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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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## "Who Is A Christian?"— Is Subject Of Another Dickerson Tract

I. Negatively.  
1. An infant is not a Christian. Certainly, each one dying in infancy is saved by virtue of the work of our Savior; yet while living, they are not Christians. The Word of God authorizes no one to baptize an infant, or to constitute one a member of the church. Baptism is intended only for those who have repented of their sins and trusted the Lord Jesus to save them. Infants are not capable of such. There is no case in the Bible of an infant being baptized.

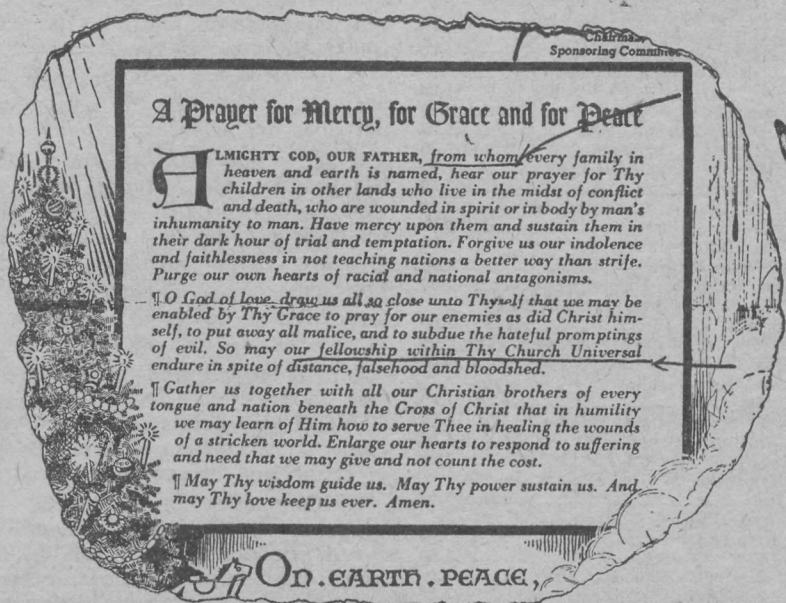
2. To be a member of a church is not necessarily proof that one is a Christian. In Acts 19, the first six verses, is the account of twelve men who had been baptized and who yet were unsaved. Galatians 2:4 speaks of FALSE brethren unawares into the church. Church membership and baptism did not save THEM. II Corinthians 11:13-15 speaks of FALSE apostles, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. Jude 12 mentions those in their feasts who were obviously lost. No, being a church member does not procure salvation.

3. No one is saved whose life is according to I Corinthians 6:9-11. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God." "And such WERE some of you," but now, Christians. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, (Continued on Page Two)

## Napoleon And Christ

Let us put in the testimony, not of a theologian nor of an armchair professor, but of one who rose to the summit of fame by his knowledge of men and things—Napoleon Bonaparte. In his exile at St. Helena he said one day to Count Montholon, "Can you tell me who Jesus Christ was?" The answer was no. "Well, then," said the Emperor, "I will tell you. Alexander, Caesar, Charlamagne and I myself have founded great empires. But upon what did these creations of ours depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this very day millions would die for Him . . . I think I understand something of human nature; and I tell you all these were men, and I am a man. But none else is like Him; Jesus Christ was more than man. (Continued on Page Two)

## PHOTOSTATIC EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



## GOOD FRIDAY! OR IS IT? LET'S SEE!

ELD. L. A. MUSIC  
Raceland, Ky.

The only way to be sure is to search the Scriptures.—John 5:39. Paul said the Bereans were more noble than the Thessalonians in that "They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily whether these things be true." Acts 17:11.

Luke 24:27—the Scriptures contain all the things concerning Jesus. That will suffice for the open-minded who will accept 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth."

Some six centuries after New

Testament Christianity was introduced and promoted by Christ, and then the apostles, Romanism took shape in the organized Catholicism of today, founding themselves principally on the relics of paganism. Out of such has come "Good Friday," and "Easter Sunday."

The Catholics' definition of "Good Friday" is, "The day of the week upon which Jesus was crucified, and that Easter Sunday marks the day of His resurrection from the grave," Easter Sunday being the basic unit of their calculations. Easter does not denote a definite fixed day of the year, and is governed by (Continued on Page Four)

## Further Evidence Against Bro. Sampey's "Ally"— Federal Church Council

In the last issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, we carried an article relative to a statement by President Sampey of the Louisville Seminary, in which he declared that evangelical denominations, particularly Methodists, were our allies and not our enemies.

In the same issue we referred to Brother Sampey's connection with the Federal Council of Churches in which his name appeared in company with the Rt. Rev. Peter Bryce, Harold Paul Sloan, Ivan Lee Holt, and other notorious modernists. The names of these and some ninety others of like calibre, appeared on the letterhead of the stationary in which the Federal Council of Churches made an appeal in behalf of certain war refugees and sufferers.

At the same time, inclosed in the letter sent out by the Federal Council of Churches, was a folder—a photostatic copy of a part of which appears on this page.

Just one glance at this photostatic copy reveals that the Federal Council of Churches is an active advocate of the "universal church." When you look at it, remember that Brother Sampey's name came through the mails at the same time as if he were an endorser of the Federal Council of Churches.

Does this mean that Brother Sampey believes in the "universal church?" If so, he ought to definitely say so that southern Baptists may know just where he stands. And if not, then he ought to have made a correction concerning it, for it has been approximately three years since this appeal was sent out by the Federal Council of Churches. There is an old saying that "Silence gives consent." We wonder if (Continued on Page Four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE SINNER'S HIDING PLACE"

"Thou art my hiding place."—Psalm 32:7.

As I think of this text, the words of an old song which we sing here in our church, comes to my mind:

"O safe to the rock that is higher than I  
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly  
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be,  
Thou blest 'Rock of Ages', I'm hiding in Thee.

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,  
In times when temptation casts o'er me its power,  
In the tempests of life, on its wide heaving sea,  
Thou blest 'Rock of Ages', I'm hiding in Thee.

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe  
I have fled to my refuge and breathed out my woe;  
How often when trials like sea billows roll  
Have I hidden in Thee, O thou Rock of my soul.

Thou blest 'Rock of Ages', I'm hiding in Thee  
Hiding in Thee; Hiding in Thee;  
Thou blest 'Rock of Ages', I'm hiding in Thee."

With that song and this text in mind, I come to talk to you about Jesus as the sinner's hiding place.

I

First of all, Christ is a hiding place from sin. Every individual has sin within his life. Experience would teach us this, our observation of (Continued on Page Three)

## The Really Poor Man

A man is poor—  
If he is without friends.  
If he has a guilty conscience.  
If he has no grip upon himself.  
If he is selfish, uncharitable, or cruel.  
If his mind and soul has been neglected.  
If he has traded his character for money.  
If his wife and family do not love and respect him.  
If worldliness has caused him to lose fellowship with Christ.  
If making money has crowded out the cultivation of his spiritual life.  
If love of money has hardened him until the love of Christ and his gospel does not stir him.

If all his investments or possessions are laid up on earth and he has no treasure in heaven.  
—Religious Telescope.



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We rejoice for those who send us contributions for this work, and those who renew their subscriptions and subscribe for others. Truly we rejoice over these listed above who want to see the work of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER go on. We rejoice and thank God that we have every bill paid to date and a small sum on hand. We feel sure that our readers will rejoice with us.

### OUR CONGRATULATIONS

With the last issue of "The Western Recorder" of January, 1941, Editor Victor Masters completed his twentieth year as editor. Our sincere hearty congratulations to him.

We have said before, and we say again that he is the greatest editor of any religious paper living today. Brother Masters' pen has never given forth a compromising statement, but rather, through the years he has been a stalwart defender of the faith. Only eternity alone will be able to reveal the mighty work which he has done relative to preserving the once delivered faith.

May God in grace continue to give him to Kentucky Baptists through the trying years that are just ahead of us.

### GOOD FRIDAY

On page one of this issue, you will find an article on "Good Friday" written by Elder L. A. Music of Raceland, Kentucky, at the editor's request. We know that many will differ with Brother Music in his interpretation, and therefore we invite any of our readers who wish to do so to discuss this question further. It makes no difference which position you may take, if printable, it will appear in the columns of this paper.

God's treasure house is only unlocked to the believer by the golden key of obedience.

### "WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?"—IS SUBJECT OF ANOTHER DICKERSON TRACT

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witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things SHALL NOT inherit the Kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21. We read in Romans 6:16: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" I John 2:4 says, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

4. Acts 19:1-6 and Galatians 2.4 prove that observing the Lord's Supper does not effect salvation.

5. One may utter words CALLED prayers, and yet not be saved. The Lord censured the Pharisees for their praying to be seen of men, and even called them hypocrites.

6. One may perform miracles and yet not be saved. Matthew 7:21-23. Revelations 13:13-15.

7. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the DEVILS also believe, and tremble." James 2:19. One may have this sort of faith and yet not be a Christian.

8. One may be a teacher or preacher of the Bible, and not be saved. Nicodemus, John 3:1-10. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." II Corinthians 11:13.

#### II. Affirmatively.

1. A Christian is one who has repented, has turned from his evil way to God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:5. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his OWN WAY." Isaiah 53:6. These passages demonstrate that each one needs to repent. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:6,7. Read Hebrews 6:1. Luke 3:7,8. "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance." Matthew 21:32. Acts 20:20,21. 2:38. Matt. 3:2. Mark 1:15.

2. A Christian is one who has trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation and security. Not only has believed concerning Jesus, but has depend-

### CLENDENIN REVIVAL

By the time this issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER reaches you, the editor will be engaged in a revival meeting at Clendenin, West Va., with Pastor E. V. Howell. We invite those of our readers living nearby to worship with us, and we ask that all of our readers remember us in prayer.

Faith is the key that unlocks the cabinet of promises and empties out their treasures into the soul.

As sure as night follows day and winter follows summer, so shall wrath follow sin.

### NAPOLEON AND CHRIST

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such an enthusiastic devotion that they would have died for me . . . but to do this was necessary that I should be visibly present with the electric influence of my lips, of my words, of my voice . . . Christ alone has succeeded in so raising the mind of man toward the Unseen that it becomes insensible to the barrier of time and space . . . All who sincerely believe in Him experience that remarkable supernatural love towards Him. This phenomenon is unaccountable; it is altogether beyond the scope of man's creative powers. Time, the great destroyer, is powerless to extinguish this sacred flame; time can neither exhaust its strength nor put a limit to its range. This is what strikes me most; I have often thought it. This it is which proves to me quite convincingly the Divinity of Jesus Christ."—The Bible and Modern Research.

ed on Him, based his hope of going to Heaven on The Lord Jesus Christ. Has hope in the promises "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out." Jn. 6:37b. The faith which so trusts in Jesus is miraculous. Ephesians 1:19.

3. Neither his own works, nor the prayers of others are his hope. Titus 3:5. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12. Heb. 11:4. His hope is wholly in Jesus.

4. Each saved person has the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:9b. I John 4:13. 3:24. Acts 10:44. The Holy Spirit causes us to love the Savior, His Word, His service. Galatians 5:22,23. II Corinthians 5:14. I Cor. 9:27.

5. A Christian is one who is prepared for Heaven, being washed and made clean in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14. "and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7c. How is this received? Let Rom. 3:25 answer "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through FAITH in his blood."

6. A Christian is one whose life is changed. Sin is of the heart. Before Eve sinned, when in her heart she resolved to eat of the forbidden fruit, she was a sinner. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." Matt. 15:19. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17. In II Peter 1:4 we are informed that Christians have the Divine nature—at least are partakers of it. These things do not indicate that each Christian is able to speak with other tongues, as the Holy Rollers claim, for all Christians mentioned in the New Testament did not. I Cor. 12:10. Speaking of those with moral responsibility, when born again, given new hearts, their lives are changed. Without such a change, none such is prepared for Heaven. The Lord Jesus taught the necessity of the new birth in Matt. 5:20. It is not sufficient to refrain from killing one's enemies, but one must love them, etc. "For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Christ is not teaching salvation by works, but that salvation must and

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## THE SINNER'S HIDING PLACE

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others would lead us to know that it is true, and the Word of God declares it most emphatically. Listen: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

That sinful nature which each of us has within us, and which results in out-broken sins in our lives, can't be controlled by man. You can recite the doctrine of Couey, how that "Day by day in every way I'm getting better"—you can recite it forwards and backwards, and yet never get victory over your sinfulness. You can join churches and be baptized, you can reform daily and make new year's resolutions by the score, but all of these will avail you nothing. Each of these is but a will-o-the-wisp, and each will arise to mock you. After you try all of these, you can still say with the apostle of old, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24).

I thank God, though, that there is a way of victory and a place of safety. I rejoice that I can tell you that Christ is truly a hiding place from sin. Listen: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3.)

The Apostle Paul deals with this question of sin at length in the book of Romans, finally saying, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) Then immediately after this, he tells us that there is a way of victory, for in the next verse he declares that we "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:24) I say then in the light of these words that Christ is truly a hiding place from sin.

When you come to Paul's letter known as Hebrews, you read these words, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." (Heb. 10:10,14) What is the meaning of these verses we ask. Simply this: Jesus offered Himself on the cross once for our sins, and through that offering we find redemption and pardon and peace. Paul is just using other words to tell us that Christ is our hiding place from sin.

If you would know that He is a hiding place from sin, then it would be interesting to you to see just what He promises to do with our sin. In the book of Psalms, we are told that He will remove them as far as the east is from the west. Listen: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psa. 103:12) Then Isaiah declares that He blots out our sins. Listen: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins." (Isa. 44:22) Isaiah further declares that God casts our sins behind His back. "For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back." (Isa. 38:17) Then Micah tells us that He casts all our sins into the depths of the sea. "And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." (Micah 7:19.)

When we come to the New Testament, we find that Paul declares again that God will forget all about our sins. Listen: "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will

I remember no more." (Heb. 8:12)

Here then are five great thoughts concerning how God deals with our sins. He removes them as far from us as the east is from the west; He blots them out; He casts them behind His back; He casts them into the depths of the sea; and He remembers them no more. All of this is but another way of saying that Christ is a hiding place from sin.

Isn't it strange that with such a hiding place whereby we may dispose of our sins, that men will continue to hide from God? I read of recent date how that a great pastor of a church in Glasgow, Scotland, went to see one of the widow's of his church, whom he heard was in need. He knocked three times at her door, and then went away. Later when she saw him, she told him that she was at home the time he came, but thought that he was the landlord who had come for the rent and did not go to the door. Thus in hiding, she had missed the blessing which he sought to bring her.

Well, that woman represents every unsaved person who is listening to this broadcast. Dear sinner friend, you possibly think this morning that when God calls upon you He is calling to demand something. Instead, you are on the receiving end of the line as long as you are lost. God wants to give you something, or rather, He wants to give you some one—He wants to give you His Christ; He wants to pay the sin debt for you. He wants Christ to be a hiding place for you from your sins.

It is interesting to notice how that Christ will be a hiding place to you from all your sins. Listen: "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I Jn. 1:7) Here we find that Christ's blood cleanses us from all sin—not from a part of it, but from all of it. Listen again: "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 2:14) Here you notice that Christ came to redeem us from all iniquity—not a part of our iniquity, but all of it. Listen once more: "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." (Col. 2:13) Here you notice that He forgives us all trespasses—not a part of them, but all of them. Thus you see by these three Scriptures that through Christ we are forgiven all our sins, all of our iniquities, all of our trespasses. Surely there could be no greater hiding place for any sinner than in Christ in view of the fact that all of his trespasses, all of his iniquities, and all of his sins are completely gone.

I remember reading years ago how that a wealthy Englishman was converted. Then logically, he wanted to see others saved, which is the normal experience of every one who has been born again. Accordingly, he went to a town to preach. The first night a big crowd came to hear him. He was a very poor speaker, being just a layman and not a preacher, and as a result of his lack of ability, the next night very few came to hear him. Then he announced by placard that he would pay the debts of any one who would come to church the next night. Only three individuals came, for others thought there must be some joke or some "catch" to the invitation. He did just what he promised to do, and paid the debts of

these three individuals. When it was too late, others said, "What fools we were for not going to him and letting him pay our debts also."

Well, beloved, Christ came to pay our sin debt. Of this we are assured in the Word of God. Listen: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:5,6) If there is one listening to this broadcast today who realizes that he has an enormous sin debt resting against his soul, then I would urge you to come to Christ and find in Him a hiding place from your sin.

## II.

In the second place, Christ is a hiding place from Satan. There is within this world a personal Devil. He is the enemy of our souls. To me, he is just as real as the Lord Jesus Christ. The only difference is that Jesus is real for good, whereas Satan is real for evil. I can't overcome him in my own strength, for he has had six thousand years of experience before I was born. There is no way that I can get victory over him, for he is stronger than I am.

However, I do rejoice that there is a way of victory, and that way is in Jesus. Listen: "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." (I Jn. 4:4) This text speaks of two individuals. "He that is in you" refers to Jesus, while he "that is in the world" refers to the Devil. Thank God, Jesus is greater than the Devil, and he is a hiding place to us from Satan.

Listen to another Scripture that would teach us the same truth: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had power of death, that is, the devil." (Heb. 2:14) Christ took upon Himself mortality and became flesh for one reason—that He might be able to destroy the Devil. I rejoice then that the Devil is to be treated today as a defeated enemy, and the child of God should consider him as such. Each one of you can have a hiding place from Satan in Christ.

We have a remarkably interesting Scripture showing how the sinner needs Christ as his hiding place, in Matthew's gospel. Listen: "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first." (Matt. 12:43-45) This pictures reformation. Any man in order to clean up his life, will put the Devil out, but he does not put Jesus in. This takes place in practically every revival meeting that is ever held. Men and women will get under conviction, and they will reform and act religious for a while. They truly put the Devil out of their lives, but they do not put Jesus in. As a result, after a while, the Devil comes back into their life, and the Word of God says that their last state is worse than the first. This is cer-

tainly the experience of many church members.

I tell you, beloved, you can't beat the Devil in your own strength, and you can't get victory by reforming. You need to find that Christ is the only hiding place, the only refuge, and the only haven of safety for your soul.

## III.

In the third place, Christ is a hiding place from sorrow. Not a Christian has ever passed through this world but what he has had his experiences of sorrow. Most of us at sometime or other in life have come to a place of heaviness, grief, and positive sorrow. This was David's experience. Listen: "I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living." (Psa. 142:5)

Yes, we rejoice that Christ is our hiding place from sorrow. The song writer truly expressed it when he said:

"In sorrow I wandered, my spirit oppressed,  
But now I am happy, securely I rest;  
From morning till evening glad carols I sing  
And this is the reason I walk with the king."

When we come to the New Testament, we find the same truth presented to us that Christ is a hiding place from sorrows. Listen: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:15,16.)

Christ is our great High Priest. He suffered just as we have. He knew what it was to be hungry, cold, naked and despised. He knew what it was to be thirsty, to be beaten, and to be spit upon. Therefore He invites us today to come boldly to him that we may find "Grace to help in time of need." These words have but one meaning—namely, in Christ we find a hiding place from our sorrows.

I remember reading of a man who determined to climb a particularly steep mountain, and who took with him a guide to assist him. When about half way up the mountain-side, they were enveloped with a snow storm. The man said that he presumed that they would have to turn back, but the guide smilingly replied, "No, we will keep going, for we will soon be above the storm."

The Lord Jesus Christ, beloved, is the best guide you have ever known. Put your trust in Him in the hour of sorrow, and you will soon be above any storm that may arise.

## IV.

In the fourth place, the Lord Jesus Christ is a hiding place from death. Not only do each of us need salvation from our sins, and salvation from Satan, and salvation from our sorrows, but we likewise need salvation from death itself. This we find only in Christ.

Many a Christian has come to the end of his way comforted with the truth, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psa. 116:15) I have personally stood by the bedside of aged and mature Christians, and have heard them say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psa. 23:1,4) All this can mean but

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one thing—Christ is a hiding place from death.

The Apostle Paul most beautifully expressed this truth. He figuratively stood beside his own casket, and figuratively looked in his own grave when he said, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55). However, Paul did not stop by looking at his casket and his grave, he looked to God to say, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 15:57)

How wonderful it is to know that even death itself holds no terrors for the child of God. The same Christ who has saved us from sin, Satan, and sorrow, will likewise preserve us in death.

## V.

In the fifth place, Christ is a hiding place from judgment. I frankly confess that there was a time that I was not only afraid of death, but I was especially afraid of the judgment and the hell which followed the judgment. Yet, today this is not true. I have not a single fear. I know that I have a hiding place in the day of judgment. Would you know what that hiding place is? Then listen: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1.)

Yes, beloved, the child of God is so safe today so far as the judgment is concerned, that he will not even have to come into judgment for his sins. Listen: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." (John 5:24). The word "condemnation" literally means "judgment," and on the basis of this Scripture, not a single Christian will ever have to come into judgment. To be sure, we will be judged for our deeds to see what rewards we shall have, but as far as our sins are concerned, we will never have to meet them again, for Christ is our hiding place in the hour of judgment.

I remember reading sometime ago how one may escape from the prairie fires of the western plains. It is said that sometimes the flames, when fanned by a good stiff breeze, actually burn faster than a horse can run, and that a man either on horseback or on foot would be unable to cope with the flames. What then can he do? Whenever he sees a prairie fire approaching, he may light the grass about him and let it burn over, and then take his place in the center of that burned over area, and when the flames from the prairie fire comes near him, there is nothing to be burned and the flames pass harmlessly about him.

Beloved, the only place in this world where you and I can safely stand, is Calvary, for the fires and the flames of hell spent their fury upon the body and in the person of Jesus. If you take your stand with Him, you will find in Him a hiding place from judgment.

In closing, let us make this very personal. Jesus Christ is my hiding place. I ask you a simple personal question: Is He yours today? If not, may you believe Him, receive Him, and trust Him who died on the cross in your stead, and let Him become your hiding place now from sin, from Satan, from sorrow, from death, and from the judgment.

## GOOD FRIDAY! OR IS IT? LET'S SEE!

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the moon, being the first Sunday after the first full moon, or after the 20th of March. So you see Easter can be anywhere from March 21 to April 23, or perhaps a day or two later. They have Christ rising from the grave one year in March, the next year in April, etc.

Our names for the days of the week were not known to the Scriptures. Bible numbering was first day of the week, not Sunday; seventh day, not Saturday. However, one thing we agree upon is that Sunday (not necessarily Easter), is the first day of the week, and that every first day of the week is the day to commemorate the Lord's resurrection—fifty-two days each year, not just one day. If then Christ arose on Sunday, it is CERTAIN He was not crucified on Friday.

Let us suppose that Christ was crucified on Friday. The Scriptures say He rose early on the first day of the week (our Sunday). At the most, He could not have been in the grave more than two nights and one day, and possibly only one night and one day, since with the Jews the first day of the week began at 6:00 p. m. Saturday (or sunset of the seventh day—the day before).

Let us calculate in the terms of our own day. Matt. 28:1—"In the end of the Sabbath (Saturday—6:00 p. m. that evening, not far into the next day), as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week." (When the sun arose on Sunday morning, the day was half gone by).

Mark 16:1—"When the Sabbath was past." (6:00 p. m. sunset). Luke 24:1—"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning." John 20:1—"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene, when it was yet dark." All four gospels will permit Jesus coming from the grave any time after dark Saturday night, and all four positively state that the very early comers to the tomb found it already empty. A glorious thought!

Jesus Himself said, Matt. 12:40 (Jonah 1:17)—"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (His body in the grave all the time. Himself in the heart of the earth preaching to those of the patriarch age of ante-diluvian. Eph. 4:8, 9).

Catholics say that one day and night, or not more than one day and two nights at the outside, constituted the stay of Christ in the heart of the earth. Christ never rose one day, nor one hour before THE THREE DAYS AND THE THREE NIGHTS were expired. With all reverence of a saved soul and a redeemed spirit, either Christ or the Catholics are wrong, or to put it plainer, either Christ or the Catholics have lied, and if I should say I don't know which it is, I too would be a liar. Let God be true and all men liars when they differ from Christ.

You ask, of course, what day of our week was the crucifixion. That is a good question. If Sunday were His first day on the earth after His resurrection (and I believe it was), then I shall say that He was crucified on Wednesday, and buried immediately before 6:00 P. M., which hour marked the division of days. (They divide now at 12:00 P. M. midnight). From sunset Wednesday

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does go deeper than externals, even to the heart.

7. A Christian is an enemy of the world. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4.

8. A Christian is one who knows that he has passed from death unto life. I John 3:14. Jn. 5:24. Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Therefore, Satan does not want the people to read the Bible.

10. Naturally, such an one has communion with God. I John 1:6. He knows the Lord. John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Gal. 4:9, "But now, after that ye have known God." Read Hebrews 8:11. Genesis 3:22 proves that the Lord will not permit anyone to have eternal life without such a change as results in fellowship with his Maker. Adam, hiding himself from the Lord, must not be allowed to eat of the tree of life and live forever. See Romans 8:15. From Gen. 3:8 it is apparent God walked with the first pair in the garden in the cool of the day. But after they sinned they hid themselves. In order to prevent his having eternal life in this state, they were expelled from the garden. Christians pray and receive answers. Through our High Priest we come *directly* into God's presence. Hebrews 4:14-17. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." I Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and ONE Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." And, thank God, He is the *only* Priest His people need. Jn. 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Read Heb. 7:25.

Do you know the Lord Jesus? If not, II Thessalonians 1:8 says, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

evening until the same time Saturday evening, would be three days and three nights.

Who will take the Bible, believing the Lord rose on Sunday, and then try to prove He was NOT crucified on Wednesday. In Bible times, the darkness from sunset until sunrise was the first half of the twenty-four hour day, and from sunrise until sunset was the last half. Christian friend, why not cease the observance of Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and all the rest of Lent, and turn it back for Catholics and those who know no better, to keep them if they must.

Self-will must die, and Jesus has prepared a place for it to breathe its last—at the cross.

## FURTHER EVIDENCE AGAINST BRO. SAMPEY'S "ALLY"—FEDERAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Brother Sampey's silence gives his consent to the "universal church."

"The Baptist and Reflector" recently had something to say about the Federal Council of Churches, which was written by Missionary W. C. Taylor. He said in part:

"Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert writes about 'an attack upon the churches.' It consists in some criticism by the 'American Women Against Communism, Inc.' Whether these ladies were in every detail fair in their attack upon the so-called 'Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America' is not pertinent to this brief article. I merely desire here to quote Dr. Cavert's words, as follows: 'The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, as is well known, is an official federation of twenty-two national churches.' There you have it. In his eager defense, the doctor desires to present an imposing array. And it is a very solemn alignment—'Twenty-two national churches.'"

"Now are Northern Baptists a 'national church'? Are the Negro Baptists who affiliate with this Federal Council? Who can say? Would they be omitted in the count of affiliated denominations?"

"Of course, the theory with which the Federal Councilors approach Baptists is that we do not surrender our congregational doctrine and autonomy of Baptist Churches when a Northern Baptist or Negro Baptist Convention enters the Council. But this article is not an appeal to Baptists. It is an attack on the ladies of an anti-communistic society. Ladies are not supposed to know or care about ecclesiology. So the mask is removed. They are to be duly impressed and frightened by the array of 'twenty-two national churches' which are placed on the defensive by Dr. Cavert as innocent of the charge of communism . . . ."

"You see what alignment with these Councils of Churches really means. It means discarding one of our Lord's teachings—His doctrine of the nature and work of a New Testament church. An affiliating Baptist convention is classed as a 'National Church.' And such, to all practical purposes it becomes, in this union entanglement. So would the Southern Baptist Convention have degenerated into a 'National Church' in an alignment similarly treacherous to truth. The figures deny congregational autonomy. If the Northern or Negro Baptist churches were counted, in their congregational autonomy and numbers, then Dr. Cavert could say there were twice 'twenty-two' thousand churches back of the Federal Council instead of a paltry 'twenty-two.' But it is an 'Official Council of National Churches' and that is what all who affiliate are committed to. Such a commitment is just as truly an abandonment of Baptist truth and loyalty to Christ Jesus as it would be to send a cable to the Pope of Rome: 'We come under to your Holiness.'"

"Might I say, as a simple believer, to both Dr. Cavert and the anti-communist ladies—more power to them, by the way—that every 'national church' in the world is a sin and an apostasy, and the Council of National Churches even more so. The word 'church' is one of the words found on the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ and it had definite congregational meaning there. You can't twist it as a nose of wax, reverend doctor. It's only Christian meaning is Christ's meaning and that is crystal clear in both Matt. 18:17 and in the Revelation given to the Apostle John. Hands off of Christ's word! There is no such thing as a 'national church'. All such pretenders are counterfeit churches, imposters and robbers of our Lord's vocabulary."

"Happy Southern Baptists, not to belong to this treasonable alignment of disloyalty to Christ and His Word and His true churches!"

What a contrast between the attitude of Missionary Taylor and President Sampey. Missionary Taylor says that the Federal Council of Churches is a "Treasonable alignment of disloyalty to Christ and His Word and His true churches." This is a terrible indictment which Missionary Taylor indirectly brings against President Sampey in view of the latter's affiliation with this corrupt Federal Church Council.

The prayer closets of God's people are where the roots of the church grow.