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"Go ye into all the
world and preach the
Gospel."

"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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Ironton Daily News Makes Egregious Error On Matter of Drink

The Ironton Daily News, of recent date, under the caption "Top O' The Morning," quotes the following poem:

"The horse and mule lives 20 years
And nothing know of wines and beers;
The goat and sheep at twenty die
And never taste of Scotch and Rye;
The cow drinks water by the ton
And at 18 is mostly done;
The dog at 15 cashes in
Without the aid of Rum and Gin;
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in 12 short years, it croaks;
The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for noggs, then dies at ten;
All animals are strictly dry,
They sinless live and swiftly die;
But sinful, gin-ful, rum-soaked men
Survive for three score and ten!"

This is about as near the truth as the Ironton Daily News ever gets on questions of morality and spirituality. The editor knew when he published it, that there wasn't a word of truth in what he was saying.

Alcohol burned in a stove will produce heat; burned in an engine will produce power; burned in the stomach will produce disease and death. Any one who tries to compete with a stove or an engine, is a fool.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the seat of the beer industry. As you know from the advertisements published by the brewers, beer is supposed to be good for your health. The Northwestern Life Insurance Company has its headquarters in Milwaukee. It was established there nearly a

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The Catholics and Bingo

While in Cincinnati recently a friend and I drove past the new Catholic church in Norwood (located next door to the Cardinal's home and the priest factory). This friend, who by the way is a Catholic himself, told me that this building is reputed to have cost a million dollars and that the biggest part of this sum was raised by Catholic bingo parties in about one year's time.

Well, what do you think about that? The "old whore" surely knows how to raise money. In Revelation, we are told that she deals in "the merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, and cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men." (Rev. 18:12, 13). Now we can add one more to this list: and bingo.

Oh, the disgrace of it! And just

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"Daddy, Send This Penny to Bro. Dickerson"

That's what five-year-old Junior Schmidt of Boron, California, told his daddy to do with a penny he had found—his only penny.

It isn't the amount of this gift, but the spirit back of it which prompts us to report it. It is this spirit which gave us the money for Brother Dickerson's passage, and which has provided the funds for him since he has been there. Truly, we thank God for both this small gift and this small giver.

If I were in California, I would like to put my hand on this laddie's head, and then pray, "God bless this boy, and bless his gift; and when he reaches accountability, save him, and then bless him materially and make him immensely rich, and help him to have thousands of dollars to give to evangelize Brazil."

May this gift encourage some of you who could give, to contribute to Brazilian missions. How many pennies have you wasted this past week that might have gone for the work of God in Brazil? May it please God to break the hearts of our readers in behalf of the unconverted millions in Brazil, and may God give us funds to send many, many missionaries there.

Say My Brother, Have You Ever Noticed?

When the other fellow acts that way, he is ugly; when you do, it's nerves?

When the other fellow is set in his way, he's obstinate; when you are, it is just firmness?

When the other fellow doesn't like your friend, he's prejudiced; when you don't like his, you are simply showing that you are a good judge of human nature?

When the other fellow tries to treat some one especially well, he's toading; when you try the same game, you are using tact?

When the other fellow takes time

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A Praying Man Sure of An Answer

The highest of all the levels of answer to prayer is where the answer is not only delayed, not only distinguished, not only apparently denied for a time, but after your praying God seems to preserve an absolute and obstinate silence. No answer comes, you live and perhaps die, and never get an answer; but you have not a doubt of the prayer-bearing God.

I asked Mr. Muller a short time before he died if he had asked anything of God that he had not granted, and he told me he had prayed sixty-two years, three months, five

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Blessed Hope"

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:11-14).

If you were to see a ship wrecked on the reefs, it surely would not be the part of wisdom to buy a lot of paint and gilding; it certainly would not be the part of prudence to hire a great number of house painters and interior decorators; it would be far from wisdom to work at the outside of the vessel. Instead, a wise man would gather sturdy men about him and with life lines, life preservers, and a life boat would set out at once to rescue the lives on board the doomed vessel. He would go down into the saloon, where men, not realizing their danger, were drinking and gambling. He would go into the ladies lounge, where women were gossiping about a bridge table. To each of these he would cry, "Flee for your lives."

God looks at this world as a sinking ship. By the world, I do not mean the earth, but rather, the society and governments of the earth. God is not calling upon the saved to make the world more beautiful and

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Disgraceful Action of Huntington Baptists On the Woman Question

In the last issue of "The Baptist Messenger," (official organ of Huntington Baptists), under the heading, "Here April 14," appeared the pictures of the well-known Keys quadruplets of Oklahoma City, who are to conduct the service on Sunday, April 14, at both the Baptist Temple, and the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.

If this announcement had appeared in a secular paper, we would have hesitated to even believe it. However, when the official spokesman for Huntington Baptists makes this announcement, of necessity we are compelled to accept its authenticity. The whole announcement is as follows:

"Roberta, Leona, Mary and Leota Keys of Oklahoma City, the only known grown-up quadruplets in the world, will visit Huntington on Sunday, April 14. They will appear before the Temple Men's Bible Class at 9:45 a. m., and will give the entire morning service in the Baptist Temple at 10:50 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. they will be presented by the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and will give the entire evening service. They are twenty-four years old. Since their graduation from Baylor University in 1937, they have been making various appearances before churches, civic groups, schools, etc., throughout the country, especially in the southland. This is a rare opportunity for the people of Huntington to hear these world-famous Christian young women."

I realize that times have changed considerably since the day when

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Only a Slight Difference

On good authority comes the story of a certain Missionary Baptist church in the state in which a "Hardshell" preacher on a particular occasion took up a copy of the associational minutes and, turning to the record of the church's contributions to missions, said, "Well, there's only thirty-five cents difference between us!"

In a neat way that anti-missionary brother delivered a hard blow to the church. It was really unnecessary for him to say anything else.

Anti-missionary Baptists are consistent in not giving to missions. They are only living up to their belief. But there are some Missionary Baptist churches which in doctrine and profession declare their belief in missions and yet they give little or nothing to missions in proportion to their ability. To all practical intents and purposes, there is little or no difference between them and Anti-Missionary Baptist churches.

A good many churches that declare that they are Missionary Baptist churches need to wake up along missionary lines and live up

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CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM OVER NEW BAPTIST EXAMINER

Within the last two weeks, sixty churches and individuals have written us that we can count on them to the extent of one dollar per month to help print and distribute THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as an independent Biblical weekly, devoted to evangelism and missions. In addition, one person has agreed to give us one dollar per week on the paper.

Those whom we have received communications from since last printing the paper, are:

Elder Forest Sparks—Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

Manford Gayhart—Russell, Kentucky.

C. H. Brubaker—South Point, Ohio.

Luther Webb and Forest Holbrook—Glenwood, Kentucky.

Mrs. F. A. Hicks—Utopia, Texas.

Jim Masterson—Lexington, Kentucky.

Cleve Oney—Worthington, Kentucky.

Mrs. H. S. Heavrin—Hawsville, Kentucky.

W. K. Hobbs—Hampton, Virginia.

Hazel F. Hutchinson—Huntington, W. Va.

Danleyton Baptist Church—Danleyton, Kentucky.

Clyde Nance—Le Sage, West Va.

Mrs. Earl Artist—Stuart, Florida.

Lassere Bradley—Lexington, Kentucky.

Elder Clyde Stevens—Hillsboro, Ohio.

Mrs. D. M. Banks—Peach Creek, W. Va.

Our offer still stands—that if you will send us one dollar per month to assist us in getting out this paper, we will be happy to send this paper every week to any twenty-five persons whom you may designate. We need forty more individuals who will agree, by God's help, to assist us in carrying the financial end of this paper. Will you become one of that number?

HOLY ROLLER DIDN'T LIKE THE EDITOR

A few years ago, a Holy Roller here in town told Bro. A. M. Rudd (blessings on his memory, for though departed to be with the Lord, he still means much to this preacher), that he didn't like Gilpin, and furthermore, "If you take the Bible away from him, he couldn't preach a lick."

This is one of the few instances when a Holy Roller told the truth. I plead guilty to the fact. It is true

that I couldn't "preach a lick" without the Bible.

But Brother Rudd's answer to him was deeply significant and just as true, for said he, "Yes, that's right, and if I would give you Holy Rollers a Bible, you couldn't 'preach a lick'."

OUR RADIO FUND

We thank God for the friends, upon whose hearts God lays the burden of the material side of our radio ministry. This is being written on April ninth. Today we have \$62.79 in this fund with which to meet our monthly bill for April amounting to \$78.55. This means that we still lack \$15.76 for this current month. To God who has sent us what we have and who will provide the balance we render our thanks.

Amount previously reported	\$47.04
Johnson Nave, Praise, Ky.	2.50
E. E. Collins, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Grandma Wellman, Catlettsburg, Ky.	1.00
Mann Burton, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Mr. L. Bailey, Ashland, Ky.	1.00
John W. Dilley, Ironton, Ohio50
Hazel F. Hutchinson, Huntington, W. Va.	1.00
Paul Reece, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Anonymously	1.25
Mrs. E. M. Morgan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
George Reffitt, Ironton, Ohio50
Total	\$62.79

BRAZILLIAN MISSIONS

After sending our check to Brother Dickerson for the month of March, we thank God and take courage facing the new month of April with these contributions which are designated toward the work of God in the Amazon Valley.

Johnson Nave, Praise, Ky.	\$ 2.50
E. E. Collins, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mann Burton, Russell, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Dollie B. McQueen, Kenova, West Virginia50
J. W. Schmidt, Boron, Calif.	2.00
Junior Schmidt, Boron, Calif.01
Roy Wellman, Fort Gay, W. Va.	1.00
Independent Baptist Church, La Frank, W. Va.	3.50
Collinwood Baptist Church, Collinwood, Tennessee	3.50
Hazel F. Hutchinson, Huntington, W. Va.	1.00
Paul Reece, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. E. M. Morgan, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Anonymously	1.00
George Reffitt, Ironton, Ohio50
Total	\$23.51

SOME OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Both pastor Gilpin and associate pastor White try to keep busy, at home and elsewhere, as God may open the way. Brother White conducts services at the home of Uncle Jim Smith in Flatwoods every Thursday evening. Last Sunday, he preached in the afternoon at the Palmyra School building about seven miles from Greenup. This coming Sunday he will conduct services there again.

Pastor Gilpin spoke for the Baraca Men's Bible Class in Portsmouth, Ohio, on Monday evening, April 8th. We were happy to renew our fellowship with many of these fine men whom we have known for a long time. Each Friday evening we conduct services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vaughn, 64 High Street, Coal Grove, Ohio. May all of our friends on that side of the river take note and attend these Friday evening services with us.

Within the last few days, we have conducted two funerals outside our church—Mrs. Lillian Roberts Wilson of Russell and Mr. Tom Powell of Hitchens, Kentucky. To each of these families, we extend our deepest sympathy in this hour of grief.

During this year both pastor and associate pastor plan to stay very

Appreciated Comments

We share the following with our readers. These have been culled from 351 letters of the past seven days.

"We think your paper is the best one that we get. I wish that it could be placed in every home in America. There are not many preachers who will earnestly contend for the once delivered faith now."—Alma and Jim Masterson, Lexington, Ky.

"Please renew my subscription to your fine paper. There are few Baptists today who stand for the Truth as you do."—Lassere Bradley, Lexington, Ky.

"I listen to your Sunday morning broadcast every Sunday. This old world needs more men to preach the Gospel like you. You preach more Gospel in one week than I've heard in the six months I've been up here."—Bert Blevins, Paintsville, Ky.

"Will gladly send you one dollar per month on the paper. It is great, and is already doing good here."—Clyde Stevens, Hillsboro, Ohio.

"I am so much interested in your paper that if I fail to receive mine, I borrow one somewhere in the neighborhood."—Mrs. Dollie B. McQueen, Kenova, W. Va.

"I think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is the best paper I ever read. If I were able I would take it, even if it cost me fifty cents per copy. It is worth it to me. You surely shoot straight."—Edward Ball, Ashland, Kentucky.

"We enjoy your radio messages. My twelve year old son recently

close home. If any church desires our services for Bible Conferences or special meetings of short duration, write us. We would even be glad to hold revival meetings for churches near at hand—close enough that we might stay at home and drive to the church each night. Next month we will probably have a number of invitations for commencement addresses. These always bring us happy experiences with both old and new friends.

Command us whenever you can use us, we are always happy to be of service.

GRACE AND TRUTH

This is the radio program conducted by R. W. Stone and W. T. Pelphrey through WBTH (Williamson, W. Va.) each Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 p. m. May all of our readers who can "pick up" this broadcast, do so. Stone and Pelphrey are two of God's jewels located on the eastern border of Kentucky and West Virginia. Both are sound Baptists, who love the Lord, and are doing sacrificial work for our Master.

If you are able to listen to their program, write them and let them know how much you enjoy their efforts. And don't forget, it takes money to conduct such broadcasts. It costs them about \$40.00 per month. Put some of that "folding kind" of money in the envelope when you write them and they'll know you mean what you say in your letter.

said, 'Do you know what preacher I would rather hear?' When I asked who it might be, his reply was, 'Mr. Gilpin.'—James M. Cook, Huntington, W. Va.

"I like your paper very much. It has been a great help to me. I thank God for the firm stand on the Truth you take. We need men like you who are not afraid to declare the whole counsel of God."—Mrs. Dan Coalgrove, Shoals, W. Va.

"I am glad that we have some men who preach the old time Gospel, without fear, leaving the results with God. Hoping that God will keep you with us for a long life."—C. H. Brubaker, South Point, Ohio.

"One of your papers is worth fifty cents any-time. You preach God's Word as it is."—Travis Hunicutt, Kennedy, Alabama.

"I surely enjoy your sermons, both by radio and in the paper. I only wish I lived close enough to attend your church."—Clyde Nance, Le Sage, W. Va.

"I do enjoy reading your paper and I don't know what I would do without it."—M. S. Wells, Lavalette, W. Va.

"I sent one of your papers to a little village where there wasn't a Baptist Church for miles around. The Devil was just having a good time there with no one to interfere. That one paper caused a lot of stir. One would read it and pass it on to a neighbor until all the so-called church people had either read it or heard about it."—Mrs. H. G. Minde-mann, Ashland, Ky.

"I get so much good nourishing food for the soul, from your paper."—Orlando C. Williams, Dallas, Texas.

"I wish I could tell you how much THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has meant to me. It explains so many things I've wondered about, and always so clearly that any one might understand."—Miss Louise Pittman, Ivor, Va.

"We never get tired of reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It seems to clean and purge as well as scourge. It is a pleasure, joy and blessing to listen to your radio message. I am eighty-one and my husband is eighty-four. You are our spiritual comfort and encouragement."—Grandma Wellman, Catlettsburg, Ky.

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to their declaration. So far as missions is concerned, what is the measure of the difference between your church and a "Hardshell" church?—Baptist And Reflector.

This reminds us that there is a candy on the market, by the name of "Chicken Dinner." Please understand—it isn't a chicken and it isn't a dinner. It is just the name it goes by. There are plenty of so-called Missionary Baptists like that—they are not Baptists and they are not Missionary. It is just the name they go by.

How we wish you would read the letters and reports of our work in Brazil and then go down in your pocket and prove by your actions that you are really a missionary as well as a Baptist!

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attractive. We are not to cover over its realities with paint and gilding. Instead, we are to tell men of the world's coming destruction, and thus:

*"Throw out the line line
To danger fraught men."*

Society is a positive failure. The governments of society have all failed. Every system of government from an absolute monarchy to absolute socialism has been tried. Yet the economic, political, and moral conditions have grown worse day to day.

The philosophies of society have failed. Philosophy reached its height in Greece. Yet society was never more corrupt than then. Paul himself would warn us against the philosophy of men. Listen: "The world by wisdom knew not God" (1 Cor. 1:21). "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Col. 2:8). Regardless of how fine-spun and interesting, men's philosophies may be relative to the remaking of society, through the centuries they have failed.

The hopes of society have failed. When the World War ended, it was declared that this war had been fought to end war. There was the statement that civilization was to make the world safe for democracy, educate the masses, abolish war, abolish all injustices, and weld all into one great brotherhood. What a colossal failure the League of Nations has been in its attempts. Truly through the centuries, all the hopes of society have come to naught.

Even the true church of Jesus has failed to convert the world. The Lord Jesus Himself said that when He returned to this earth a second time that the good and bad, the righteous and unrighteous, would still be found on the earth. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just." (Mt. 13:47-49).

Instead of converting the world, it is prophesied that the world will grow worse and worse as time passes on. "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2 Tim. 3:1-5, 13).

In view of the fact that the philosophies, governments, and hopes of society have failed, and that even the church which Jesus built has failed, we are warranted in saying that society, from beginning to end, is a failure.

Our blessed hope then, is the return of the Redeemer. Yet, Christians for years have been taught that Heaven was their hope and that they could only get there by way of death, the undertaker, the

shroud, and the grave. This is inconsistent and contradictory, for neither death nor heaven is held up as hope for the Christian. Instead, the hope which is offered to each child of God is the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth a second time. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

I

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that it means a resurrection. I travel a great deal in the course of my ministry, and thus see, among other things, many cemeteries. Large cemeteries and small cemeteries, beautifully kept cemeteries and those poorly kept, cemeteries in the city and in the country, and cemeteries on the top of hills and others in the valleys. As I see these various resting places of the dead, the thought always over-powers me that one day these dead shall gloriously live again. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which are asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:13-17).

When our blessed Lord Jesus was here in the days of His flesh, He raised three dead ones back to life. There was Jarius' daughter, the widow's son in Nain, and Lazarus. To each of these, when Jesus spoke, life returned. In each of these cases, the dead was raised by the personal coming of the Lord. It's only through His coming that the dead in Christ would ever be raised. If Jesus Christ were not to return to this world, those who were dead in Christ would never come forth from beneath the sod. If you take the second coming out of the Bible, you pack the grave clods down hard and fast upon the head of the dead. Furthermore, the Christian dead will never be anything more than disembodied ghosts.

II

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that living Christians will be changed, transfigured, made deathless, incorruptible, and immortal. Listen: "And as we have borne the image of earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:49-53). At that day, wrinkles will disappear from the brow of the aged. The sick will be cured, and those lying on beds of illness shall be

immediately made well. Health will leap through every vein of each one living when Jesus returns, for at that time, each transfigured saint will be clothed with immortal youth. This was Jesus' message to Martha as they stood by the grave of Lazarus. "Jesus said unto her, 'I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die'" (Jn. 11:25, 26). Please note again that last verse: "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." He thus refers to those who are living when He returns with the declaration that they, if they are believers, shall never die.

III

The second coming is a blessed hope of the believer in that henceforth we shall ever be with the Lord. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17). This has been our goal through life. Each child of God wants to be with the Lord; he wants to walk with the Lord; he wants to walk only with the Lord. He does not want his fellowship with the Lord broken; he does not want Satan to rob him of that joy of constant communion with Jesus. That which we have striven for in life, but never achieved, shall become a glorious reality when Jesus comes, for henceforth we shall ever be with the Lord.

IV

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that the believer will then be beyond sinning. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8:22, 23). How it thrills our souls to know that some day we shall be beyond the rule of the flesh within our lives. When one is born in this life, he has only one nature, namely, the nature of sin. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Ps. 51:5). When he is born a second time, the first nature is not taken away, but rather, he receives in addition a new nature. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Pet. 1:4). This means that each believer has both the nature of the flesh and the nature of God. Consequently, there is a constant war-fare between the two. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would" (Gal. 5:17). God tells us that we are to starve out the old nature. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:14). Though this is our command, we are never able to fully do so. He further tells us that we are to feed the new nature. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). I am afraid that the majority of Christians just about reverse the order, in that they continue to feed the old nature

and cause the new nature to be stunted and dwarfed by failing to feed it.

Thus each believer goes through life spiritually crippled. Each believer proceeds with his flesh causing him many difficulties and often resulting in his fall into sin. What a joy to know that some day, when Jesus comes, the believer will then be beyond sinning.

V

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that we will have an immortal, deathless, incorruptible body. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:53, 54).

Several months ago, I visited Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Va. I saw there the graves of two United States presidents, and the grave of the immortal Jefferson Davis, the only president of the southern confederacy. Close by, I noted the tomb of George W. McDaniels, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond until a few brief years ago. Then I noted the tomb of J. B. Jeter, who though buried many years, in his day was the foremost Baptist editor and one of the outstanding Baptist preachers of America. As I looked upon the tombs of these great ones, I thought: "What mighty mental powers have gone into the ground; minds and wills that shaped destinies are these; is this the best that God can do?" No, some day, Jesus is coming again and then each of us will have an immortal body.

VI

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that it will bring the believer to his rewards. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (1 Cor. 5:10). Often we pick up a paper to read of the death of someone, and we find that the editor or the reporter refers to that one as "having passed to his reward." I have even heard preachers make the same statement. Many times I have been handed obituaries for use at a funeral which use the same expression "having passed to his reward." But not so brethren, when a child of God dies, he does not go to his reward. It is true that he goes into the presence of Jesus, but he does not receive his reward then. He will not receive his reward until the Lord Jesus Christ comes to this world a second time. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7, 8). The day to which Paul refers is the day of Christ's return at which time all rewards will be handed out to God's children.

VII

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that it will bring the believer to a glorious reunion. How often our homes are rudely broken asunder by the entrance of death. Weeping loved ones are parted and left to sorrow

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IRONTON DAILY NEWS MAKES EGREGIOUS ERROR ON MATTER OF DRINK

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hundred years ago. Since they know that beer is not good for one's health, they refuse to insure a brewer, his clerk, his bookkeeper, or even the man who hauls the kegs.

Several years ago I saw a devil fish in a museum, and read the description of how this fish crushes the body of the victim in its long winding arms, and then sucks its life's blood. However, this is not so frightful an assailant as the enemy of drink, who more and more becomes master of its victim, clogs up his liver, rots his kidneys, decays his heart, chokes his lungs, starves his brain, and loads his body with rheumatism, erysipelas, and other diseases.

May the editor of the Ironton Daily News remember that water is the strongest drink lions and horses use, and Samson never drank anything else. Mr. Editor of the Ironton Daily News, even if you get the best liquor, it will get the best of you, for liquor causes suicides, homicides, sorrowcides, and burned-out insides. As the poet has said,

"The grave doth gap
For thee, thrice wider than for
other men."

"THE BLESSED HOPE"

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and battle alone the trials of life. One day there shall be a glorious reuniting of parted homes and parted hearts. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know even as also I am known" (I Cor. 13:12). "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16,17).

In that day we shall have cognition as well as recognition. That is, we shall know those whom we have never seen, just the same as we recognize those whom we have seen. As proof of this, look at the Mount of Transfiguration when Jesus was transfigured before His disciples. This is a type of the future. Moses and Elijah appeared on the Mount with Jesus. Those disciples knew Moses and Elijah though they had never seen either of them before. Yes, the coming of our Lord is a blessed hope in that it brings not only reunion and recognition, but cognition as well, to the believer.

VIII

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that it means the believer will be delivered out of the great tribulation. There is a terrible day awaiting this godless world. It is described fully in God's word. "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the house top not come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give nourishment in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither

on the Sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Mk. 24:15-21). It is called the great tribulation. It will take place after the saints of God are removed.

We get a picture of this in the book of Revelation. In the fourth chapter of that book, the Apostle John is caught up into Heaven. Thus he represents the living saints who will be alive at Jesus' coming, and who will be translated at that time. In Rev., chapters 4 and 5, you find the 24 kingly and priestly elders enthroned in Heaven. These represent the saved. In the balance of the book of Revelation, from chapter 6 to 19, we have the tribulation period through which the earth passes. Thus beloved, the book of Revelation in type shows us that the saved are in Heaven while there is tribulation on earth. How each believer should rejoice that he will not have to pass through that awful period. Truly, the second coming is a blessed hope for the believer.

IX

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that it brings the believer into perfect knowledge. "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (I Cor. 13:9-11). We don't have a great deal of knowledge today. Even at best, our knowledge is very poor and limited. We are just now in the childhood of knowledge, but when we get to Heaven, we will then attain unto full grown manhood. Then we shall have perfect knowledge. We will know then the mysteries of death, which none of us have been able to understand in life. We will know then why trials come and why hardships so often overtook us. We will know then all sciences and all languages. We will know then God's perfect love.

"God knows the way He holds the key
He guides us with unerring hand,
Some day with tearless eyes we'll see
And up in Heaven we'll understand."

X

The second coming is a blessed hope for the believer in that it is a purifying hope now. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth and also the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Pet. 3:10-14). Somehow stocks and bonds, houses and lands, sheep and cattle, do not mean so much to us when we remember that the Lamb of God is coming again. As we expect His return it has a purifying influence on us. Just as a woman will put on her best garments to meet an expected guest, so we will put forth our best

morality when we are expecting His return.

In the course of my ministry, I make many calls and go into homes all hours of the day and night. Quite often I arrive just as the house-wife may be cleaning or mopping, and occasionally must wait to talk to her until she finishes tidying up the room, or perhaps until she tidies herself up a bit. Many, many times I have had such a one say, "If I had known you were coming, I would have tried to have had everything more presentable." This is just like the coming of Jesus. When we are expecting Him, we will try to have everything presentable. Yes, it is a blessed hope, for it purifies us now.

While it is a blessed hope for the Christian, it is not such for the unsaved. It means eternal destruction and damnation for all those outside of Jesus Christ. May God grant that you may be aroused now ere it be too late, and may you, this night, receive Him as your Savior, and then look for His return. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (Jn. 6:37). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (Jn. 6:47).

DISGRACEFUL ACTION OF HUNTINGTON BAPTISTS ON THE WOMAN QUESTION

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The Lord Jesus walked the seas of Galilee and the hour when Paul was convicted on the roadway to Damascus. I realize that we have made lots of changes. In fact, to illustrate these changes, the poet has said:

"One hundred years ago today
Wilderness was here;
The man with powder in his gun
Went out to hunt the deer.
But now the thing has changed somewhat,
And on a different plan;
The deer with powder on her face,
Goes out to hunt the man."

Although there have been many changes in every direction, the Bible remains the same.

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (I Tim. 2:11-12).

Instead of changing the Bible to suit the needs of the 20th century, we had better change the 20th century to suit the demands of God's Word.

When I come face to face with this Scripture, I am reminded of the little girl's statement, who said, "If God didn't mean what He said, why didn't He say what He meant?" I would like to ask Pastors Cook and Willingham of the Baptist Temple and the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, "If God didn't mean for women to keep silence in the church why do we have it in the Bible?" Then there is our old friend, Reeves, who is editor of "The Baptist Messenger," and whom we love dearly, we would like to ask him to justify the action of these aforesaid churches through the columns of his paper in the light of the Word of God.

In conversation, I spoke to a layman of one of these churches, and he seemed to think that I needed a good strong brain cure. He even became hostile that I would dare say anything contrary to the action of these great churches of Huntington. Said he, "Why, our pastor gets \$5500 a year salary, and we pay \$75 a month house rent on top of that. We've got a big pastor, and you're just a little fellow from the country. What right do you have to say any-

thing about what we do? Our pastor is a whole lot bigger man than you, and he thinks it is perfectly all right for women to conduct public worship services." You will note the expression, "he thinks."

My answer to him, and to our readers, is, "But what does God think?" It doesn't make any difference how big the preacher, nor how much the church pays a month for house rent, what does God think, and what does God say?

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." (I Cor. 13:34).

As long as this Scripture is in the Bible, it will take more than a \$5500 a year pastor to convince me that God didn't know what He was talking about when He inspired Paul to write this Scripture.

A PRAYING MAN SURE OF AN ANSWER

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days, two hours—with his mathematical precision—for two men to be converted, neither of whom was converted and there were no signs of it. I said: "Do you expect God to convert them?" "Certainly. Do you suppose that God would put upon His child for sixty-two years the burden of two souls if He had no purpose of their salvation? I shall meet them in heaven certainly."

Shortly afterwards he died and I was preaching in his pulpit in Bristol and referred to this occurrence. As I was going out a lady said: "One of those men was my uncle, and he was converted and died a few weeks ago."—A. T. Pierson.

SAY MY BROTHER, HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED?

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to do things, he is dead slow; when you do it, you are deliberate?

When the other fellow spends a lot, he is a spendthrift; when you do, you are generous?

When the other fellow picks flaws in things, he's cranky; when you do, you are discriminating?

When the other fellow is mild in his manners, he is a mush of concession; when you are, it is being gracious?

When the other fellow says what he thinks, he is spiteful; when you do, you are frank?—Selected.

THE CATHOLICS AND BINGO

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think, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! How long shall such religious disgrace continue? How long shall God forbear? How we rejoice that it is not forever, in view of the fact that we have the assurance that "every plant, which my heavenly father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Mt. 15:13). It is going to be a glorious day when the "old whore" and her Protestant daughters are rooted up. Let those redeemed within these so-called churches today heed these words, "Come out of her, my people" (Rev. 18:4).

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