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

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Pastor Harry MacArthur of California Tells Why You Can't Rub Out or Get Rid Of the Jew

The Jew is often referred to as "the man without a country." From another viewpoint, the Jew is the only man on earth who has a country promised to him by the original Creator of all things—a country on this earth forever. On the deed of gifts are the words: "I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD"—and there is no other nationality that can show such a claim to any portion of the earth. Since the Almighty has spoken and has laid down the boundaries of the land that is to be Israel's, how foolish for the wise of the earth to talk of colonizing them in Madagascar, Australia or Tanganyika!

This by no means signifies that every individual Jew is to have a portion in that promised land, for those who have chosen the way of sin and unbelief have their portion with all others who reject the Lamb of God, but it does mean that "when the Deliverer shall come out of Zion," the remnant from the "time of Jacob's trouble" will have their portion in the land of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and never again shall they be made afraid.

No nation can trace its lineage by the clear light of religious history so far back as the Jew. They had literature before most nations had letters, a literature that is today more widely diffused than that of any other people. In comparison with the Jews, the nations making history today are but babes.

Some uninformed Christians today fume because prophetic teachers have so much to say about the Jews. That is because they know not their Bibles. The Jew is the key to prophecy and all prophecy is intimately concerned with the Jew.

When we speak of the Jews we are speaking of a people that had their origin in a miracle. From 90-year-old Sarah, sterile and past hope, was born Isaac; from Isaac came Jacob, and from Jacob the twelve tribes of Israel. In the course of natural events, Isaac could not have been. By the power of God he came into being, and from that point, a nation clothed in the supernatural stood up on its feet and

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Wanted

1. One scripture that teaches INFANT BAPTISM.
2. New Testament authority for sprinkling or pouring water on any person or thing for any purpose.
3. The name of the apostle who introduced the mourners bench system of conversion.
4. Book, chapter, and verse where we read of "Rev." Paul, or "Rev." Peter.
5. A Scripture which says a church should endure sinning, disorderly, disobedient members without exercising discipline.
6. A Scripture that teaches we are born with a "spark of divinity" in us.
7. A Scripture which teaches a

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Evangelist G. G. Lanter Presents a Splendid Scriptural Treatise On God's Plan of Salvation

Some years ago Brother G. G. Lanter prepared the following brief manuscript entitled, "God's Plan of Salvation." At that time, we printed a number of copies of it as a tract, and gladly distributed them far and wide. We have new plates made for the same, and we hope to print this week fourteen thousand copies of this tract, along with some other tracts which we are planning to distribute at once. In the event you would care for any of these tracts, please write us and we will gladly mail you your

requests. Please remember that it costs money to get these out, and that we will appreciate your contributions and postage for the same.

God's Plan of Salvation

I. ALL ARE LOST AND WE NEED A SAVIOUR.

1. You have sinned against God.
(1) "All have sinned." (Rom. 3:23).

(2) "He will convict the world of sin * * * of sin because they believe not on me." (John 16:8).

2. The penalty of sin is death.

(1) "The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23).

(2) "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:15).

II. CHRIST JESUS IS THE ONLY AND ALL-SUFFICIENT SAVIOUR.

1. God clothed Himself in flesh and came to this world which He called into existence.

(1) "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." (John 1:14).

(2) "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (I Tim. 1:15).

2. He met all the righteous demands of the law, even enduring the curse.

(1) "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." (Matt. 5:17).

(2) "And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin." (I John 3:5).

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A PRAYER

Open my eyes to see Him,
Dying on Calvary's tree;
My blindness is a curse—
I would His beauty see.

Open my ears to hear
Gracious whispers, soft and low
He speaks; if we but heed,
And seek His will to know.

Open my lips to speak
His love, divine and true
Never was there human love
Such as this, for me.

Open my heart, and let
The Christ Himself come in,
To cleanse and make me pure,
And save my soul from sin.

—Margaret Cave Esham
Petersville, Kentucky.

CHRISTIAN LOVE

"If God so loved us, we ought to love one another."

If Christ so loved us and all men as to die for us, we ought, indeed, we must, be interested in making known this love and in the salvation of souls. This imposes a responsibility upon us as inescapable as it ought to be congenial.

Love finds its highest manifestation in the effort to save men. The word has been, and is, abused, and made to cover all manner of likes and dislikes, as well as the expression of sensual desire. But love is worthy of its name, more especially love that is truly Christian, is ever a frame of mind and heart

that longs to see men transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

True love seeks the good of its object. Love to God seeks His glory. Love to man seeks to bring them to Christ. "Knowing the terror of the Lord," the danger of those who will not serve Him, it persuades them. It is unselfish. "Charity seeketh not her own." It is interested, not in a limited family or church circle, but in the world. As "God so loved the world," it would give the gospel to every creature. The truly Christian outlook is worldwide in its outreach and sympathies.

The First Baptist Pulpit

Some Bible Standards For Believers

"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.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." Matt. 3:1-6.

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is

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His Waterloo

Is Hitler going to conquer the world? Is he after all, going to be able to annihilate the Jews of the world? These questions come to us from every side. We know no better answer than that of Dr. Wm. R. Newell in his booklet, "Hitler's Jew-Hatred." He says:

"Hitler cannot conquer the world, as he hopes. For in the second of Daniel the whole outline of Gentile times, from Babylon to the Second Coming of Christ, is given, and there are but four great world-empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome; the latter empire divided into "two legs"—the eastern and western branches of the Roman empire,—with their final "clay-iron"

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RECENT FUNERALS

Within the last few days the editor has conducted the funeral services for each of the following. To their families, we extend our tenderest sympathy.

Forest Gullett, 36 years of age, Racoon, Kentucky.
Harry H. Wyatt, 46 years of age, Ashland, Kentucky.
Mrs. Mary Thorn, 67 years of age, Russell, Kentucky.
Mrs. Anna Hensley, 72 years of age, Rush, Kentucky.

MISSION REPORTS

Brazillian Missions

Amount previously reported	\$ 92.50
Wayne Jordon, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Anonymously	.85
B. W. Pack, Huntington, W. Va.	1.00
H. S. Fish, Tipton, Mich.	5.00
Just-Our-Club, Russell, Ky.	1.00
Cherryville Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	1.65
Roy Wellman, Louisa, Ky.	1.00
Mrs. Nelson, Russell, Ky.	.50
Total	\$104.50

Radio Fund

Amount previously reported	\$ 16.80
Wayne Jordon, Russell, Ky.	1.00
R. C. Oney, Worthington, Ky.	10.00
Anonymously	.80
Mrs. Nelson, Russell, Ky.	.50
Total	\$ 29.10

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Christian can be lost by his sins after conversion.

8. A Scripture showing that God is too loving to let a sinner go to hell.

9. Chapter and verse in the New Testament that says the Old Testament law of tithing was ever abolished.

10. Authority for "hiring" the pastor for one year, also for council, conference, or presbytery placing the preachers instead of the Holy Spirit.—Ralph Webb.

WHY THE ICEBERG STANDS

Wait for Jehovah: be strong and let thy chart take courage. Ships are rocked and tossed and strained to the utmost by the swelling of the billows, but the iceberg, which floats upon the same sea, stands as stable as the everlasting hills. And why? Because the bulk of the ice-mountain lies far out of sight, deep down beneath the tumultuous surface.

So the whole-hearted Christian, floating on the sea of life with other men, yet has his life "hid with Christ in God," and though waves of trouble break over him, and though the wicked plot his overthrow, yet is he held firm by the eternal God.

WHY YOU CAN'T RUB OUT THE JEW

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began its strange march down the centuries (Gen. 12:1-4).

No other nation of history has had such manifest and visible tokens of the divine presence. For them the Red Sea was driven back and the Jordan parted. They were miraculously fed in the wilderness, sheltered and guided by the divine pillar of fire. For them the sun and moon were stayed in their courses that their enemies might be put down. They began as a miracle, and their endurance to this hour is a miracle.

Renan wrote: "The philosophy of history fails utterly to account for the Jew." Hegel confessed that, like a dark enigma, the history of the Jew had tormented him all his life. Mark Twain said: "All things are mortal but the Jew, all other forces pass, but he remains."

During the 30 centuries of her existence, Jewry has been perpetually stumbling on the verge of the abyss of annihilation, yet always has she recovered her footing and in the hour when nations worked hardest to wipe them out, they multiplied more rapidly than ever. Why? The Word of God has the only answer, and whether some like or not, stern facts prove the Bible true.

Lord Beaconsfield said: "The attempt to extirpate the Jew has been made under the most favorable auspices, and on the largest scale and for the longest period of time. Egyptian Pharaohs, Assyrian kings, Roman emperors, Scandinavian crusaders, Gothic princes and holy inquisitors have alike devoted their energies to the fulfillment of this common purpose. Expatriation, exile, captivity, confiscation, torture on the most ingenious and massacre on the most extensive scale, have been tried in vain. The Jew however remains!"

Like it or not—their preservation is the miracle of history.

Like it or not, the number of eminent Jews in the world is and always has been out of all proportion to their population. And not because they plotted to put themselves in places of eminence, but because of sheer brilliance and application. Their positions on the faculties of universities are awarded by competitive examinations, where names are not even signed to the papers, yet under these conditions, they have won out in outstanding proportion.

Jealous as we may feel, the fact is that most of us are greatly indebted to Jews. It was Jewish money that financed Christopher Columbus and made possible the discovering of this country. It was Jewish money that carried through the Revolutionary War. Hyam Salomon was the Jewish broker who almost single handedly carried Jefferson, Monroe and Madison through the days of their financial difficulties, bringing America to victory. Rarely did Salomon ask interest on his loans, and frequently he made loans knowing he could never be repaid. He died in squalor, his lungs choking with tuberculosis. Nothing was done to repay his heirs and nothing to perpetuate his memory.

The number of Jews receiving Nobel prizes is very large, indicating great achievements in science and other worthy causes for the blessing of humanity. Here are some of them:

Bayer—chemistry, 1905; Michelson—physics, 1907; Ehrlich—medicine, 1908; Lippmann physics, 1908;

Metchnikoff—medicine, 1908; Heyse—literature, 1910; Wallach—chemistry, 1910; Asser—peace, 1911; Fried—peace, 1911; Barany—medicine, 1914; Wilstaetter—chemistry, 1915; Haber—chemistry, 1918; Einstein—physics, 1921; Bohr—physics, 1922; Meyerhoff—medicine, 1922; Franck—physics, 1925; Hertz—physics, 1925; Bergson—literature, 1928; Landsteiner—medicine, 1930; Warburg—medicine, 1931; Loewi—medicine, 1936; Ossietzky—peace, 1936. Fourteen of these Jews were German Jews and four more Austrian Jews.

In Germany, where Hitler degraded the Jew extended a degrading and contaminating influence upon German culture, there have been 38 German Nobel laureates (1933). Of these, 11 were Jews, or 29 per cent, about 29 times Jewry's proportionate share as compared to the "Aryan" stocks. In Austria there were six. Of these, three were Jews, or 50 per cent as contrasted with an Austrian Jewish population of less than four per cent of the total.

In 1887 the first book on Esperanto (the universal language) found its way into print. A few lines on the second page declared that Dr. Zamenhof, the Jewish author, willingly gave up all his rights in the new language because "an international language is like a national one, common property."

Thus did Zamenhof present to the world the child of his spirit, pleading at the same time that its father should be forgotten. With his far-seeing vision, he realized that no language could ever hope to survive if it were bound up, and associated with a single personality.

Zamenhof's wish to be forgotten has been largely fulfilled. Who of the millions who know of the existence of Esperanto and of its purpose have ever even heard of his name? He has been forgotten—perhaps all too completely; because with his name has also been forgotten the true spirit out of which his language sprang.

On July 30, 1938, some two thousand people gathered in London at the Thirtieth Esperanto Congress, a huge assembly when compared with the First Esperanto Congress at Boulogne, in 1905. Esperanto today is a living language. It is not merely a code, as is so often alleged. But alas! It is a language only. That is its tragedy. It has been taken up for its commercial utility. The world owes it to a Jew.

The Miami Daily News carried this item:

"A Nazi who has syphilis must not allow himself to be cured by salvarsan, because it is the discovery of the Jew, Ehrlich. He must not even take steps to find out whether he has syphilis, because the Wasserman reaction used for the purpose is the discovery of a Jew. . . A Nazi who has heart disease must not use digitalis, whose use in heart diseases was developed by a Jew, Ludwig Trabo. If he has a toothache, he will not be able to use cocaine, for he will be benefiting from the work of a Jew, Solomon Stricker. Typhus must not be treated, for he will have to benefit by the discoveries of Jews, Widall and Weill. If he has diabetes, he must not use insulin, because of the research work of a Jew, Minkowsky. If he has a headache, he must shun pyramidon and antipyrin discovered by Spiro and Eiloge. Anti-Semites who have convulsions must put up with them, for it was a Jew, Oscar Leibreach, who thought of using chloral hydrate. This is true

for psychic ailments, since the Jew, Freud, is the father of psychoanalysis. . . ."

As a minority group and because they are the one international people they have been blamed for almost everything, even the black plague of the fourteenth century. In recent years they have been charged with a plot to overthrow all Gentile governments.

And so, down through the history of the world runs this bloody stream of Jewish persecution. A new tide of hate is rising over the earth in our day and the sorrows of the Jew cry to heaven for mercy and judgment. Hatred of them has become a fetish with millions of pagans, and strange to say, some deluded Christians have yielded to the influence of the vicious propaganda of hate.

Everywhere today Jews, whether little children, sick or aged, are insulted, castigated, mutilated and assassinated for having the blood of Jacob in their veins. Many of them find suicide the only way out.

No wonder a great British statesman and educator said recently: "The lights of Europe are going out one by one, the light of culture, learning and human kindness. They are going out because the deified monster, Hitler, is swallowing them."

Those words are exactly in line with the judgments pronounced by the Word of God. The words of Gen. 12:3 have not been abrogated by God. Let all who would persecute the Jew read Jer. 30:11-18. If you think the Jew can be destroyed, read Jer. 31:35-37.

Every Christian with any capacity for spiritual discernment knows that back of hatred of the Jew is Satan himself. If anything proves the existence of a personal devil, anti-Semitism does. Satan knows that Israel gave us the Book he most despises, the Book that foretells his undoing. Satan knows that a Jewish womb gave body to our Lord and Savior when He came into this world. Satan well knows that the precious blood that flowed for the sinner's cleansing, came from the wounds and the opened side of a Jew (Jn. 4:22). Satan knows that the sceptre has not departed from Judah and that it is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who will yet rule over all the earth.

And Satan knows that nothing so effectually stops the inflow of spiritual blessing into the heart of a Christian as an infection of the virus of Jew-hate. May God fortify the spirit of every reader of these lines against the satanic influences abroad everywhere today, even robbing many a church of divine blessing!

"The time of Jacob's trouble" comes on apace. It will reach its climax after the rapture of the true church in the culmination of the power of anti-Christ. The Beast will make a desperate effort to exterminate the Jews and will fail. In that day the common language will be: "Come, let us cut them off from being a nation." At the moment of Israel's extremity, the clouds will part over the Mount of Olives and the Messiah of Israel, our Glorified Lord, will return in mighty power to reign. Anti-Christ and all his forces will be destroyed by the brightness of His appearing.

It is near—EVEN AT THE DOORS!—Harry H. MacArthur, Hollywood, California.

If we could merit our own salvation, Christ would never have died to provide it.

SOME BIBLE STANDARDS FOR BELIEVERS

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above all, and through all, and in you all." Eph. 4:4-6.

The original standards of the Bible for believers were set surpassingly high—far higher than they are today in the average church.

John the Baptist had multitudes to wait on his ministry. He set the standard for their lives exceedingly high. Listen: "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." (Matt. 3:7, 8). These verses would indicate that John did not care for a big name. Of his converts he demanded quality and not quantity.

The Lord Jesus Himself set up high standards in His church. Just after stating, "I will build my church," He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matt. 16:24-26). The word translated "soul" in the Greek is actually the word for "life." The text is not speaking about the loss of a man's soul, but the loss of his influence, and the failure to honor Christ in his life. Thus we see that the standard Jesus set for His church was that a man's life was to count for God, and that it was to be a life of denial, cross-bearing, and daily following after Jesus.

Even when John the Baptist was dead and after Jesus' ascension, the early church at Jerusalem still maintained high standards. Two of their members, Ananias and Sapphira, desired worldly honor. It is interesting to see how Simon Peter dealt with them. "Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women)." (Acts 5:9-14). This incident alone would indicate a high standard maintained by this church.

However, the standards which were set up by John the Baptist and Jesus, and which were maintained by this early church—those standards were lowered a few hundred years afterwards. In the days of Constantine the Great, he claimed to have seen a vision of a cross in the skies, with this inscription: "By this sign, you will conquer." He made a pledge that if he won the battle the next day, he would embrace Christianity and discard his heathen religion. On winning the battle, he did this very thing, and by profession at least, he embraced Christianity. This was the worst thing that could have ever happened

for the church, for it meant a union of church and state. From that day, Bible standards have been getting lower and lower until today the standards of members in the average church, are a disgrace to man as well as God.

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Let me suggest some of the present day compromises and failures which characterize most of our churches. There is first of all, a *greed for church members*, and in order to satisfy this greed, our church membership manifests itself both in the way in which members are received into the church, and the way in which they are retained afterwards, even though living lives of ungodliness. The average evangelist depends entirely upon mob psychology, and absolutely ignores the work of the Holy Spirit. This, of course, has grown out of the churches' desire to gain members.

The greatest sin in David's life was his sin in numbering his people. It meant that he was then depending more upon numbers than he was God. Let me read it to you: "And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. And Joab answered, The Lord make his people a hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then doth my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men." (I Chron. 21:1-3, 7, 8, 14).

God is not concerned about the numbers that we have to report to our annual association. It isn't quantity, but quality that counts with Him. Gideon had an army of 32,000 but when God stripped this army of its excess baggage, Gideon had only 300 faithful men to go out and fight with him. Yet, with these 300 and God, Gideon did what he could never have done with the 32,000, for God would have had nothing to do with him as long as he held to this number and depended upon them. What a blessing it would be if our churches of today could be stripped to their running gear. I say then that one of our present day compromises is a greed for church membership.

A second modern compromise on the part of the church, grows out of the *loss of power of discipline*. The Bible says a great deal about what is to be done with those who walk contrary to the Word of God. It tells us that they are to be disciplined, which means that the church is to exclude from its membership those whose lives do not harmonize with the Word of God. Listen to these Scriptures: "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from yourselves that wicked person." (I Cor. 5:11,

13). "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." (Titus 3:10, 11). "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." (2 Thess. 3:6, 14).

Yet, beloved, you rarely ever find a church today which dares to discipline one of its members. The reason is that the majority of the church is so mixed up with the world that there are so few living as they should, that in reality, very very few are spiritually fit themselves to discipline the balance. Hence, our churches are filled with worldlings and ungodly folk.

A third present day compromise is that the *ministry itself is looked upon as a profession rather than a calling*. I read recently of a minister making an appeal to a group of undergraduates in an eastern university. The speaker appealed to these young men to consider the ministry as their life's work, and the four major motives he offered were—(1) The ministry is not so crowded as some of the other professions, and thus you are assured of a place and a sufficient income, and you can marry early and settle down. (2) Your place in the social world, and your standing in the community are assured to you and your family. (3) If you are inclined toward the cultural, the minister's life will afford you ample time to read and study the sciences and fine arts on the cultural side of life. (4) You will be granted an annual vacation, and you may use the time for travel and enjoyment. Now can you beat that! I do not say that all preachers enter the ministry with those minor motives in mind. In fact, there are many good, Godly, Spiritually-minded men in the ministry today, who have entered it because they felt a direct call from God; and yet, beloved, it is true that there are countless thousands who are in the ministry because of low, sordid, earthly motives prompting them.

Another present day compromise is that of a *worldly pride concerning church buildings*. A wild orgy of church building has been in progress for the last several years. In fact, it is almost a mania. It has gotten to a place that if the First Baptist Church of one town builds a large building, then the First Baptist Church of the next town has to build one a little bit bigger. The early church did not boast of its proud steeples as we do today, yet with this idea of building big buildings and trying to out-do the other, we thus drift into a further condition of compromise and failure.

Another compromise is that our *church members are mixed up with the world*. It is mighty hard to tell the difference in the life of saint and sinner today. Church members go piously into the house of God on Sunday, with a hymn book under one arm, and a Bible under the other, and sing,

"I love thy kingdom Lord"

and then the balance of the week live like the Devil. In the Old Testament, when the Jews left Egypt going out to Canaan, we read that

a mixed multitude went along with them. This mixed multitude were just soldiers of fortune who were dissatisfied with conditions in Egypt, and decided while going was good, they would go with the Jews. They were not Jews; they knew nothing at all of the religion of the Jews; and they were a source of weakness unto the Jews. When they lusted after the flesh pots of Egypt, they caused the children of Israel to lust also. Today we have a low level of morals, a love of pleasure, and a greed of money which is most apparant in our churches, and merely reveals that we have a mixed multitude among us today.

Lot is a good example of a worldly Christian. He pitched his tent toward Sodom, and then came to live in Sodom. As I often say, it wasn't bad for him to live in Sodom; the wrong was that Sodom came to live in him. It isn't bad for this church to be in Russell, but the wrong is when Russell comes to live in our church.

The Word of God says quite a good deal relative to our walk in this life. Listen: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31). In the light of this Scripture and many others which we might offer, I say that no child of God should attend moving picture shows, nor dance halls, neither should he drink, nor gamble, and yet, beloved, better than seventy-five per cent of the members of all our churches are addicted to one, or all of these social practices.

Another present day compromise which has resulted in the failure of our churches, is that *there is very, very little positive preaching*. In Isaiah's day, the people said, "Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits." (Isa. 30:10). We have the children of that group to contend with today, and they are asking today that the minister "speak unto us smooth things." Listen to the words of Jeremiah: "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jer. 5:31). In this, he declares that even the so-called people of the Lord love to hear an easy doctrine which requires but little effort. How true it is a carnal people love a carnal priesthood. I say then, beloved, that this desire has a reaction on the ministry until we have, but little positive preaching; and it has actually gotten to the place that those of us who do preach positive doctrines of the Word of God, are considered narrow and fanatical, and the world thinks we were born 30 years too late.

Perhaps the greatest of all these present day compromises resulting in failure for our churches, is the *lack of dependence on the Holy Spirit*. In their Sunday worship, the average church does not worship through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (Jn. 4:24). This means that the only way to worship God is by the Holy Spirit applying the Word of God as we preach it. The average church comes together on Sunday with one of three alternatives facing them. First, they may wait on the Holy Spirit. Second, they may disband. Third, they may go through a form of worship without the Holy

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SOME BIBLE STANDARDS FOR BELIEVERS

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Spirit. In the majority of instances, they do the latter. Hence, Paul wrote to Timothy concerning the latter days, stating that one of the characteristics would be, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." (2 Tim. 3:5). This is what we have today—just a "form of godliness."

Or if you want to see how little dependence there is on the Holy Spirit, just notice how a pastorless church seeks for a pastor. They will search all over the country for an oratorical genius, a successful financier, and a pleasing personality. As far as depending upon God to send them a man who can preach the Bible, this is unheard of.

Then also, notice the way preachers apply for pulpits. I knew of a church sometime ago that was pastorless. Forty-one men made application for the pulpit, and thirty-nine of them dared to say that the Holy Spirit prompted them to write the letter; and yet not one of the forty-one was called for pastor. I say, beloved, that with this utter lack of dependence upon the Holy Spirit in our worship services, and in the calling of a pastor, it is no wonder that the average church is facing absolute failure today.

Having noticed some of the most prevalent of present day compromises and failures, let me suggest the outstanding Bible standards for believers.

The first standard for each believer is *regeneration*. By this I mean that the church member must have had a definite experience with God whereby he has been redeemed, regenerated, born again, and saved. Listen to the words of Jesus: "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:1-7) Then the apostle Peter speaks also of this truth: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (1 Pet. 1:23.)

Here then is God's first standard for a church member—he must be regenerated. The average church in its greed for church members, has forgotten all about regeneration; but beloved, God hasn't.

Do you remember the old nursery rhyme?

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you been?

I've been to London to visit the queen. Pussy cat, pussy cat, what saw you there? I saw a little mousey right under her chair."

The pussy cat could not tell how the queen looked, nor what she wore, nor the splendor of her crown. She knew nothing of the tower of

London, nor of St. Paul's Cathedral, nor Westminster Abbey. She only saw a mouse. And why? Because she was a pussy cat. What you are, determines what you see and how you act. If you have not been regenerated, you are not going to see Spiritual things, and you are not going to act the part of a Spiritual man. You may have a good case of religion, and you may act religious for awhile; but if you have not been 'born again' you can't live a spiritual life nor experience spiritual things.

I say, beloved, then that the first standard for church members is regeneration.

The second standard for church members is that there must be a *loyalty to the Bible*. When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he said, "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism." (Eph. 4:5). Note the "one faith." By inspiration, we are told, "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The apostle Peter urges upon us loyalty to the Scriptures: "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Pet. 3:15). Therefore, in the light of these Scriptures, I declare that the second standard for a church member is that of a definite loyalty to the Bible.

Now let's particularize: Are you loyal to the Bible on the doctrine of Baptism? The Bible declares that baptism to be scriptural, must be an immersion of a saved person at the hands of a qualified administrator. Have you been immersed? Was it at the hands of one who was qualified to do so? Were you saved before you were immersed, or were you ducked while yet a sinner? Or worse, did somebody sprinkle some water on you when you were an unconscious infant?

Let me ask you again: Are you loyal to the Bible relative to its teaching as to tithing? Listen to this Scripture: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:8-10). "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matt. 23:23). Here are the demands of God's Word whereby He states that every person owes Him one-tenth of his income. I ask you, are you loyal to the Bible in this respect?

I might multiply illustrations again and again. I might ask if you are loyal to the Bible as to what it says concerning the church? Or, are you loyal to the Bible as to what it says concerning a woman's place in the church? Again I might ask, are you loyal to the Bible as to what it says relative to unionism, for you know the Word of God declares that instead of seeking for union, we are to seek for unity.

I say then, beloved, that not only

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3. He died as our substitute, suffering the penalty for our sins.

(1) "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

(2) "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree." (1 Pet. 2:24).

4. He died for ALL our sins, from our birth to our death.

(1) "Our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from ALL iniquity." (Titus 2:13-14).

(2) "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin." (1 John 1:7).

5. He is living forever and is actively engaged on high in our behalf.

(1) "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Heb. 7:25).

(2) "Have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever." (Heb. 6:18-20).

6. He is coming again and take us who are prepared to that place that He has gone to prepare.

(1) "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

(2) "Looking for that blessed hope." (Titus 2:13).

III. THE WAY AND ONLY WAY BY WHICH YOU CAN BE SAVED.

1. Repentance.

(1) "God * * * now commandeth

does the Bible demand that a church member be regenerated, but in the second place, it demands loyalty to the Bible. How I pray God that today we might turn away from our present day failures through compromises, and turn back to the Bible standards for believers, emphasizing first of all that each church member must be regenerated, and then an unfailing loyalty to the Word of God.

Do I speak tonight to some church member who is regenerated, and yet the Bible has not been the standard of your life? Do I speak to some preacher who has compromised in some of these particulars which I have mentioned? Are you a member of a church, which in its greed for church membership, has received anything and everything into its fellowship without any thought as to regeneration much less as to loyalty to the Bible? Therefore, if I thus speak to someone who has not believed, nor practiced the Bible standards given in the Scriptures, then may God help you now to turn back from your back-sliding, to faith in Him and loyalty to His Word. May we ever move forward, looking toward that day when all the redeemed shall acknowledge "One Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

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development; BUT NO FIFTH EMPIRE!

"That there will be a revival of the fourth world-power Scripture teaches in Daniel 9:27 and elsewhere. A revival Roman empire is indeed Mussolini's dream! Its capital may be Rome, or may be rebuilt Babylon, as various passages seem to indicate, but it will be the revived ROMAN empire. It WILL NOT BE GERMANY! Germany has fallen into the paws of the colossal Northern 'Bear that walks like a man.' There she is tied; and with that Bear she will meet her doom (Ezek. 38-39)."—Prophecy.

all men every where to repent." (Acts 17:30).

(2) "Repentance from dead works." (Heb. 6:1).

(3) "Repentance toward God." (Acts 20:21).

2. Faith.

(1) "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26).

(2) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31).

(3) "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:12).

IV. WHEN IS A BELIEVER SAVED?

1. "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life." (John 3:36).

2. "NOW are we the sons of God." (1 John 3:2).

V. CAN A PERSON KNOW WHEN HE IS SAVED?

1. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that YE HAVE eternal life." (1 John 5:13).

2. "We know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." (1 John 3:24).

3. "We KNOW that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3:14).

4. "But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby KNOW we that we are in Him." (1 John 2:5).

VI. HOW ARE BELIEVERS KEPT SAVED?

1. "Kept by the power of God." (1 Peter 1:5).

2. "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to Keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (2 Tim. 1:12).

VII. GOOD WORKS ARE THE EFFECT OF SALVATION AND NOT THE CAUSE.

1. "By grace are ye saved (ye have been saved) through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus UNTO good works." (Eph. 2:8-10).

2. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15).

VIII. WHEN A CHRISTIAN SINS, WHAT THEN?

1. Forgiven when confessed. (1 John 1:9).

2. Chastened when unconfessed. (1 Cor. 11:32).

Nothing so blinds men to the real character of sin as the fact it is their own.

Prayer must not come from the roof of the mouth, but the root of the heart.