surely it must have been Christian baptism. I challenge you to read the second chapter of Acts and tell me that there is any reference to the fact that the baptism administered on the day of Pentecost was one whit different to the baptism which Jesus and the twelve apostles had already received. I say, then beloved, that Christian baptism did not begin at Pentecost, but rather, was begun by John the Baptist.

In the fourth place, the grace of God did not begin on the day of Pentecost. I debated a man of the Campbellian persuasion several years ago, who, in the course of the debate, declared that the grace of God began on the day of Pentecost. To me, this is the greatest type of foolish absurdity. Listen to these Scriptures: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Heb. 2:9) "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (Jn. 1:17) Why, oh, why should any man in the light of these Scriptures, willfully pervert the Word of God, when we are expressly told that the reign of grace began not on the day of Pentecost, but

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**"WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?"**

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with Jesus?

In the fifth place, the church was not established on the day of Pentecost. I realize that those who desire to discredit Baptists in their claim of an unbroken line of continuity for the past 2000 years—I realize that all these attempt to make it appear that the church was established at Pentecost and not by Jesus. We read that 3000 were added to the church on this day. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:41) If I tell you that I am going to add \$200 to my bank account, this implies that I have a bank account to begin with. In view of the fact that 3000 were added to the church on the day of Pentecost, then we are lead to believe that the church was in existence before Pentecost.

Furthermore, the church was not established on the day of Pentecost for they already had a rule of discipline given them by Jesus during his lifetime. "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church." (Matt. 18:15-17) You will notice, beloved, that Jesus said that the proper way to settle a dispute in the church was for the contending parties to settle it privately; and when all attempts at meditation failed, then said Jesus, "Tell it unto the church." This was at least a year before the day of Pentecost. Jesus didn't say, "Tell it unto the church that will be established on the day of Pentecost." Rather, He said, "Tell it unto the church." This would seemingly indicate that the church was already in existence. Likewise, we read in the Bible how that Jesus sang in the church. This is told us in Heb. 2:12. "I will declare thy name unto my brethren in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." The only time that the Word of God records Jesus singing in the church, was on the occasion of the institution of the Lord's supper. "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." (Mk. 14:26) Since this was before the day of Pentecost, then it is only logical for us to believe that the church was established before Pentecost.

We also read how that they had a business meeting before the day of Pentecost, for in Acts 1:15-26 we read of them electing a successor to take the place of Judas. It would certainly appear that it was a regular business meeting on the part of the church.

Then, in the book of Corinthians we read: "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (I Cor. 12:28) This would indicate that the first persons whom God established in the church, were the apostles. These were in the church at least three years before the day of Pentecost, which would by logic declare that the church was established before the day of Pentecost. I say then in view of the fact that 3000 were added to the church on the day of Pentecost, and that since they had a rule of discipline before Pentecost, and since Christ sang in the church before Pentecost, and since they had a business meeting before Pentecost, and since the apostles were in the church before Pentecost—I would declare that the church was not established on the day of Pentecost, but rather, was established before that time—in the days of Jesus.

In the sixth place, Peter did not tell anyone to be baptized in order to be saved. I am sure that immediately from some of my listeners, there will arise a note of protest, and you will say, "Pastor, you have overlooked Acts 2:38." Well, let's read it and see what it says: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." On the surface it would seemingly indicate that they were to be baptized in order to be saved; but let's study beneath the surface. The whole meaning of the text centers around this expression "Be baptized.....for the remission of sins." It is my contention that the word "for" does not mean "in order to", but rather, "because of." I say to a little boy, "What are you crying for?" He doesn't say, "In order that I have stumped my toe"; but, "Because I have stumped my toe." I am sure that the

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**WITH DICKERSON IN****BRAZIL**

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mends him highly, and he appears to know the Lord. I remember

**HUDSON TAYLOR'S MOTTO**

was: "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God", and thus I undertake.

I am encouraged and made to marvel again and again as I see repeatedly the need in my work now of things that the Lord has previously taught me. Truly "Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God."

I contracted with this man to work for the amount of twenty dollars per month, but if provided, I intend to raise it to twenty-five dollars. He has a large family, and provisions are more costly than formerly. The war you know.

If you please, tell Mrs. Chester Williams that I am using the money she and her class sent to purchase Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture and tracts for this man to distribute.

Beginning tomorrow morning, we will be preaching to these poor people! You know it is

**HEART RENDING**

to see the manner of these people when I make a contact with them. At the hotel, with the police, post office authorities—they manifest a desire to be with us, seeming to sense in us something precious that they have not. They do not perhaps so analyze their thoughts. We have talked about it between ourselves.

I may not make myself clear. I mean happiness seems to be an unknown quality in Belem. The peace of God that in His mercy we know, they do not. Greed, selfishness, and discontent are the native element of these people. They are perishing.

**GOD HELP US**

to give them the truth. Pray for this man who begins work tomorrow.

I bought my Bibles, etc. from a representative of the British Bible Society at very modest prices. The usual price is modest enough, and he let me have them at half of that. The tracts are Brother Jones', and I am having new editions printed. Soon I hope to tran-

slate and write some myself.

The church house is, I guess, around forty feet in length and twenty feet wide, or maybe a little larger. The services are held in one large front room. Brother Jones lives in the three others—all being built in a line.

Please send me a dozen "Why Be A Baptist." the British Bible Society man is an Episcopalian. His wife is a Baptist. There are around a dozen English missionaries here studying the language with a view to work among the

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## "WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST?"

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same holds true here—that baptism was because of the remission of their sins. In fact, beloved, I am definitely certain of this, particularly because of other statements by the Apostle Peter, for if he meant in this one case that one must be baptized to be saved he thus contradicted himself on other instances. Listen to these Scriptures: "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" (Acts 10:47) "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet. 1:18,19) Therefore, in view of other statements made by the Apostle Peter in which he declares that one is saved by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ rather than in baptism, then I am certain that in this instance he meant to teach the same—namely, that one is saved apart from water baptism.

In the seventh place, Peter did not tell any sob stories or funny yarns. It has gotten so today that a man is not considered a good evangelist unless he has the ability to tell sob stories one minute whereby you cry, and then the next minute tell a funny yarn whereby you laugh. Peter did not deal in either of these tactics. He did not use any high-pressure, cork-screw methods in order to get professions. Instead of sob stories and funny yarns, and high-pressure methods, we find him frankly presenting the truth that Jesus was the Son of God Who died and rose again for the sins of men. Is it any wonder that under such faithful preaching these 3000 souls were saved?

In the eighth place, Peter did not tell any of them to pray through. Perhaps some of you may have heard my sermon of a few Sunday mornings ago when I tried to make it clear that men are not to "pray through", but to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ Who has died for their sins. I tell you frankly there is no altar of prayer—no mourners bench—mentioned in the Word of God. Before you use it, I challenge you to find one Scripture which justifies its use.

## II

Having noticed what did not happen on the day of Pentecost, I am now in a position to state briefly what did happen. First of all, they prayed. In fact, they had a ten days prayer meeting preceding Pentecost, and even after Pentecost, they had a great prayer meeting. "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy work. By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they were prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:29-31) I say then that one thing happened at Pentecost was the people prayed. There is quite a contrast then and now. Then they prayed ten days, preached one day, and baptized every day thereafter. Today we pray one day or none, we preach about ten days in a revival meeting, and usually baptize none.

However, they not only prayed, but Peter preached. Quoting from the prophet Joel and from David, he preached that Jesus was the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. He declared that Jesus was the Son of God Who died for men's sins and rose again for their justification.

Then also on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit worked. In fact, the audience was pricked in their hearts as a result of His work. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts." (Acts 2:37) Naturally the Holy Spirit was at work. They had prayed ten days, and then Peter had preached a sermon which honored God and God's Word. Logically the Holy Spirit Himself would work. I remember standing at an arsenal sometime ago, looking across the river at the limestone cliffs on the other side. There at the arsenal was a cannon, plenty of cannon balls, and plenty of powder; but the cannon was powerless. A bird might build his next nest inside it; a child might sit astride it. The cannon ball itself was powerless. All the army might have hurled ball after ball at the limestone cliffs, but it would never have shattered them. The powder itself was powerless. A bird might peck it, or the wind might blow it. Even when you would place the powerless powder inside the powerless cannon, you would still have a powerless combination. However, when a spark of fire might be applied to that powerless powder, there would be a thunder bolt go forth from that cannon to shatter the rock cliffs beyond the river. Oh, how we need the spark of fire—the fire of the Holy Spirit in our churches today.

We can have the same kind of church they had at Jerusalem. In fact, we do try to have just that type of church here in Russell. Yet, beloved, how far removed it is from the original pattern. Oh that we might pray like the disciples, preach like Simon Peter, and depend upon the Holy Spirit to work. Will you pray with us that we may have such a church as this?

## WITH DICKERSON IN BRAZIL

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Indians up country, inter-denominationalists all. I want each one to have a book and a copy of your tract. Please send me both and deduct cost from my next check, or send "collect."

Yours in the truth,

C. W. Dickerson

(Editor's Note: The books requested have been sent and at no charge. We will send as many of these as can be used in like manner, both to Brazil and to anyone in this country who will use them. We will send them free of charge. Of course, we would appreciate money for postage.

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Nov. 8, 1939

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am acknowledging receipt of every penny spent in a check from you for the sum of order that at any time I may \$204.59. Many thanks. Indeed the give a correct answer to any man Lord is abundantly blessing in (Continued on Page Seven)

the matter of raising funds.

## I PRAISE HIS NAME

He is blessing in all the phases of this work. My heart is lifted up in that over and over the hand of our God is shown in manifest approval of our venture and our course. The way He led in the securing of this residence was sufficient proof. And that is only one of many.

You stated that \$100 of this check was for my salary and \$100 for native workers. That leaves \$4.59 undesignated. For what shall I spend that? (Ed. Note: Brother Dickerson, whatever we send you is to be used by you for your living expenses and for native workers, and we have implicit confidence in you that you will use it all "or the glory of God.") Please let me know. I am determined to provide "all things honest in the sight of God and men." 2 Cor. 4:2; Psa. 18:23. I am preserving re-



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who asketh me where the money has been used. My ledger shows the amounts I receive, the date, and the donor—as well as the above mentioned items.

As to the West Virginia girl. (Ed. Note: This is a reference to a young lady in West Virginia who feels that God has called her to do mission work in Brazil. So far as I know, she is exceedingly sound and orthodox. I had previously written Brother Dickerson concerning it). I haven't yet received your letter. It takes around a month sometimes for a letter to come by boat. I aim to send my important correspondence by air.

I am now receiving the paper. How we do enjoy it and praise God for His victories through you. You surely "peeled" Luther Peak's hide. The

## DIRTY HYPOCRITE

Why doesn't he discard the name Baptist?

The colportage business is this—I have written you that I have one man at work. I could start another, but Jones says he is an unconverted snake. I am waiting and praying. I would rather throw the money in the bay as give it to

## SOME HERETIC

I want to know something about a fellow before he gets any money through me. But if the money comes faster than present needs consume, I'll just hold it for future use. Maybe in a month or so we'll have two or three men at work and some months finances will be low and we can draw on the surplus. Every cent will be spent as designated, or else refunded. If the Lord leads you all to give, He'll provide some one to use it. I long to see great expansion in this work, but that may not come before I learn the language and do some preaching and teaching. See? Pray for me. It is a fearful responsibility to handle money for the Lord.

Right off I do not see how a girl could help me. Of course, I could use a secretary and a school teacher. Ha! Ha! But if God calls one or two or a dozen, and gives means for their support, I shall indeed rejoice. There is work in this city for twenty people a life time. The field is large. As I see it, the chief thing is to be sure of God's call. He makes no mistakes. The enthusiasm of the moment may create future problems. I have done a good deal of

mission work on hard fields where I was absolutely unacquainted. Unless God is behind one is such a venture, the dull monotony, the un-responsiveness of the people, will chill the edge of one's determination; but there is great joy in it, and great blessings if it be of God. May He lead them and you.

The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way in raising money, especially in the church there. Indeed you pastor a church of which you have a right (humanly speaking), to be proud. Truly some of the

## SALT OF THE EARTH

is there. We try to pray for you in our feeble way. May His blessings continue.

As to the money: I have received but one dollar on my salary for the work. Just one dollar from Mrs. Carpenter of Willisburg. I have advised that

## THE MONEY

be sent to you. That saves correspondence. Yes, I shall try and write to some of the contributors as you suggested. I do not, in any way, want to hinder this work of the Lord. Some day what a time we will have in recounting our experiences, trials, and yes, victories in our joint effort in this field. The Lord reigns, and oh how these people need some sound Baptist teaching! I mean now the Baptists. As, we see it, there could be used to great advantage,

## ONE HUNDRED

sound Baptist preachers in this Amazon Valley—not to mention the Guianes, Venezuela, Columbia; Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru. What a field! I think in 1932 H. B. Taylor said there wasn't a single Baptist Missionary in Columbia. Some of the others are nearly so.

This climate is "too much" for them I guess,—I mean for missionaries. Besides those mentioned, just think of the Indian tribes! My! My! Living (some of them) stark naked without hope—lost forever. Oh that it might please God to evangelize these people ere He returns! Maybe we have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. May our God grant that it may be so.

Yes, at present, \$100 a month is enough. The two checks so closely together make an abundance now. We weren't worried, but for a few days we wondered what was wrong, but we had plenty and shall always have. The poor mail service was terrible.

Brother Gilpin, did you deduct that \$45.00? (Ed. Note: This is some tithe money out of the money

which we have sent Brother Dickerson. Personally, I feel that he should use it there in his colportage work, or in any way the Lord may lead him). Please do, my brother. Put it on your radio program or anywhere. It is the Lord's and not mine. If you don't take it out, I'll have to spend it here somewhere. I do not want to be a robber. See?

I know you all had a severe strain in your late move. I trust Mrs. Gilpin and your mother are better, and also Mrs. Aylor. (Ed. Note: The editor's mother-in-law). We try to remember you dear folk when we pray. Let us seek His will in all things. Maybe it will not always be what we would like but it will be the best, I know.

I certainly enjoyed your two splendid letters. I assure you I'll do my best to see to it that your confidence in me isn't misplaced. Good-bye, and may He in whom we live and move, be gracious unto you all.

Yours in His service,

O. W. Dickerson

## THE BLOOD OF BAPTIST MARTYRS

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prayers for the dead.

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ious persecution of all history. Great numbers were hanged, ripped open, drowned, burned, stabbed, racked to death, tied to trees and pierced with prongs, thrown from precipices, and crucified heads downward, while their churches were destroyed, houses burned, property siezed, and their cattle stolen. Ministers and schoolmasters were put to such exquisite tortures as are almost incredible to conceive. But for the heroic spirit of the Waldenses, (who, rather than surrender the glorious doctrine of salvation by grace through faith, subsisted on wild fruits and the bark of trees) our glorious heritage of unbroken church continuity would be but an idle dream.

In Ireland dissenters from Catholicism fared no better. The O'Neal conspiracy in 1641 was a deliberate attempt to murder all but Catholics. October 23rd. of that year was designated for the commencement of the persecution. Men and women were put to every form of cruelty which the devilish ingenuity of man could devise. In the Castle of Lisgool, 150 men, women and children were burned together. At the Castle of Moneah, more than 100 were slain by the sword. However, their death was merciful as compared to the fate of others. Some were laid with the center of their backs on the axletree of a wagon, with their legs resting on the ground on one side, and their arms and heads on the other. In this position the victim was whipped with branches of thorns, while another set on furious dogs which tore to pieces the arms, head, and upper parts of the body. Many were tied to horses tails and as the beasts galloped through the streets they were dragged along until they expired. Others were hung and a fire was partly from hanging and partly kindled beneath them, dying thus, from suffocation. Women were

## ON THE EVIL OF CANDIDATING

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"A Church there was, and it needed a Preacher; So here's what it did—a ridiculous feature: Each Sunday it "tried out" a different man: Brought in from Beersheba or maybe from Dan.

And we who observe this affair from afar, Would think they are buying a second-hand car. Much depends on the age and the freedom from Knocks: Yes, we pick out our Pastors as we shop for "Used Cocks."

To us has been given the Spirit to guide; Then why run the chance that the Church may divide Over John or Apollos or Cephas or Paul? The Spirit is willing: why cheapen the call?"

—Copied.

fastened with their backs to strong posts and stripped to the waists, to have their right breasts cut off with shears and in this position they were left until they expired from loss of blood. Even unborn infants were dragged from the womb to become victims of the Romanist's rage. Many pregnant mothers were hung naked on trees and their bodies being cut open, their innocent offsprings were taken from them and thrown to dogs and hogs. To increase the horrid scene, the husband was himself compelled to be a spectator before he was slain.

In 1172, Ireland was given to Henry II of England on the condition that the Romish faith be forced on the people and that the Pope receive one penny from each house annually. (Incidentally this is the origin of Peter's Pence). The annals of Ulster tell of the horrible persecutions and massacres which followed. The rivers flowed with blood; houses were reduced to ashes; the very cattle of dissenters were inhumanly tortured; thousands were buried alive. Popish children were taught to pluck out the eyes of their non-Catholic playmates. Some were forced to murder their own relations and then to kill themselves over the bleeding remains, being compelled

to listen to the priests who declared that their agonies were but the beginning of their torture. In Armagh, 4,000 were drowned. For twelve miles the road was stained with blood in Cavan. In the province of Munster alone, 154,000 were massacred.

The conflict in Ireland was so intense even in the eighteenth century that we find two strong organizations, the Orangemen (non-Catholics) and the Defenders (Catholics) living in deadly combat. A part of the merciless oath of the Defenders read, "I swear that I will never pity the moans or groans of the dying from the cradle to the crutch, and that I will wade knee-deep in Protestant blood."

In France, in 1572, Catherine de

Medecis pretended to grant the Huguenots an advantageous peace; and, to cement it, proposed a marriage of her daughter to Henry, the young king of Navarre. A large number of non-Catholics were invited to the palace to attend the wedding on St. Bartholomew's Day. In the midst of the festivities the great bell of the palace rang out, which was a signal for the butchery of all the guests. Coligni, the guest of the king was killed in the palace, his head severed from his body, every indignity was heaped upon his body which was finally hanged feet upward. It was left thus for many days until the bloated carcass, festering and rotting filled the air with an exceedingly nauseating odor. As the king and his mother rode by he exclaimed, "The smell of a rotting Protestant is good." Thirty thousand were slain in Paris alone, with full seventy thousand slain throughout France.

May God help Baptists today to be true to the Faith like our fathers of yesterday!

—J.R.G.

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